



## LIEUTENANT COLONEL MATTHEW K. FRYER

Lt Col Matt Fryer is currently serving as the Commander of the 637th International Support Squadron of the Defense Language Institute English Language Center at JBSA – Lackland, Texas. He leads worldwide English Language Training operations and oversees case management, registrar, graduation, records administration, and health, morale, and welfare support for over 4,000 International Military, U.S. Army, and Coast Guard students from more than 110 countries. He directs the DoD's largest Field Studies Program to enhance cultural interoperability and ensures the production of English language-qualified personnel to support U.S. Security Cooperation objectives both at home and abroad.

Prior to his current assignment, he served as the Deputy Chief, Office of Defense Cooperation, U.S. Embassy Tallinn, Estonia. He worked with the Estonian Ministry of Defence and Estonian Defence Forces to identify and analyze their security requirements, build capability and capacity, and increase interoperability with allies and partners.

Lt. Col Fryer was commissioned in 2007 through the U.S. Air Force Officer Training School. He is a Command Pilot with more than 2,400 hours in the B-1B and B-52H. He has served as a Unit Scheduler, Squadron Safety Officer, Chief of Training, and Wing Aircrew Flight Equipment Officer. He has operational experience in several theaters, with multiple deployments to U.S. Central Command's Area of Responsibility, where he provided Close Air Support to U.S. and Coalition Forces during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. Additionally, he deployed to various locations in the Pacific under the Korean Theater Support program, as well as the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command's Continuous Bomber Presence.

In 2016, he was selected as initial cadre for the Air Force Global Strike Command Striker Vista program, which developed aircrew expertise across multiple bomber platforms. He has served as an instructor pilot in both the B-1B and B-52H. He speaks Russian and is a Foreign Area Officer.

### EDUCATION

2003 Bachelor of Science degree in Flight Operations, Westminster College, UT  
2008 Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance Air Force Base, OK  
2012 Squadron Officer School (Non-Residence), Maxwell Air Force Base, AL  
2014 Master of Arts, International Relations, American Military University, VA  
2019 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence  
2021 Joint Command and General Staff Course, Baltic Defence College, Tartu, Estonia

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. February 2007 – November 2008, Student, Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance Air Force Base, OK





# BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

2. November 2008 – November 2009, Student, B-1B Formal Training Unit, 28th Bomb Squadron, Dyess Air Force Base, TX
3. November 2009 – January 2013, Aircraft Commander, Scheduling Officer, Safety Officer, 34th Bomb Squadron, Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.
4. January 2013 – August 2013, Instructor Pilot, 34th Bomb Squadron, Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.
5. August 2013 – June 2015, B-1B Formal Training Unit Instructor, Chief of Training, 28th Bomb Squadron, Dyess Air Force Base, TX
6. June 2015 – June 2016, Flight Commander, 7th Operational Support Squadron, Dyess, Air Force Base, TX
7. June 2016 – February 2017, Student, B-52H Formal Training Unit, 11<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron, Barksdale Air Force Base, LA
8. February 2017 – June 2020 Instructor Pilot, Assistant Director of Operations, 96th Bomb Squadron, Barksdale Air Force Base, LA
9. June 2020 – June 2021, Student, Baltic Defence College, Tartu, Estonia
10. June 2021 – July 2024, Deputy Chief, Office of Defense Cooperation, U.S. Embassy, Tallinn, Estonia
11. July 2024 – Present, Commander, 637th International Support Squadron, Defense Language Institute English Language Center, Joint Base San Antonio -Lackland, TX

## FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: Over 2,400

Aircraft flown: T-6A, T-38C, B-1B, B-52H

## MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Medal with four devices

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with two devices

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal

## EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant January 2007

First Lieutenant January 2009

Captain January 2011

Major January 2017

Lieutenant Colonel April 2022

(Current as of July 2024)

