



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

MAJOR JAKE D. GALLI

Major Jake D. Galli is currently an Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies at Air Force's Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 172 located at Valdosta State University in Valdosta, GA. He was previously the Deputy Chief of MQ-9 Wing Weapons, 16th Training Squadron, 49th Wing at Holloman AFB, NM. In this capacity, he was responsible for advising group and squadron commanders on the training and tactical development for aircrew students attending MQ-9 Initial Qualification Training (IQT). Major Galli assisted the Chief of MQ-9 Weapons and Tactics in developing training scenarios and syllabus requirements for the Air Force's largest formal training unit, graduating over 600 MQ-9 aircrew per year. He also maintained mission-ready status as an MQ-9 instructor pilot and flight examiner, leading student pilot and sensor operator training sorties and conducting evaluations of MQ-9 students and instructors.



Major Galli was commissioned into the Air Force in April 2014 through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps upon graduating from Brigham Young University with a degree in Civil Engineering. In 2015, Major Galli graduated from Undergraduate Pilot Training (UPT) at Columbus AFB, MS and was then trained as an MQ-9 Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) pilot at Holloman AFB, NM. As an MQ-9 pilot, Major Galli commanded over 592 combat missions in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel and other overseas contingency operations, leading to multiple precision strikes against enemy high value targets. In 2019, he joined the 29th Attack Squadron as an instructor pilot at the Air Force's premier MQ-9 training unit. During this time, Major Galli served as a flight commander, guiding 36 students through MQ-9 IQT and leading 13 permanent party instructors. As a flight safety officer, he ensured unit compliance with flight safety regulations and identified new unmanned aircraft safety risks to prevent aviation mishaps. Upon arriving at the 16th Training Squadron in 2022, Major Galli became an evaluator pilot, responsible for teaching new instructor pilots and holding aircrew to MQ-9 combat aviation standards. In 2023, Major Galli received an M.S. in Unmanned and Autonomous Systems Engineering from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Worldwide.

Major Galli is a senior pilot with more than 2,500 hours in the T-6, T-1, MQ-9, and MQ-9X, including 1,937 combat hours in multiple locations and 330 instructor hours at the MQ-9 IQT course.

EDUCATION

2014 Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, Brigham Young University, UT
2015 UAS Fundamentals Course, JBSA-Randolph, TX
2019 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
2021 Aircraft Mishap Investigation Course, Kirtland AFB, NM
2021 Aviation Safety Program Management Course, Kirtland AFB, NM
2023 Master of Science in Systems Engineering, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, FL

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 2014 – December 2015, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, MS
2. December 2015 – May 2016, Student, MQ-9 Initial Qualification Training, Holloman AFB, NM
3. May 2016 – December 2018, MQ-9/9X Pilot/Scheduling Officer, 22 Attack Squadron, Creech AFB, NV

4. December 2018 – August 2019, MQ-9 Pilot/Chief of Commander's Inspection Program, 15 Attack Squadron, Creech AFB, NV
5. August 2019 – October 2020, MQ-9 Instructor Pilot/Assistant Flight Commander, 29 Attack Squadron, Holloman AFB, NM
6. October 2020 – July 2021, MQ-9 Instructor Pilot/Squadron Assigned Flight Safety Officer, 29 Attack Squadron, Holloman AFB, NM
7. July 2021 – February 2022, MQ-9 Instructor Pilot/Flight Commander, 29 Attack Squadron, Holloman AFB, NM
8. February 2022 – June 2023, MQ-9 Evaluator Pilot/Deputy Chief of MQ-9 Wing Weapons, 16 Training Squadron, Holloman AFB, NM
9. June 2023 – Present, Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies, AFROTC Detachment 172, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Pilot

Flight hours: 2,500 (1,937 Combat hours)

Aircraft flown: MQ-9, MQ-9X

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

AETC Master Instructor Badge

Aerial Achievement Medal with 14 Oak Leaf Clusters

Air and Space Commendation Medal

Meritorious Unit Award

Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award with two Oak Leaf Clusters

National Defense Service Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

Air and Space Longevity Service Award with one Oak Leaf Cluster

Air and Space Training Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Apr. 25, 2014

First Lieutenant Apr. 30, 2016

Captain Apr. 30, 2018

Major Apr. 04, 2024

(Current as of July 2024)