



Lieutenant Colonel REBECCA D. MANNING

Lt Col Rebecca Manning is the Commander of the Space Training and Readiness Command Delta 13, Detachment 1 located at Lexington, Massachusetts. Her duties include commanding a GSU to deliver hands-on advanced education opportunities to bolster Guardian combat credibility through a connection to emerging technologies. She also serves as the Deputy Director for the Professional Partnership Education Directorate, where she fosters Space Force educational relationships with industry, universities, laboratories, and other national and international space partners.

Lt Col Manning commissioned in May, 2011, upon graduation from the U.S Air Force Academy (USAFA) with a Bachelor's of Science degree in English. After graduation she led the efforts to synchronize the GPS satellite, ground, and user equipment as Capability Delivery Planning Lead in the Engineering Division of the GPS Directorate at the Space and Missile Systems Center. She then served as the User Equipment Functional Security Lead, certifying GPS-reading chips for integration into military and civilian devices.

Lt Col Manning was selected for the USAFA Faculty Pipeline program and achieved her Masters in English at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She then transferred to Hartford, CT, where she served as the F-135 Program Manager for Supply Chain at the Defense Contract Management Agency, Pratt & Whitney. After completing Squadron Officer School as Distinguished Graduate, she served as the Adaptive Engine Test Program (AETP) Program Manager, bringing future fighter engine plans closer to reality. Upon completion of this assignment, she returned to USAFA as an Instructor in the Dean of Faculty's Department of English and Fine Arts, where she mentored future officers in core writing and literature survey courses to develop empathetic, thinking leaders. Additionally, she led USAFA's Cadet Summer Research Program, where she directed 39 departments to match cadets to 380 global internships. In 2021, she cross-commissioned into the United States Space Force. She finished her assignment at USAFA as the Executive Officer to the Dean of the Faculty, where she enabled execution of the Dean's leadership of 750 faculty and staff. Prior to her current position, she served as the Education Integration Branch Chief and Training Integration Deputy Branch Chief at the Headquarters, Space Training and Readiness Command at Peterson Space Force Base, leading teams to plan and execute all space domain-focused professional military training and education for all Guardians.



EDUCATION

2011 Bachelors of Science, English, Dean's List Graduate, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

2012 Undergraduate Space Training Course, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

2017 Masters of Arts, English, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, Mass.

2018 Squadron Officer School, Distinguished Graduate, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2023 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala (virtual).

ASSIGNMENTS





1. May 2011 -- May 2013, Capability Delivery Planning Lead, Engineering Division, Global Positioning Systems Directorate, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB, Calif
2. May 2013 -- August 2015, Functional Security Lead, Global Positioning System User Equipment Division, Global Positioning Systems Directorate, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif
3. August 2015 -- May 2017, Student, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass
4. May 2017 -- May 2018, F-135 Supply Chain Program Manager, Defense Contract Management Agency Pratt & Whitney, Conn
5. May 2018 -- May 2020, Adaptive Engine Test Program (AETP) Program Manager, Defense Contract Management Agency Pratt & Whitney, Conn
6. May 2020 -- May 2022, Instructor, Dean of Faculty, United States Air Force Academy, Colo
7. May 2022 -- June 2023, Executive Officer, Dean of Faculty, United States Air Force Academy, Colo
8. June 2023 -- April 2024, Lead, Force Modernization Training and Training Integration Deputy Branch Chief, Space Training and Readiness Command, Peterson Space Force Base, Colo
9. April 2024 -- May 2025, Chief, Education Integration Branch, Space Training and Readiness Command, Peterson Space Force Base, Colo
10. May 2025 -- present, Commander, Detachment 1, Delta 13, Space Training and Readiness Command, Lexington, Mass

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Joint Service Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air and Space Achievement Medal
Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award
Air and Space Organizational Excellence Award with 2 oak leaf clusters

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2013 Gill Rob Wilson Award for Outstanding Contribution to National Defense in Arts and Letters, Air Force Space Command Nomination
2014 Global Positioning Systems Directorate Junior Company Grade Officer of the Year
2014 Space Achievement Award, US Space Foundation
2015 Space and Missile Systems Center Team of the Quarter
2019 Defense Contract Management Agency Division Company Grade Officer of the Year
2020 Defense Contract Management Agency Company Grade Officer of the Quarter
2020 Defense Contract Management Agency East Region Company Grade Officer of the Year
2020 Dean of the Faculty Team of the Year
2021 Humanities Division Field Grade Officer of the Year
2023 STARCOM Training and Education Division Team of the Quarter
2024 STARCOM Team of the Year

PUBLICATIONS

"GPS Modernization", Smithsonian permanent online exhibit, 2012
Dystopian States of America: Apocalyptic Visions and Warnings in Literature and Film, Compendium Entries, ABC-Clio Publishers. 30 September 2022.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Permanent member, USAFA Association of Graduates
Space Force Association

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION





BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE

Second Lieutenant: May 25, 2011
First Lieutenant: May 25, 2013
Captain: May 25, 2015
Major: December 1, 2020
Lieutenant Colonel: March 1, 2026

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