



LTC Ryan Stephenson
Commander
1st Space Battalion



BIOGRAPHY

LTC Ryan Stephenson is the Commander of the 1st Space Battalion, with the mission to conduct Space Control planning and interdiction at global scale in support of Army and Joint Force Commanders while defending the American homeland against missile threats. The 1st Space Battalion provides mission command of the 2nd Space Control Support Company, the 4th and 18th Space Control Companies, the 24th Missile Defense Service Battery, and a Headquarters Company.

He previously served as the Chief of the Space Superiority Branch in the Army Capability Manager for Space and High Altitude (ACM-SHA). The Space Superiority Branch integrates DOTMLPF-P solutions for Space Control capabilities, serves as the user representative for the Space Control Company, and synchronizes capability and materiel development efforts within ACM-SHA and Army Program Offices.

LTC Stephenson's previous assignments include the Executive Officer and Operations Officer for the 1st Space Battalion, the Strategy Branch Chief for the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Acquisition and Integration, The Executive Officer to the Deputy Commanding General for Operations of SMDC, Space Control Planner for 1st Space Brigade, Chief of Standards and Evaluations for 1st Space Battalion, Space Control Detachment Executive Officer, and the Deputy OIC for Army Space Support Team 6.

Before transferring to space operations in 2011, LTC Stephenson served as a combat engineer officer in the 1st Engineer Battalion at Ft. Riley and conducted Route Clearance, Improvised Explosive Device Defeat, and demolition operations in Afghanistan.

LTC Stephenson is a 2007 graduate of Norwich University with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. He earned a Master of Science degree in 2018 from Purdue University in Aeronautics and Astronautics with major areas of focus in astrodynamics and space applications, and systems engineering. LTC Stephenson is a 2017 graduate of the US Army Training with Industry program at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory.

LTC Stephenson was raised in upstate New York. He is married to LTC Mallory Stephenson who is also a space operations officer, together they have two children. His hobbies include hunting, camping, woodworking, skiing, cycling, brewing, art, golf, and reading.