

# Maj. Kyle S. Oliver

## Opposing Solo

Maj. Kyle Oliver is the Opposing Solo Pilot for the United States Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, the Thunderbirds, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. As Thunderbird 6, he flies the #6 jet and serves as the squadron's Aircrew Flight Equipment Officer and Squadron Flight Safety Officer. He is in his second season with the team.

Oliver entered the Air Force in 2010 with a Reserve Officer Training Corps commission from The Ohio State University. He completed the Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training at Vance AFB, Okla., in 2012. After completing pilot training as a distinguished graduate and Commander's Trophy winner, Oliver served as an F-22 Raptor pilot in Alaska. Oliver has flown more than 1,200 hours, including more than 230 combat hours over Iraq and Syria in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. Prior to the Thunderbirds, Oliver served as the Assistant Director of Operations and Instructor Pilot, 27th Fighter Squadron, Joint Base Langley Eustis, Va.



### EDUCATION

2010 Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication Technology, Ohio State University  
2011 Air and Space Basic Course, Squadron Officer College  
2014 Raptor Advanced Mission Planning School  
2016 Squadron Officer School

### ASSIGNMENTS

Mar 2011 - Oct 2012 Student Pilot, Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance Air Force Base, Okla.  
Oct 2012 - Oct 2013 Student Pilot, F-22 Formal Training Unit, Tyndall AFB, Fla.  
Oct 2013 - Oct 2016 Scheduler/Assistant Squadron Weapons Officer/Chief of Mobility/4-Ship Flight Lead, 90th Fighter Squadron, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska  
Dec 2016 - Nov 2017 Aircrew Flight Equipment Flight Commander/4-Ship Flight Lead, 1st Operational Support Squadron, JB Langley-Eustis, Va.  
Nov 2017 - Sept 2019 Assistant Director of Operations/F-22 Instructor Pilot, 27th FS, JB Langley-Eustis, Va.  
Sept 2019 - Present Thunderbird #6, Opposing Solo, USAF Air Demonstration Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.

### FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Pilot  
Flight hours: More than 1,300  
Combat hours: More than 230  
Aircraft flown: T-6A, T-38C, F-16C/D, F-22A

### MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Medal  
Air Achievement Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

### EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Dec 2010  
First Lieutenant Dec 2012  
Captain Dec 2014  
Major Aug 2020