

# U.S. Air Force Special Operations Command to reveal insights into the MQ-9 Reaper at the UAV Technology 2022 Conference

*The Lead Evaluator Pilot and MQ-9 Branch Chief of the U.S. Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) has been announced to present at UAV Technology 2022.*

LONDON, LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM, August 23, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Earlier this month, it was announced that an MQ-9 Reaper drone was refueled by a joint-service, medium-lift, multimission tilt-rotor aircraft, displaying joint manship between two U.S. armed forces services.

A U.S. Air Force representative from the 163rd Attack Wing, said this was the first time an MQ-9 Reaper was refuelled by a joint platform and just the second time an MQ-9 got gasoline from another aircraft.

The training also enabled the 163rd Attack Wing to perform "Reaper ACE," or "agile combat employment," which involves shifting activities away from centralized physical infrastructures and toward a network of smaller, scattered sites. \*

SAE Media Group is delighted to announce expert speaker, Major Joseph Ritter, Lead Evaluator Pilot and MQ-9 Branch Chief of the U.S. Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC), at the [7th Annual UAV Technology Conference](#).

Taking place on 26-27 September 2022 in London, UK, [this unique conference](#) will enable delegates to hear more updates about the MQ-9 Reaper and its requirements for future operations.

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In his presentation titled, 'Special Forces RPA Capabilities in Urban Operations', Major Joseph Ritter will give delegates an insight into:

- Current MQ-9 Operational Considerations and SOF unique considerations
- An overview of the capabilities of the MQ-9 Reaper and future requirements for future operations
- Providing a force multiplier for urban ground commanders through enhanced ISR & strike capabilities
- RPA Enterprise readiness and training considerations

A snapshot of the interview with Major Joseph Ritter:

Q: Where do you see the future challenges for UAV/RPAS integration moving forward?

A: "I think there is a strong risk of capability outpacing doctrine. The missions that were appropriate for RPAs against ISIS may not be the missions that are appropriate against new adversaries, so the military RPA community will need to honestly assess its capabilities against requirements to determine the appropriate way to employ the assets, and aggressively work to ensure operational plans make best use of what the platforms can do. This may require new models of command and control and will likely impact the support architecture associated with RPA missions."

Visit the Download Centre to view the full speaker interview and more valuable content at <http://www.uav-technology.org/PR6>.

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