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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

MAJOR DEVORA N. “DEVO” ORTEGA

Maj Devora Ortega is the Commander, 43rd Force Support Squadron, Pope Army Airfield, North Carolina. Maj Ortega leads 55 civilian and military personnel providing full spectrum support to 2 Combatant Commands, 4 Major Commands, 4 Field Operating Agencies, 1 Direct Reporting Unit, 82d Airborne Corps, and 7,500 Air Force Team Pope airmen, civilians, dependents, and retirees. She oversees Team Pope’s Personnel Deployment Function process in support of the Immediate Response Force supporting our deployment functions for worldwide contingency operations.

Major Ortega received her commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Texas at San Antonio in May 2011. Following Air and Space Basic Course at Maxwell Air Force Base, AL, she served in the 49th Force Support Squadron at Holloman Air Force Base, NM, as the Readiness Officer in Charge where oversaw training and preparation for service member deployments and mortuary cases for the base. Furthermore, she served as Secretary, Joint Staff and Chief of Protocol for Special Operations Command South. Her duties consisted of securing foreign relations to maintain regional stability while enabling interagency intelligence and partner nations to collaborate and counter threats to the interests of the United States.



Maj Ortega further served as Operations Officer of the 55th Force Support Squadron, Offutt AFB, Nebraska. As the primary advisor for the Commander and Squadron in planning and executing a wide-range mission managing personnel, manpower, services, morale, welfare, readiness, and lead mortuary. She oversaw fifty facilities and five-hundred employees with an annual appropriated fund budget of twenty million dollars and an annual non-appropriated fund budget of eight million dollars. Major Ortega managed deployments for the second largest deployed Force Support unit in Air Combat Command and served as the primary Mortuary Officer for Offutt AFB. Prior to her current position, Maj Ortega was the Chief of Personnel for the Inter-American Defense College at Fort Lesley J. McNair US Army Post, Washington, District of Colombia. As advisor to the Director and Commandant, Maj Ortega managed human resource functions for 163 personnel involving strategic planning and policy implementation to support the mission of the College. She supported educating and developing Senior Leaders spanning over 19 countries located in the United States Southern Command Area of Responsibility. After graduating, these leaders returned to their home countries to serve in military, security or diplomatic roles leading defense and security positions within their governments.

EDUCATION

2011 Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX.

2011 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, AL.

2015 Masters of Business Administration and Management, American Military University, VA.

2017 Squadron Officer Course, Maxwell AFB, AL.

2022 Air Command and Staff College, Non-Residence, Maxwell AFB, AL.





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ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. Aug 2011 – Apr 2012, Officer in Charge, Readiness, Holloman AFB, NM
2. Apr 2012 - Apr 2013, Chief, Fitness and Sports, Holloman AFB, NM
3. Apr 2013 – Aug 2013, Chief, Protocol, Holloman AFB, NM
4. Aug 2013 – Apr 2014, Action Officer, Holloman AFB, NM
5. Apr 2014 – Oct 2014, Chief, Career Development, Holloman AFB, NM
6. Oct 2014 – May 2015, Chief, Military Personnel Section, Holloman AFB, NM
7. May 2015 – Jun 2018, Chief, Protocol and Secretary Joint Staff, Homestead, ARB, FL
8. Jun 2018 – Mar 2021, Deputy Director, Manpower and Personnel, Maxwell AFB, AL
9. Mar 2021 – Feb 2023, Operations Officer, Offutt AFB, NE
10. Feb 2023 – Jun 2025, Chief of Personnel, Inter-American Defense College, Ft Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
11. June 2025 – Present, Commander, 43d Force Support Squadron, Pope Army Airfield, Ft. Bragg, N.C.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 2015 – Jun 2018, Chief, Protocol and Secretary Joint Staff, Special Operations Command South, Homestead, ARB, FL, as a Captain
2. May 2020 – Nov 2020, Chief, Joint Visitor's Bureau, Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa, Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti City, Djibouti, as a Captain
3. April 2022 – Oct 2022, Joint Emergent Requirements Officer, Headquarters Central Command, MacDill AFB, FL, as a Captain
4. Feb 2023 – Jun 2025, Chief of Personnel, Inter-American Defense College, Ft Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C., as a Major

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Joint Service Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air Force Commendation Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 7, 2011
First Lieutenant May 25, 2013
Captain May 25, 2015
Major, March 1, 2021

Current as of August 2025

