



MAJOR JOHN "ALEX" KLINNER

Major John "Alex" Klinner was the Chief of Squadron Standardizations and Evaluations at the 99th Air Refueling Squadron, Sumpter Smith Joint National Guard Base, Birmingham, Alabama. He directed the unit's Standardization and Evaluation program, ensuring 34 aircrew maintained required proficiency, safety, and compliance with directives as an evaluator pilot. He supported global air refueling operations and integrated guard, reserve, and active duty support to Air Mobility Command.

Major Klinner entered the Air Force in 2017 through Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps from Auburn University. He completed pilot training in November 2018, and was assigned to the 92nd Air Refueling Squadron at Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington. He completed advanced instrument training and instructor pilot upgrade in 2022, followed by evaluator pilot upgrade in 2024 while assigned to the 99th Air Refueling Squadron in Birmingham, Alabama.

Major Klinner deployed in 2019, 2020, 2022, and 2026 in support of United States Air Forces in Europe, United States Central Command, and United States Southern Command supporting Operations INHERENT RESOLVE, ATLAS GUARDIAN, SOUTHERN SPEAR and EPIC FURY, flying 362 combat hours and 181 combat support hours in theater.



EDUCATION

2016 Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, Auburn University, Auburn, Ala.

2021 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2024 Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration, Oklahoma State University, Okla.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. February 2017 – November 2018, Student, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.
2. November 2018 – June 2021, Pilot/Scheduling Officer, 92nd Air Refueling Squadron, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
3. June 2021 – June 2022 – Chief, Wing Scheduling, 92nd Air Refueling Squadron, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
4. June 2022 – November 2022, Assistant Flight Commander, 92nd Air Refueling Squadron, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
5. November 2022 – May 2024, Chief, Wing Plans and Instructor Pilot, 99th Air Refueling Squadron, Birmingham, Ala.
6. May 2024 – Present, Chief of Squadron Standardizations and Evaluations, Evaluator Pilot, 99th Air Refueling Squadron, Birmingham, Ala.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Pilot

Flight hours: 2,085

Aircraft flown: T-6, T-1, KC-135R





BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Medal with oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air and Space Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant September 27, 2016

First Lieutenant September 27, 2018

Captain September 27, 2020

Major January 01, 2026

(Current as of March 2026)

