



COLONEL GREG HIGNITE

Colonel Greg Hignite is the Director of Public Affairs at Air Education and Training Command. He is responsible for public affairs counsel to the commander and headquarters staff, along with providing communication guidance to 25 wings, 11 bases and five geographically separated groups comprising more than 60,000 personnel. The public affairs staff develop communication strategies to promote public understanding and support for the command's missions and activities, as well as those of the Department of the Air Force and Department of Defense.

Colonel Hignite has served in squadron, wing, major command and joint staff positions. He deployed to Haiti where he served as a United Nations Peacekeeper and spokesperson for the Brazilian-led military component of nearly 7,000 thousand troops. In Afghanistan and Iraq, he supported both conventional and special operations forces.

Colonel Hignite's path to the Air Force began in 1990 when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy as a photographer's mate. His time in the Navy culminated with service at the White House Communications Agency. He documented the President's daily activities in the White House and around the world aboard Air Force One.



EDUCATION

2001 Bachelor of Science Degree in Television, Radio and Film, Syracuse University

2008 Master of Arts Degree in International Relations, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla.

2013 Master of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies (Academic Distinction), U.S. Naval Command and Staff College, Newport, R.I.

2020 Master of Arts Degree in Strategic Studies (Academic Distinction), Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. December 2001 - November 2004, Public Affairs Action Officer, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.
2. November 2004 - August 2007, Chief, Public Affairs, 62nd Airlift Wing, McChord Air Force Base, Wash.
3. August 2007 - May 2010, Operations Officer, then Chief of Executive Issues, U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein AB, Germany.
4. May 2010 - July 2012, Chief, Public Affairs Officer Assignments, Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Texas.
5. July 2012 - June 2013, Student, U.S. Naval Command and Staff College, Naval Station Newport, R.I.
6. July 2013 - October 2014, Commander, 2nd Combat Camera Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah.
7. Oct. 2014 - October 2015, United Nations Peacekeeper, UN Stabilization Mission, Port-au-Prince, Haiti.
8. Dec. 2015 - June 2018, Director Air Force National Media Engagement, New York, N.Y.
9. June 2018 - June 2019, Director of Public Affairs, U.S. Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
10. June 2019 - May 2020, Student, U.S. Air Force Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
11. June 2020 - June 2022, Commander, Air Force Public Affairs Agency, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas.





BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

12. July 2022 - June 2025, Director of Public Affairs and U.S. Air Force Element Commander, U.S. Forces Japan, Yokota Air Base, Japan.
13. June 2025 - present, Director of Public Affairs, Air Education and Training Command, JBSA-Randolph, Texas.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Presidential Service Badge
Defense Superior Service Medal
Bronze Star Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2005 Air Force Public Affairs company grade officer of the year
2016 Air Force Public Affairs field grade officer of the year

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Dec. 20, 2001
First Lieutenant Dec. 20, 2003
Captain Dec. 20, 2005
Major Dec. 1, 2011
Lieutenant Colonel Nov. 1, 2016
Colonel May 1, 2022

(Current as of July 2025)

