



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### LT COL STEPHEN A. LABIT

Lt Col Stephen Labit leads Alliance Capability Development at the Joint U.S. Military Affairs Group-Korea (JUSMAG-K). Prior to his current assignment, Lt Col Labit was the Security Cooperation Division's Branch Chief for Capabilities Development for Allies and Partners in the United States Indo-Pacific Command's Strategy, Plans, and Policy Directorate.

Lt Col Labit was commissioned through the United States Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in psychology from Ramapo College of New Jersey. During his first few years of commissioned service, he has been a U-28 instructor combat systems officer, the Joint Special Operations Air Detachment tactical intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance liaison officer to the Special Operations Task Force in the Philippines, and Combined Joint Special Operations Air Component liaison officer to the Special Operations Task Force in Afghanistan. Lt Col Labit was also a T-1A Instructor Combat Systems Officer before becoming an Air Force Institute of Technology Civilian Institution Program student enrolled in the George Mason University's Global Affairs Master's program for Foreign Area Officer Fellowship.

Lt Col Labit is an Instructor Combat Systems Officer with more than 1700 hours, including more than 1000 combat hours supporting Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, RESOLUTE SUPPORT, and INHERENT RESOLVE.



### EDUCATION

- 2009 Bachelors of Arts, Psychology, Ramapo College of New Jersey, Mahwah
- 2009 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2014 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2016 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala., in residence
- 2020 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2020 Masters in Military Operational Art and Science, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2021 Masters in Global Affairs, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 2009 – October 2011, Student, Undergraduate CSO Training, Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla.
2. October 2011 – April 2012, Student, 19th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
3. April 2012 – October 2014, Standardization & Evaluations Liaison Officer, 34th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla. (March 2014 – June 2014, Intelligence, Surveillance & Reconnaissance Liaison Officer to the Special Operations Task Force-Philippines, Joint Special Operations Task Force-Philippines, Manila, Philippines)
4. October 2014 – January 2015, Supply Officer, 34th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
5. January 2015 – January 2016, Security Manager Assistant Chief, 34th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla. (August 2015 – November 2015, Liaison Officer to the Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan, Combined Joint Special Operations Air Component-Afghanistan, Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan)
6. January 2016 – April 2016, Chief of Awards & Decorations, 34th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla
7. April 2016 – March 2017, Flight Commander, 34th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla
8. March 2017 – May 2017, Instructor in Training, 451st Flying Training Squadron, NAS Pensacola, Fla.
9. May 2017 – April 2018, Scheduling Officer, 451st Flying Training Squadron, NAS Pensacola, Fla.
10. April 2018 – February 2019, Chief of Scheduling, 451st Flying Training Squadron, NAS Pensacola, Fla.
11. February 2019 – October 2019, Executive Officer, 451st Flying Training Squadron, NAS Pensacola, Fla.
12. October 2019 – February 2020, Assistant Director of Operations, 451st Flying Training Squadron, NAS Pensacola, Fla.
13. February 2020 – July 2020, Group Chief of Plans & Programs, 479th Flying Training Group, NAS Pensacola, Fla.
14. September 2020 – December 2020, Country Director, Indo-Pacific, Pentagon, VA

15. January 2021 – December 2021, Foreign Area Officer Fellowship, George Mason University, Fairfax VA
16. December 2021 – December 2024, USINDOPACOM Security Cooperation Regional Director, Chief of Allies and Partner Capability Development, Camp Smith, HI
17. December 2024 – July 2026, Defense Language Institute, Presidio of Monterey, CA
18. July 2026 – Present, Alliance Capability Development, Joint U.S. Military Affairs Group-Korea, Seoul ROK

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Senior Combat Systems Officer

Flight Hours: More than 1,700 including more than 1000 combat hours

Aircraft flown: T-6A, T-1A, and U-28A

#### **DECORATIONS AND AWARDS**

Air Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant May 23, 2009

First Lieutenant Aug. 7, 2011

Captain Aug. 7, 2013

Major Jun. 1, 2019

Lieutenant Colonel Jan. 1, 2024

(Current as of March 2026)