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## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAKE SOTIRIADIS, Ph.D.

Lieutenant Colonel Jake Sotiriadis is Chief of Strategic Foresight and Futures at the Air Force Warfighting Integration Capability. His work spans the nexus of disruptive technology, geopolitical risk analysis, and alternative futures to shape the joint force of tomorrow. He serves on the Air Force's artificial intelligence, sensing, and joint all-domain operations cross-functional teams.

Prior to his current assignment, he was a PhD candidate at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and a research associate at the Hawaii Research Center for Futures Studies. His research yielded a cybernetic theory of ideological power that examines the dynamics of contemporary political ideologies and globalization in foreign policy.

Lieutenant Colonel Sotiriadis served as Director of Operations for the 392d Intelligence Squadron and as Deputy Chief of the Weapons and Space Division at National Security Agency-Hawaii. In these roles, he led over 300 joint service personnel conducting cryptologic intelligence and cyber operations across the globe. Additionally, he deployed to the Combined Air and Space Operations Center from 2011-2012 as senior intelligence duty officer, directing the execution of all manned and remotely piloted intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance operations in Central Command.

He has held various Air Staff portfolios at the Pentagon, including principal China planner; aide-de-camp to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance; and command intelligence briefer to the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

A career intelligence officer, Lieutenant Colonel Sotiriadis is fluent in both German and Greek and conversational in Spanish. He served as a State Department fellow at US Embassy Berlin, advising the Ambassador on all political and military developments impacting U.S. relations with Germany.

Lieutenant Colonel Sotiriadis is a distinguished graduate of Air Force ROTC at Norwich University, where he earned a BA in international relations. He holds an MA in international relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. Additionally, he is a distinguished graduate of the Air Command and Staff College and a graduate of the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies. He received his doctorate degree in political science from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa.



## Assignments

1. May-Dec 2003 – Intelligence Officer and Unit Deployment Manager, 305<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron, 305<sup>th</sup> Air Mobility Wing, McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey
2. Jan 2004-Sep 2004 – Student, Intelligence Officer Course, Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas
3. Oct 2004-Aug 2005 – Chief, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Strategy (ISR) Element, Strategy Division, 613<sup>th</sup> Air and Space Operations Center, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii
4. Sep 2005-Dec 2006 – Deputy Chief, Air Analysis Element and Executive Officer, ISR Division, 613<sup>th</sup> Air and Space Operations Center, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii
5. Jan 2007-May 2007 – Chief, ISR Cell, Combat Operations Division, 609<sup>th</sup> Air and Space Operations Center, US Air Forces Central Command, Al Udeid AB, Qatar
6. Jun 2007-Nov 2007 – Chief, Theater Ballistic Missile and Space Analysis Element, ISR Division, 613<sup>th</sup> Air Operations Center, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii
7. Nov 2007-May 2009 – Command Intelligence Briefer to the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Air Force, HQ USAF/A2, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
8. May 2009-Jul 2010 – Aide-de-Camp to the Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance, HQ USAF/A2, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
9. Aug 2010-Jul 2011 – CHECKMATE Airpower Strategist, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans, Requirements, HQ USAF/A5X, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
10. Jul 2011-Jul 2012 – Senior Intelligence Duty Officer, Combat Operations Division, 609<sup>th</sup> Air and Space Operations Center, US Air Forces Central Command, Al Udeid AB, Qatar
11. Aug 2012-May 2013 – Flight Commander, 324<sup>th</sup> Intelligence Squadron, 480<sup>th</sup> ISR Wing, Air Force ISR Agency, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
12. May 2013-Jul 2014 – Director of Operations, 392d Intelligence Squadron, 480<sup>th</sup> ISR Wing, Air Force ISR Agency, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii (Deputy Chief, Weapons and Space Division, National Security Agency/Central Security Service-Hawaii)
13. Aug 2014-Jun 2015 – Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
14. Jul 2015-May 2016 – Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
15. Jun 2016-May 2019 – Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science, The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
16. Jun 2019-Present – Chief, Strategic Foresight and Futures Branch, Air Force Warfighting Integration Capability, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategy, Integration, and Requirements

## Education

2003 - BA, International Studies, Norwich University, Northfield, VT (*magna cum laude*)  
2011 - MA, International Relations, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, MA  
2015 - MA, Military Operational Art and Science, The Air Command and Staff College, Air University, AL (*Distinguished Graduate*)  
2016 - M.Phil., Military Strategy, The School of Advanced Air & Space Studies, Air University, AL  
2019 - Ph.D., Political Science, The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI

## Selected Publications

"Why the US and China Can't Get to Yes (Even When They Could)," with M. Sun, *The Diplomat*, Nov 2018  
"Do Drones Make Us Trigger Happy? Implications for the East China Sea," *China-US Focus*, Sep 2018  
"Xi Jinping's Neo-Confucianist Turn," *China-US Focus*, Jun 2018  
"Washington and Berlin: Building the New Special Relationship," *Atlantic Initiative*, Dec 2016

## Major Awards and Decorations

Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal w/oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Commendation Medal w/oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Achievement Medal  
National Defense Service Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Humanitarian Service Medal

## Effective Dates of Promotion

Second Lieutenant	10 May 2003
First Lieutenant	28 May 2005
Captain	28 May 2007
Major	01 Oct 2013
Lieutenant Colonel	01 May 2018