



CAPTAIN SETH R. KOVAL

Captain Seth R. Koval was a KC-135R Stratotanker Instructor Pilot for the 166th Air Refueling Squadron attached to the 121st Air Refueling Wing, Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, Columbus, Ohio. He was responsible for training pilots in worldwide air refueling, aeromedical, cargo, and passenger operations while executing the Air Force's primary mission of global reach in support of Air Mobility Command.

Captain Koval enlisted into the Air Force in 2006 as a machinist with the Indiana National Guard's 122nd Fighter Wing, graduated with a bachelor's degree in aviation operations from Purdue University in 2011 before transferring to the Ohio Air National Guard in 2017. He was selected for a commission in 2018 with the 121st Air Refueling Wing, completed pilot training in January 2020, and then went on to complete instructor pilot upgrade in 2024, while assigned to the 121st Air Refueling Wing in Columbus, Ohio.

Captain Koval deployed in 2014, 2020, 2022, 2023, and 2026 in support of United States Air Forces in Europe, United States Central Command, and United States Pacific Command supporting a Theater Security Package, Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, SPARTAN SHIELD, and EPIC FURY, flying 443 combat hours and 2,076 total hours.



EDUCATION

2011 Bachelor of Sciences, Aviation Operations, Purdue University, Indiana.

2018 Total Force Officer Training School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

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 Air Force Base, Ala.
5. January 2019 – January 2020, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin AFB, Texas
6. February 2020 – July 2020, Pilot, Initial Qualification Course, Altus Air Force Base, Okla.
7. August 2020 – June 2022, Pilot, 166th Air Refueling Squadron, 121st Air Refueling Wing, Rickenbacker ANGB, Ohio
8. October 2022 – September 2024, – KC-135R Aircraft Commander, 166th Air Refueling Squadron, 121st Air Refueling Wing, Rickenbacker ANGB, Ohio.
9. October 2024 – Present, KC-135R Instructor Pilot, 166th Air Refueling Squadron, 121st Air Refueling Wing, Rickenbacker ANGB, Ohio.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Pilot





BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Flight hours: 2,076

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

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Medal

Air and Space Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air and Space Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant November 9, 2018

First Lieutenant November 9, 2020

Captain November 9, 2022

