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MAJOR JUSTIN N. CLARKE

Maj Justin N. Clarke is the Commander, 56th Communications Squadron, Luke AFB, Arizona. He directs the acquisition, installation, operations, and maintenance of all base-wide communications networks and technology infrastructure. Leading a team of 113 cyber professionals, they secure wired and wireless networks, manage spectrum operations, and provide mission assurance across the installation. Additionally, Maj Clarke serves as the core authority for the wing's mission assurance and cyber readiness, directly enabling uninterrupted fighter training, maintenance, and support operations for the Air Force's largest fighter wing.

The major entered the Air Force in May of 2013 through Officer Training School. He completed undergraduate cyber training in January of 2015, and since then has excelled in diverse leadership roles spanning expeditionary communications, test and evaluation, systems acquisition, and nuclear command, control, and communication security. Maj Clarke was handpicked to serve as the J6 Director, Joint Task Force-Bravo, Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras, where he delivered critical command and control capabilities in support of humanitarian aid and disaster relief operations in Central America. Prior to his current position, the major was the Operations Flight Commander, 333d Recruiting Squadron, Patrick Space Force Base, Florida.



EDUCATION

- 2012 Bachelor of Science, Computer Engineering, West Virginia University, Morgantown, W.Va.
- 2013 Officer Training School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2015 Undergraduate Cyber Training, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.
- 2019 Squadron Officer School, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2019 Master of Science, Cybersecurity, University of Maryland, Md.
- 2024 Air Command and Staff College, Correspondence, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2026 Squadron Leadership Course, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, San Antonio, Tex.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Jan 2015 – Feb 2018, Deputy Lead of Production Center, Air Operations Center Program Office, Langley AFB, Va.
2. Feb 2018 – Feb 2020, Communications Flight Commander, 701st Munitions Support Squadron, Kleine Brogel Air Base, Belgium
3. Feb 2020 – April 2021, Chief of End User Devices, Headquarters Cyberspace Capabilities Center, Scott AFB, Ill. (Oct 2020 – April 2021, J6 Director, Joint Task Force Bravo, Soto Cano AB, Honduras)
4. April 2021 – July 2023, Chief of COMSEC Audits, Field Support and Policy, Headquarters Cyberspace Capabilities Center, Scott AFB, Ill.
5. July 2023 – June 2026, Operations Flight Commander, 333rd Recruiting Squadron, Patrick Space Force Base, Fla.
6. June 2026 – Current, Commander, 56th Communications Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.





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MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Joint Service Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air and Space Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air and Space Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant August 6, 2013

First Lieutenant August 6, 2015

Captain August 6, 2017

Major January 1, 2023

(Current as of June 2026)

