

# Maj. Ian E. Lee

## Left Wing

Maj. Ian Lee is the Left Wing Pilot for the United States Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, the Thunderbirds, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. As Thunderbird 2, he flies the #2 jet and serves as the teams Navigation Officer. He is in his first year with the team.

Lee is a 2010 graduate of the USAF Academy. He has served in numerous capacities from the squadron to wing level as shop chief, instructor pilot, program manager and flight commander. He is a command pilot with more than 1,600 flying hours including more than 470 combat hours during operations Inherent Resolve and Freedom's Sentinel. Prior to joining the Thunderbirds, Lee flew the F-16 in the 79th Fighter Squadron at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.



### EDUCATION

2010 Bachelor of Science in Economics, U.S. Air Force Academy  
2010 Bachelor of Science in Business Management, U.S. Air Force Academy  
2010 Air and Space Basic Course, Squadron Officer College  
2015 Squadron Officer School  
2019 United States Air Force Weapons Instructor Course

### ASSIGNMENTS

Oct 2009 - Sep 2011 Student Pilot, 80th Operations Support Squadron, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas  
Aug 2010 - Nov 2012 Undergraduate Pilot Training, 71st Flying Training Wing, Vance AFB, Okla.  
Nov 2012 - Oct 2013 F-16 Initial Qualification Training, 309th Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.  
Oct 2013 - May 2015 Assistant Chief of Scheduling, 77th FS, Shaw AFB, S.C.  
May 2015 - Jul 2016 Standardization and Evaluation Liaison Officer, 77th FS, Shaw AFB, S.C.  
Jul 2016 - Aug 2017 Advanced Programs Program Manager, 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea  
Aug 2017 - Jun 2018 Flight Commander, 314th FS, Holloman AFB, N.M.  
Jun 2018 - Jan 2020 Flight Commander, 8th FS, Holloman AFB, N.M.  
Jan 2020 - Present Chief of Weapons and Tactics, 79th FS, Shaw AFB, S.C.

### FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot  
Flight hours: More than 1,700  
Combat hours: More than 470  
Aircraft flown: F-16, AT-38, T-38, T-6

### MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Medal with "C" device with two oak leaf clusters  
Aerial Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

### EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 2010  
First Lieutenant May 2012  
Captain May 2014  
Major Jan 2020