

LIEUTENANT COLONEL PAUL M. COOPER - CEO, BESPIN



Lieutenant Colonel Paul M. Cooper is the Chief, BESPIN Solution Center at Business Enterprise Systems, Gunter Annex, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. Leads 200+ military, civilians, and contractors in building and operating the Air Force's mobile center of excellence and using the latest industry best practices to build mobile and web applications in support of Air Force Program Offices.

Lieutenant Colonel Cooper was raised in West Virginia. He entered the U.S. Air Force in 2002 through Officer Training School. Lt Col Cooper is an Acquisition Program Manager with more than 17 years' experience leading the design, development, production, test, and sustainment of diverse weapon systems. He has managed programs in system program offices and the National Security Agency across, fighter and mobility aircraft as well as electronic warfare, weapons and command and control systems and a graduated squadron

commander.

EDUCATION

2001 BS, Computer Engineering, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV

2008 MS, Information Systems Management, University of Maryland University College, College Park, MD

2015 Master of Arts, Military Operational Arts and Sciences, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1. OIC, 607 ACOMS, Osan AFB, Korea, Aug 2002 – Aug 2003
2. PM, NSA, Ft Meade, MD, Sep 2003 – Aug 2006
3. F-22 Branch Chief, 36 EWS, Eglin AFB, FL, Aug 2006 – Jul 2008
4. Flight Commander, 36 EWS, Eglin AFB, FL, Jul 2008 – Feb 2010
5. Assistant Director of Operations, 36 EWS, Eglin AFB, FL, Feb 2010 – Jul 2010
6. Executive Officer, HQ AETC/IA, Randolph AFB, TX, Jul 2010 – Mar 2012
7. Section Commander, HQ AETC, Randolph AFB, TX, Mar 2012 – Sep 2012
8. PDR Program Manager, LCMC Battle Management, Hanscom AB, MA, Sep 2012 – Sep 2013
9. Sr Acq Mgr, Wx Systems, LCMC Battle Management, Hanscom AB, MA, Sep 2013 – Aug 2014
10. IDE Student, ACSC, Maxwell AFB, AL, Aug 2014 – Jun 2015

11. C-5 Program Integrator, DCMA-Lockheed Martin, Marietta, GA, Jun 2015 – Jun 2016
12. Chief of Business Operations, DCMA-Lockheed Martin, Marietta, GA, Jun 2016 – Jul 2017
13. Commander, 31st Student Squadron, Maxwell AFB, AL, Jul 2017 – Jul 2018
14. Maintenance Branch Chief, LCMC Business Enterprise Systems, Gunter Annex, Maxwell AFB, Jul 2018-Oct 2019
15. Chief, BESPIN, LCMC Business Enterprise Systems, Gunter Annex, Maxwell AFB, Oct 2019-present

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal, 1 oak leaf cluster
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal, 1 oak leaf cluster
Joint Service Achievement Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant – August 15, 2002
First Lieutenant – September 1, 2004
Captain – September 1, 2006
Major – October 1, 2010
Lieutenant Colonel – June 1, 2017