



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

SENIOR AIRMAN ZACHARY R. BATES

Senior Airman Zachary R. Bates is a Military Justice Paralegal for the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota. In this role, he supports the Chief of Military Justice in supporting the 28th Bomb Wing Commander, four Group Commanders, 15 Squadron Commanders, and one tenant unit regarding military justice matters.

SrA Bates is from Knoxville, Tennessee, and entered active duty in April 2022. He graduated from the Air Traffic Control Apprentice Course at Keesler AFB, Mississippi, in October 2022. During his time in Air Traffic Control, he worked diligently within the Rapcon to support the B-1B Lancer mission. He completed his retraining into the Paralegal career field in November 2024.



EDUCATION

2022 Air Traffic Control Apprentice Course, Keesler AFB, AL
2024 Paralegal Apprentice Course, Maxwell AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1. November 2022 – August 2024, Air Traffic Control Apprentice, 28th Operations Support Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, SD
2. November 2024 – Present, Military Justice Paralegal, 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, SD

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster
National Defense Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Air and Space Training Ribbon
2024 DAF Outstanding Legal Office of the Year

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman First Class	19 April 2022
Senior Airman	19 August 2024

(Current as of Sept 2025)