

Ryan Kane '02 joined the United States Air Force in 2006 and quickly worked himself into one of its most elite groups, the Combat Control Team (CCT). Air Force Combat Controllers undergo 35 months of arduous training in special operations forces as well as the necessary training to become certified FAA air traffic controllers. Their mission is to deploy, undetected, into combat and hostile environments to establish assault zones or airfields, while simultaneously conducting air traffic control, fire support, command and control, direct action, counter-terrorism, foreign internal defense, humanitarian assistance and special reconnaissance. As such, Kane served two tours of duty in Afghanistan. Though he is no longer active-duty Air Force, Kane currently lives in Louisville, Kentucky, where he serves in the Kentucky National Guard and continues his full-time CCT training. In this capacity, he has served an additional three tours of duty in Afghanistan as a contractor.

