



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### MAJOR BRETT J. GOODEN

Major Brett J. Gooden is the Operations Officer, 7th Force Support Squadron, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas. As operations officer of a squadron with more than 500 military and civilian personnel, he supports the commander in providing manpower and personnel support, food service, fitness, lodging, force development, recreational activities, Airman and family services, casualty and mortuary affairs support, and installation personnel readiness for Dyess Air Force Base and the surrounding community. He also trains, equips, and deploys Personnel Support for Contingency Operations (PERSCO) and Prime Readiness in Base Services (RIBS) teams in support of combat operations.

Major Gooden was born in 1969 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He graduated from Union High School, Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1987. After high school, Major Gooden attended Baylor University and graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Computer Information Systems and Management in May 1992. He enlisted in the Air Force through the Delayed Enlistment Program in November 1993, and served 18 months on active duty. In July 1995, he separated from active duty to pursue an Air Force commission through the Reserve Officers Training Corps program at Oklahoma State University. He earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology in May 1997, and in 2003 completed a Master of Arts Degree in Industrial-Organizational Psychology at the University of Colorado at Denver. Prior to arriving at Dyess Air Force Base, Major Gooden served as an Assistant Professor, Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado.



#### EDUCATION:

- 1992 Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Management and Computer Information Systems, Baylor University, Waco, Texas
- 1997 Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma
- 2003 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
- 2003 Master of Arts Degree in Industrial-Organizational Psychology, University of Colorado at Denver, Colorado
- 2007 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence

#### ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Jun 1997 – Sep 1997 – Wing Plans Officer, 388th Fighter Wing, Hill Air Force Base, Utah
2. Sep 1997 – Sep 1998 – Squadron Section Commander, 388th Operations Support Squadron, Hill Air Force Base, Utah
3. Sep 1998 – Aug 2000 – Assistant Student Support Flight Commander/International Military Student Officer, Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas
4. Aug 2000 – Apr 2002 – Student, Air Force Institute of Technology, University of Colorado at Denver, Colorado
5. Apr 2002 – Apr 2003 – Squadron Section Commander, 8th Maintenance Squadron, Kunsan Air Base, South Korea

6. Jun 2003 – Apr 2004 – Military Training Flight Commander, 360th Training Squadron, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas
7. Apr 2004 – May 2005 – Chief, Student Relocations and Employments, 82nd Mission Support Squadron, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas
8. May 2005 – Dec 2005 – Executive Officer, 82nd Mission Support Group, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas
9. Dec 2005 – May 2007 – Instructor, Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado
10. May 2007 – Jan 2008 – Director of Leadership Programs and Instructor, Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado
11. Jan 2008 – Jun 2008 – Executive Officer and Assistant Professor, Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado
12. Jun 2008 – Jun 2009 – Director of Faculty Development and Assistant Professor, Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado
13. Jun 2009 – Present – Operations Officer, 7th Force Support Squadron, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas

**AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster  
 Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
 Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster  
 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters  
 Air Force Organizational Excellence Award  
 Air Force Good Conduct Medal with oak leaf cluster  
 National Defense Service Medal with service star  
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
 Korean Defense Service Medal  
 Air Force Overseas Ribbon-Short  
 Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon with two oak leaf clusters  
 Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Pistol)  
 Air Force Training Ribbon with oak leaf cluster

**OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:**

1999 – Company Grade Officer of the Quarter, 314th Operations Support Squadron, Apr-Jun  
 1999 – Company Grade Officer of the Year, 314th Operations Support Squadron  
 2002 – University of Colorado Outstanding Graduate Student Award (Top 1% of 500 students)  
 2002 – Company Grade Officer of the Year, 8th Maintenance Squadron  
 2002 – Company Grade Officer of the Year, 8th Maintenance Group  
 2002 – Outstanding Personnel Manager of the Year, 8th Fighter Wing  
 2003 – Squadron Officer School Ritchey Leadership Excellence Award (Top 10% of 386 CGOs)  
 2003 – Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award, 8th Maintenance Squadron  
 2003 – Flight Commander of the Year, 360th Training Squadron  
 2004 – General Horace Wade Innovation Award, 82d Training Wing  
 2004 – Outstanding Personnel Manager of the Year, 82d Training Wing  
 2004 – Company Grade Officer of the Quarter, 82d Mission Support Squadron, Apr-Jun  
 2004 – Company Grade Officer of the Quarter, 82d Mission Support Squadron, Oct-Dec  
 2005 – Company Grade Officer of the Quarter, 82d Mission Support Squadron, Apr-Jun  
 2006 – Company Grade Officer of the Quarter, Dept of Behavioral Sciences & Leadership, Jul-Sep  
 2008 – Field Grade Officer of the Quarter, Dept of Behavioral Sciences & Leadership, Jan-Mar  
 2008 – Team of the Quarter Award, Social Sciences Division, Jan-Mar  
 2008 – Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award, Dept of Behavioral Sciences & Leadership  
 2009 – Field Grade Officer of the Quarter, Dept of Behavioral Sciences & Leadership, Jan-Mar

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant May 28, 1997  
 First Lieutenant May 28, 1999  
 Captain May 28, 2001  
 Major February 1, 2007

(Current as of Sep 2009)