



## CAPTAIN SETH KOVAL

Captain Koval was a KC-135 Instructor Pilot assigned to the 166th Air Refueling Squadron, 121st Air Refueling Wing, at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base in Columbus, Ohio. In this role, he was responsible for training and developing pilots for worldwide air refueling, aeromedical, cargo, and passenger missions in direct support of Air Mobility Command's global reach capabilities.

Captain Koval's military career began in 2006 when he enlisted as a machinist with the 122nd Fighter Wing of the Indiana Air National Guard. After graduating from Purdue University in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in aviation operations, he transferred to the Ohio Air National Guard in 2017. He commissioned through the 121st Air Refueling Wing in 2018, completed pilot training in January 2020, and achieved his instructor pilot qualification in 2024.

Captain Koval was a seasoned combat pilot who deployed in 2014, 2020, 2022, 2023, and 2026. He supported United States Air Forces in Europe, United States Central Command, and United States Pacific Command during Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, SPARTAN SHIELD, and EPIC FURY, as well as a Theater Security Package. He logged over 2,076 total flight hours, including 443 combat hours.



## EDUCATION

- 2007 Aircraft Metals Technology Apprenticeship Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas.
- 2011 Bachelor of Science, Aviation Operations, Purdue University, Ind.
- 2018 Total Force Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2020 KC-135 Pilot Initial Qualification Course, Altus AFB, Okla.
- 2024 KC-135 Instructor Aircraft Commander Course, Altus AFB Okla.

## ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 2006 – August 2007, Trainee, 122nd Student Flight, 122nd Fighter Wing, Fort Wayne ANGB, Ind.
2. August 2007 – September 2017, Machinist, 122nd Maintenance Squadron, 122nd Fighter Wing, Fort Wayne ANGB, Ind.
3. October 2017 – August 2018, Machinist, 121st Maintenance Squadron, 121st Air Refueling Wing, Rickenbacker ANGB, Ohio.
4. September 2018 – November 2018 – Officer Trainee, Total Force Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
5. January 2019 – January 2020, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin AFB, Texas.
6. February 2020 – July 2020, Pilot, Initial Qualification Course, Altus AFB, Okla.
7. August 2020 – June 2022, Pilot, 166th Air Refueling Squadron, 121st Air Refueling Wing, Rickenbacker ANGB, Ohio





8. October 2022 – September 2024, – KC-135 Aircraft Commander, 166th Air Refueling Squadron, 121st Air Refueling Wing, Rickenbacker ANGB, Ohio.
9. October 2024 – Present, KC-135 Instructor Pilot, 166th Air Refueling Squadron, 121st Air Refueling Wing, Rickenbacker ANGB, Ohio.

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Pilot

Flight hours: 2,076

Combat hours: 433

Aircraft flown: T-6, T-1, KC-135

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Medal

Air and Space Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air and Space Achievement Medal

Combat Readiness Medal

Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters

National Defense Service Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one service Star

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal with one service star

Global War on Terrorism service Medal

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with one hourglass device and two M devices

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant November 9, 2018

First Lieutenant November 9, 2020

Captain November 9, 2022

(Current as of March 2026)

