

Nathan E. Dial

Air Force Officer, Pilot, Ph.D. Candidate

Profile

Dedicated to giving more to the world than what I have received. A capable leader and responsible follower. Force multiplier for any team. Currently serving as Active Duty U.S. Air Force Officer, EC-130H Pilot, and Ph.D. Candidate at Northwestern University.



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Contact

Education

Northwestern University (IL, USA)

- PhD in Political Science
- Major Field: Comparative Politics
- Minor Field: Quantitative and Qualitative methodology
- Dissertation Topic: “*Principals and Contributors: An Analysis of NATO Collective Action post-Cold War*”

Harvard Kennedy School (MA, USA)

- Master’s in Public Policy
- Political and Economic Development Major
- Concentration on Quantitative Analysis, Diplomacy, Single and Multiparty Negotiations
- 2012 Graduate

U.S. Air Force Academy (CO, USA)

- Economics Major
- Spanish Minor
- Finished Top 10% of 1000 in Academics, Athletics, and Military
- Cadet Wing Commander
- 2010 Graduate

Military Education

Squadron Officer School (MS, USA)

- Leadership training through conceptual and physical problem solving.
- Distinguished Graduate finished in top 10% of 650

Mishap Investigation Course

- Aircraft mishap investigation training
- Analysis of human and material factors
- Performed 100+ safety reports

Work Experience

EC-130H Pilot: Jan 2014 – Present (AZ, USA)

- Amassed 1500+ hours flying the EC-130H. Proficient in Air-to-Air Refueling, Instrument, and Tactical Flying
- 780 Combat Hours amassed during three deployments to Bagram AB, Afghanistan and Ali Al Salem AB, Kuwait.

Group Plans and Exercise Flight Commander: Oct 2017 – Aug 2018 (AZ, USA)

- Commands Group Plans and Exercises Flight. Schedules all flights, exercises, off station training, and large force exercises.
- Provides guidance and weekly updates on all domestic and international operations for the Group Commander (Air Force Colonel) in charge of 850+ Airmen.
- Provides guidance and annual performance reports for a staff of 12.

Squadron Safety/Security Flight Commander: Jan 2016 – Sep 2017 (AZ, USA)

- Develops and implements weapons, ground and flight safety programs as well as all security clearances for 156 members.
- Provides guidance, and annual performance reports for staff of 16.

Euro NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training: Jun 2012 – Dec 2013 (TX, USA)

- Premier Pilot Training Program in US Air Force and NATO. Reserved for the top 10% of pilot candidates
- Amassed 220 flying hours in T-6 and T-38 Aircraft. Proficient in Instrument and Tactical Formation Flying
- Capable of flying any aircraft in the Air Force’s arsenal (fighter, bomber, or transport).

Volunteering

Senator Martha McSally Service Academy Selection Committee (AZ, USA)

- 1 of 12 members responsible for screening 180+ candidates, conducting 50+ Interviews and Submitting 10 Candidates for each Military Service Academy annually.
- Member of Committee 2014 – Present.

Co-Founder Chuck Bush Conference (CO, USA)

- One of three Co-Founders. Raised \$50,000 for First Conference 24-25 April 2020
- Conference charged with cultivating a community of Air Force Academy graduates dedicated to helping each other reach their full potential, telling the USAFA story with black protagonist, celebrating leaders of character inside and outside of uniform.

Research Achievements

- Three Part Series on Race and the military with Air Force Times.
- Accepted to 2020 International Sport and Society Conference (Granada, Spain): “Quantitative Analysis of the impact of College Basketball on NBA Careers”
- In Peer Review Process for Article in International Journal of Sport and Society: “Quantitative Analysis of the impact of College Basketball on NBA Careers”
- Accepted to 2020 Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Workshop (Syracuse University): *The Pivotal Nation, Critical Allies, and Contributors: An Analysis of NATO in the 2000.*