

Biography

Dean of Academics



Ryan B. Craycraft
Colonel (OF-5), United States Air Force

Colonel Ryan Craycraft is the Dean of Academics and Senior National Representative for Student Affairs at the NATO School Oberammergau, Bavaria, Germany. As Dean, he is responsible for ensuring the program of instruction, comprising more than 110 courses educating over 10,000 students annually, meets current and emerging training needs of the Alliance and a host of partner nations. Prior to his current assignment, he was the Inspector General for U.S. Air Forces in Europe-U.S. Air Forces Africa, Ramstein Air Base, Germany where he led the inspection program including responsibility for scheduling, planning, and conducting Unit Effectiveness, Nuclear Surety, and Joint Safety and Security inspections, as well as the command's complaints and resolution program.

Colonel Craycraft is a 1994 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy. He has also served as the 49th Wing Vice Commander at Holloman AFB, NM. Additionally, Colonel Craycraft commanded an MC-12W squadron at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan and completed a joint tour as an arms control inspector and escort for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency. Colonel Craycraft is a command pilot with over 3,000 hours in the MQ-9, MC-12W, F-16, and T-38. He has more than 950 combat hours in Operations SOUTHERN WATCH and ENDURING FREEDOM.

EDUCATION

- 1994 Bachelor of Science in Economics, U. S. Air Force Academy, Colo.
- 2001 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2005 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala. (correspondence).
- 2008 Master of Arts, Security Studies (Europe and Eurasia), Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif.
- 2011 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala. (correspondence).
- 2014 Master of Arts in Strategic Studies, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, Pa.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- Legion of Merit (with oak leaf cluster)
- Bronze Star
- Defense Meritorious Service Medal
- Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
- Air Medal with seven oak leaf clusters
- Aerial Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster
- Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
- Air Force Achievement Medal
- Combat Readiness Medal
- Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one device
- Korean Defense Service Medal