



BIOGRAPHY

BUTTE MILITARY ENTRANCE PROCESSING STATION

400 North Main Street, Butte, MT 59701

Phone: (406) 221-3650

Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Leiste

United States Air Force

Commander

Butte Military Entrance Processing Station

Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Leiste is the incoming commander of the Butte Military Entrance Processing Station.

He earned his commission through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida in 2006.

His assignments include weapons test engineer, 780th Test Squadron, and executive officer, 46th Test Wing, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida; chief, MQ-1 and MQ-9 System Safety, MQ-1 and MQ-9 Combat Systems test manager, and deputy program manager, Remotely Piloted Aircraft Operations Centers, Medium Altitude Unmanned Aircraft Systems Division, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio; cartridges program manager, Munitions Sustainment Division, and deputy chief, F-22 Fleet Management and Field Operations, F-22 Division, Hill Air Force Base, Utah; deployed as chief, End-use Monitoring, Security Assistance Office, Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan; and 618th Air Operations Center Requirements manager, Requirements Division, special actions officer, Commander's Action Group, Office of the Commander, and chief, Electronic Warfare Requirements Branch, Systems Requirements Division, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.



Lieutenant Colonel Leiste's professional military education includes the Air and Space Basic Course, Fundamentals of Acquisition Management Course, Intermediate Systems Acquisition Course, Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, and Program Management Office Course. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering from the University of Miami and a Master of Science in Project Management from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Florida.

His military awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, two Air Force Commendation Medals, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal and various unit and service medals and ribbons.