



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Captain JASON D. PASSARELLA

Captain Jason Passarella serves as the 765 Air Base Squadron Director of Operations and the 765 ABS Chief of the Contracting Office. As the 765 ABS DO he supports the 765 ABS Squadron Commander in the leadership and management of more than 300 civilian and military personnel in providing Civil Engineering, Force Support, and Contracting services to the Lajes Field Installation Commander.

Captain Passarella previously served as the Executive Officer, Business Plans and Operations Directorate at the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) directly supporting the NRO Chief Financial Officer in resource/budget management & congressional/public affairs for a multi-billion dollar national reconnaissance program. Previously, Jason was the Lead Contracting Officer supporting the NRO's Office of Space Launch, overseeing and directing multiple acquisition teams to develop, produce, and operate national and international launch support activities to secure the national space launch manifest.



Prior to his time supporting the Office of Space Launch, Captain Passarella was the Lead Contracting Officer and Chief of the Electro-Optical and Radar Contracts Branch at the NRO directly supporting the Geospatial Intelligence Systems Acquisition Directorate (GEOINT) Research and Technology Office. He led a team of more than 30 civilian, military, and contractor employees in a dynamic, fast-paced, and demanding acquisition environment directly supporting joint intelligence missions.

Captain Passarella served as the Contracts Manager for Base Support Services, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Enterprise and Operational Contracting Division. He was responsible for providing acquisition support to the regions 2nd largest Air Force Medical Treatment Facility which includes securing personal and non-personal services as well as equipment and logistics support for 58,000 personnel and patients.

Captain Passarella was competitively selected to pursue his graduate education as a student at the Naval Post-Graduate School studying Acquisition and Contract Management within the Graduate School of Defense Management. Jason was recognized as a Distinguished Graduate and received awards for both Outstanding Thesis and Outstanding Academic Achievement. Captain Passarella earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Communications and graduated with honors from Brigham Young University-Idaho in 2011. He entered the Air Force in May of 2016 as a graduate of Officer Training School. Prior to the Air Force, Jason worked in the civilian sector as an Operations Supervisor in the Direct-to-Consumer shipping industry responsible for ensuring timely delivery of 60,000 packages a day and the development of a workforce of more than 250.

(Current as of August 2024)

He is married to the former Mary Carter, of Billings MT. Together they raise their four children, Addilyn (12), Grant (10), Glenn (7), and Michael (4).

EDUCATION

2011 Bachelor of Science, Communications, Brigham Young University-Idaho, Rexburg, Idaho
2016 Officer Training School, Maxwell Air Force Base (AFB), Alabama
2016 Mission Ready Contracting Officer Course. Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
2020 Masters of Business Administration, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey California

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Mar 2016 – May 2016, Cadet, AETC, Maxwell AFB, AL
2. May 2016 – Jun 2019, Contracts Manager – Base Support, AFLCMC/PZI, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
3. Jun 2019 – Dec 2020, Student, Naval Post-Graduate School, Monterey, CA
4. Dec 2020 – May 2023, Contracting Officer, National Reconnaissance Office, Chantilly VA
5. May 2023 – Jul 2024, Executive Officer- Business Plans and Operations Directorate, National Reconnaissance Office, Chantilly VA
6. Jul 2024 – Present, Director of Operations & Chief of the Contracting Office – 765 Air Base Squadron, Lajes Field, Terceira Portugal

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Joint Service Commendation Medal
Joint Service Achievement Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2017 Division Contracting Functional Company Grade Officer of the Year
2018 Division Company Grade Officer of the Year
2022 National Reconnaissance Office Contracting Functional Company Grade Officer of the Year
2022 National Reconnaissance Office Air Force Company Grade Officer of the Year
2023 Lance P. Sijan – Directorate – Junior Officer Category Winner

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

2nd Lieutenant May 20, 2016
1st Lieutenant May 20, 2018
Captain May 20, 2020