



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

MAJOR ORIANA S. MASTRO

Major Oriana S. Mastro is IMA to the Policy and Posture Branch Chief, INDOPACOM J56, Camp Smith, Hawaii. As an IMA, she supports planning for Indo-Pacific contingencies. She was also one of sixteen reservists featured in the Air Force Reserve Command's 2018 Profiles in Leadership series.

Major Mastro first worked for two years as a China Strategist in the Chief of Staff of the Air Force's Strategic Studies Group (SSG). There, she authored dozens of memos for CSAF and completed an annual tour at Yongsan Garrison, Seoul, Korea at the Strategy Division's request. Major Mastro then joined the Asia-Pacific Cell (then A8XC-APC) as an Asia-Pacific Strategist at the Pentagon. For her work in preparing CSAF for his October 2013 trip to China, she was awarded A8X Company Grade Officer (CGO) of the year in 2013 and the Air Force Commendation Medal. She then served for a year in the reserve attaché program where she provided regional expertise and translation services.

She is certified as a Regional Area Strategist in China (16F3K). From 2016-2018, she was a Political Military Affairs Strategist at PACAF A5X, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. For her contributions, she was awarded the 2016 Individual Reservist of the Year (CGO category) and the Meritorious Service Medal. Most recently, she served as a Senior China Analyst assigned to HAF/A2-6A, Pentagon where she conducted intelligence analysis in support of Indo-Pacific issues.

Major Mastro is from Chicago, Il and resides in Palo Alto, California. She works as a tenure-track Center Fellow at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford University where her research focuses on Chinese military and security policy, Asia-Pacific security issues, and interstate conflict. She holds a B.A. in East Asian Studies from Stanford University (2006) and an M.A. (2009) and Ph.D (2013) in Politics from Princeton University. She received her commission in 2010 through Officer Training School (OTS) where she was a distinguished graduate. Major Mastro is married to a former Australian defense official, Arzan. They have two sons, Cyrus and Darius.



EDUCATION

2006 Bachelor of Arts in East Asian Studies with honors in International Security, Stanford University, Stanford, CA

2009 Master of Arts in Politics, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

2013 Doctoral of Philosophy in Politics, Princeton, Princeton, NJ

2014 Joint Military Attaché School (JMAS) Reserve Support Course (RSC)

2014 Squadron Officer School

2020 Air Command and Staff College

2020 FAO Orientation Course (JFOAC I)

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Sept 2010 – March 2012, China Strategist, Strategic Studies Group, Pentagon, Washington D.C.

2. March 2012-November 2014, Asia-Pacific Strategist, Asia-Pacific Cell, Pentagon, Washington D.C.

3. November 2014- February 2016, Reserve Air Attaché, DAS-APRC, Bolling AFB, Washington D.C.

4. February 2016-July 2018, Political Military Affairs Strategist, PACAF A5X, Hickam AFB, Honolulu, H.I.

5. July 2018-July 2020; Senior China Analyst, HAF/ A2-6A, Pentagon, Washington D.C.

6. July 2020-July 2021; Deputy Branch Chief, Plans, J56, INDOPACOM, Camp Smith, Hawaii.

7. July 2021-present; IMA to the Policy and Posture Branch Chief, INDOPACOM J56, Camp Smith, Hawaii.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with bronze oak leaf cluster

Air Force Recognition Ribbon

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2016 Individual Reservist of the Year (CGO category)

2013 A8X Company Grade Officer (CGO) of the Year

2010 OTS Distinguished Graduate

2010 OTS USAA Leadership Award

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

American Enterprise Institute, Fellow

Woodrow Wilson Center, Inaugural China Fellow

Council on Foreign Relations, Term Member

National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, Public Intellectual

Military Veterans in Political Science, Board Member

Women in International Security, Contributor

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant, 28 May 2010

First Lieutenant, 28 May 2012

Captain, 28 May 2014

Major, 28 May 2019

(Current as of December 2021)