

Erik Long

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EDUCATION

Texas A&M University, Mays Business School
Master of Business Administration

College Station, TX
May 2028

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
GPA: 3.67/4.0

San Luis Obispo, CA
June 2021

EXPERIENCE

United States Air Force
Combat Controller

Fort Walton Beach, FL
August 2021 – May 2026

- Completed the Combat Control selection and training program, overcoming a 70-80% attrition rate and earning qualifications in Combat Dive, Military Free-Fall Parachutist, and Air Traffic Control
- Managed \$1M+ in weapons, accessories, and ammunition for 17-person Air Force Special Tactics team, maintaining 100% accountability through continuous check-in/check-out audits with zero losses or discrepancies
- Conducted joint Special Operations-civilian dive mission; cleared search sectors across several hundred yards of ocean floor, contributing to body recovery operation
- Completed multi-phase maritime infiltration exercise — airborne insertion and open-water boat operations — fulfilling a required milestone toward deployment-ready status
- Provided on-call ATC and airfield operations support for experimental aircraft test flights on an unpaved runway, accepting a late-notice tasking to fulfill a critical testing requirement and accelerate the aircraft's progression toward operational status

LEADERSHIP & INVOLVEMENT

RAS (Retrainee Assessment and Selection)
Instructor

Fort Walton Beach, FL
June 2025

- Instructed and mentored 20 Airmen across multiple Air Force career fields at a Combat Control familiarization course, coaching candidates on techniques and standards critical to selection success

Air Force Special Tactics Chapman Ball
Volunteer

Fort Walton Beach, FL
February 2025

- Fulfilled logistics, setup, service, and teardown for annual Air Force Special Tactics Chapman Ball; awarded Air Force Achievement Medal for outstanding contribution to event's success

Air Force Basic Training, Lackland Air Force Base
Mentor

San Antonio, TX
March 2024

- Delivered professional development session on Combat Control selection preparation to 60 Basic Training students, leveraging recent pipeline experience; invited to lead future sessions based on impact

SKILLS & ACTIVITIES

United States Parachute Association: A-License

Professional Association of Diving Instructors: Master Scuba Diver, Search and Recovery Diver

Security Clearance: Top Secret, Department of Defense (Inactive/Eligible as of May 16, 2026)