



BIOGRAPHY

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

CAPTAIN CHRISTIAN N. HORDE

Captain Christian N. Horde is the Area Defense Counsel at Misawa Air Base, Japan, home of the F-16 “Wild Weasels”. He provides comprehensive defense legal services in courts-martial, nonjudicial punishment, and adverse administrative actions to over 3,100 active duty service members stationed at the base.

Captain Horde received a direct commission as an Air Force judge advocate and entered active duty in October 2020. Prior to commissioning, Captain Horde began his legal career as an elder law attorney practicing Medicaid and Veterans Affairs planning, estate planning, and special needs trusts. Captain Horde is admitted to practice law before the Supreme Court of Florida, the United States Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.



EDUCATION

- 2013 Bachelor of Science, Political Science and Philosophy, *cum laude*, Florida State University, FL
- 2016 Juris Doctor, Stetson University College of Law, FL
- 2018 Master of Laws in Elder Law, Stetson University College of Law, FL
- 2020 Officer Training School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- 2021 Judge Advocate Staff Officer Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- 2024 Squadron Officer School, in residence, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1. December 2020 – July 2023, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate (Chief of Civil Law, Operations and International Law, Adverse Actions, Military Justice), 52d Fighter Wing, Spangdahlem AB, Germany
2. July 2023 – July 2024, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate (Chief of Operations and International Law, Military Justice), 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa AB, Japan
3. July 2024 – Present, Area Defense Counsel, Trial Defense Division, AF/JAJD, Misawa AB, Japan

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- Air and Space Commendation Medal
- Meritorious Unit Award
- Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

- First Lieutenant 19 October 2020
- Captain 19 April 2021

(Current as of July 2024)