



CAPTAIN MIKAYLA N. DeMERS

Captain Mikayla N. DeMers is an Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) instructor and Recruiting Officer at Michigan State University, Michigan. She leads, recruits, trains, counsels, and evaluates highly qualified young men and women as prospective Department of the Air Force (DAF) officers. She is responsible for development, management, and execution of unit recruiting efforts, logistics, and funding. In this capacity, she promotes DAF career and scholarship opportunities to university staff, college students, high school students, faculty, and parents. As an instructor, she teaches college curriculum on United States Air Force and Space Force foundations, DAF history, leadership, and national security affairs.

Captain DeMers earned her commission through ROTC in 2018 from Michigan State University, Michigan. She has experience on F-22, C-130J, and E3G aircraft and has served in a variety of positions across the aircraft maintenance enterprise, to include back shop, flightline, and as Executive Officer. Capt DeMers has served in Air Mobility Command, Air Combatant Command, and Pacific Air Forces. She deployed in support of the East Africa Response Force as part of the 435th Air Expeditionary Wing as well as to Kadena Air Base in support of USINDOPACOM's Theater Security Package as part of the 18th Wing.



EDUCATION

- 2018 Bachelor of Arts, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan
- 2019 Aircraft Maintenance and Munitions Officer Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas
- 2021 Maintenance Officer Intermediate Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas
- 2023 Jet Engine Mishap Investigation Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas
- 2024 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 2025 AFROTC Detachment Cadre Instructor Course, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 2018 - July 2019, Flight Commander, Maintenance Flight, 317th Maintenance Squadron, Dyess Air Force Base (AFB), Texas
2. July 2019 – June 2020, Assistant Officer in Charge, Aircraft Maintenance Unit, 317th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Dyess AFB, Texas
(January – May 2020, Officer in Charge, Aircraft Maintenance Unit, 75th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti)
3. June 2020 – August 2021, Executive Officer, 317th Maintenance Group, Dyess AFB, Texas
4. August 2021 – July 2022, Assistant Officer in Charge, Aircraft Maintenance Unit, 703rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska





5. July 2022 – March 2023, Officer in Charge, Aircraft Maintenance Unit, 703rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
6. March 2023 – May 2024, Sortie Generation Flight Commander, 525th Fighter Generation Squadron, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
7. May 2024 – August 2025, Director of Operations, 525th Fighter Generation Squadron, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
(September 2024 – January 2025, Director of Operations, 525th Expeditionary Fighter Generation Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan)
8. August 2025 – Present, AFROTC Aerospace Studies Instructor, Detachment 380, Michigan State University, Michigan

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air and Space Commendation Medal (three oak leaf clusters)
Meritorious Unit Award (two oak leaf clusters)
Humanitarian Service Medal
National Defense Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Air and Space Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border
Air and Space Longevity Service Award
Gen Lew Allen, Jr., Trophy 2020 (Wing)
Wilma Vaught Visionary Leadership Award 2022 (PACAF)
Maintenance Professional of the Year Award 2023 (PACAF)
General Lew Allen, Jr. Trophy 2024 (Wing)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant September 10, 2018
First Lieutenant August 24, 2020
Captain August 24, 2022

(Current as of September 2025)

