



OUTSTANDING AIRMEN OF THE YEAR

SMSGT CHRISTOPHER A. HANEY

Assistant Squadron Superintendent
1st Maintenance Squadron, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia
Home of Record: Colorado Springs, Colorado

Senior Master Sergeant Christopher A. Haney led multiple maintenance teams to correct the control and stability concerns across 28 F-16 Fighting Falcon fighter aircraft ejection systems. He gathered personnel and equipment to perform around-the-clock inspections ensuring airworthiness across the fleet at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, in under 72 hours. He helped return the United States Air Forces Europe and Air Forces Africa's sole Suppression of Enemy Air Defenses mission set to combat-ready status. Additionally, his direct engagement synchronized maintenance efforts of 459 Airmen and civilians from 14 Air Force Specialty Codes, propelling the 52nd Fighter Wing to the best F-16 installation in the Air Force. Finally, his ability to harmonize eight flights optimized compliance processes, which drove the squadron's "Outstanding" 95% quality assurance pass rate, advancing the squadron's lethality and readiness.



SMSGT WILFRED A. MORGAN

Facility Systems Superintendent
5th Civil Engineer Squadron, Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota
Home of Record: Washington, D.C.

Senior Master Sergeant Wilfred Morgan led 58 engineers in the maintenance of a 525-mile utility grid, overcoming a 34% manning deficit to complete 4,000 repairs and 7,000 hours of preventive maintenance, ultimately driving an astounding 97% completion rate. He strategized the maintenance of a \$53 million airfield lighting system, creating an innovative anti-icing solution for 558 taxiway lights that saved the Air Force \$11 million in replacement costs and protected 1,200 annual B-52 Stratofortress Bomber sorties. Additionally, he oversaw the command's largest lightning protection system program, certifying 165 protection level-one assets, and developed a nuclear gate grounding program that was benchmarked across the command. Finally, he superbly led his team in a near flawless Nuclear Surety Inspection, clinching "Superior Team" honors.



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SMSGT VERNA L. CANNON-GOLEMBOSKI

Manpower and Organization Division Superintendent and Functional Manager
Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Florida
Home of Record: Toledo, Ohio

Senior Master Sergeant Verna Cannon-Golemboski led a team of 48 personnel advising senior leaders on the command's 19,000 authorizations worth \$1.9 billion. Her leadership and expertise were vital in delivering the command's first-ever 207 member Munitions Squadron, which maximized combat capabilities. She led the command's Chief Grade Review, resulting in the adjudication of 136 positions and nine upgrades. Additionally, as a subject-matter expert, she assisted in the design of a 17-lesson courseware for her career field, which provided in-depth training for all manpower analysts. Finally, she was hand-selected as one of 15 SNCOs by the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force for a Think Tank to develop enlisted progression courses of action to shape the Air Force development plan for 264,000 Airmen.



SMSGT CHRISTOPHER M. RICKS

Security Forces Operations Superintendent
Headquarters Pacific Air Forces A4, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
Home of Record: Portsmouth, Virginia

Senior Master Sergeant Christopher M. Ricks directed theater airlift security by deploying 302 Security Forces members to defend 24 airfields, which directly supported the execution of 88 Combatant Commander strategic objectives. He validated the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff task to transfer the Andersen AFB, Guam, security function from the U.S. Navy to the Air Force. His efforts eliminated a 10-year resource gap by sourcing an additional 138 Security Forces members, allocating \$3 million in equipment and an additional \$250,000 budget increase, which fueled the theater bomber mission. Additionally, he quarterbacked Eielson AFB's F-35 bed-down for two fighter squadrons. Finally, he brokered requirements for 41 Security Forces alarm systems worth \$400,000 and created a secure nest for 585th generation fighter aircraft worth \$3 billion.



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MSGT DOUGLAS K. BROCK

Joint Terminal Attack Controller
124th Air Support Operations Squadron, Boise, Idaho
Home of Record: Fremont, California

Master Sergeant Douglas Brock was the first Airman from the Idaho Air National Guard to attend and graduate the U.S. Army Ranger School as number one of 348 graduates in April 2019. He was the lead planner and coordinator for two joint major readiness exercises, where his team was critical in the execution of precision strike capability across the battlefield. His devotion to training more than 100 Airmen and supporting thousands of Soldiers with air power led to him earning two Army Achievement Medals. Additionally, he led multinational trainings for the Dutch and Brazilian commandos and ensured 36 U.S. Air Force joint terminal attack controllers were combat ready. Finally, during a 10-day period, his teams' efforts deconflicted 74 close air support missions from 370 artillery fires, resulting in zero fratricide incidents.



TSGT YVONNE N. FEBLES-ROSARIO

Physical Therapy Flight Chief
628th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron, Joint Base Charleston, S. Carolina
Home of Record: Fort Polk, Louisiana

Technical Sergeant Yvonne N. Febles-Rosario directed 6,900 patient visits worth \$959,000 in rehabilitation services. She prevented the loss of \$27,000 in physical therapy services by organizing the support of five U.S. Navy physical therapy technicians during a manning shortage. Additionally, she provided critical warfighter support to mission critical personnel with a 100% return to duty rate, enabling the success of six deployments and 270 missions. She championed injury-prevention by organizing 49 strength training and ergonomic classes for more than 800 Joint Base Charleston personnel. Finally, she performed above her peers as an additional duty first sergeant and squadron superintendent by advising four commanders, managing hurricane evacuations plans for 95 families and expediting \$400,000 in healthcare.



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TSGT JEREMIAH C. CAMPER

Pacific Operations Recruiting Manager
369th Recruiting Squadron, Encino, California
Home of Record: Roanoke, Virginia

Technical Sergeant Jeremiah Camper shipped 109 applicants to basic military training, which was the most New Enlistment Contracts and Entered Active Duty in squadron history earning himself the Air Force Recruiting Service Gold Olympiad award. He is number one of 1200 Enlisted Ascension recruiters and won the coveted Gold Badge for the 369th Recruiting Squadron, recognizing him as the best in the squadron for his dedication to targeting the needs of the force. Additionally, he managed a \$260,000 travel budget, analyzed 195 requests and resolved 11 errors ensuring a 100 percent on-time BMT ship rate. Finally, he eclipsed the mission requirement by 84 contracts achieving 297% production, which was conducive to the squadron earning the Air Force Recruiting Service Standards of Excellence award.



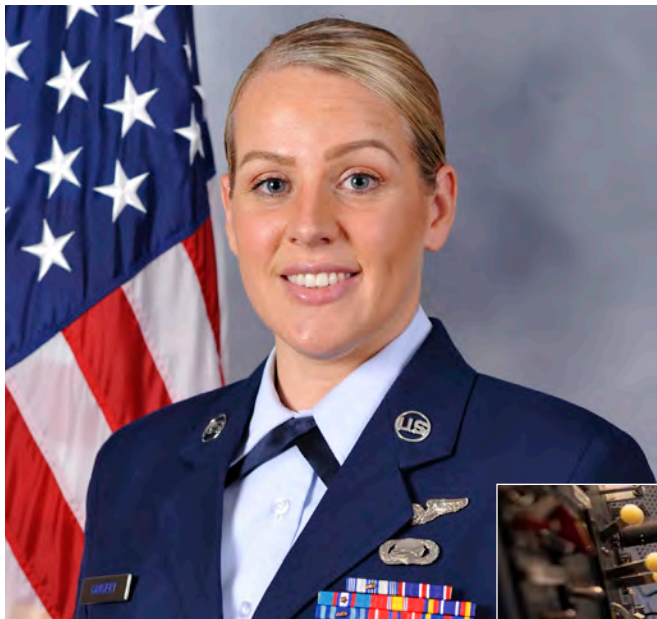
TSGT MATTHEW M. O'NEILL

Airfield Weather Services Noncommissioned Officer in Charge
612th Air Base Squadron, Soto Cano Air Base, Republic of Honduras
Home of Record: Valley Stream, New York

Technical Sergeant Matthew M. O'Neill led as the noncommissioned officer in charge of Airfield Weather Services, filling the field grade officer role of Joint Meteorological and Oceanographic Officer for Joint Task Force Bravo. He orchestrated downed aircraft support, providing critical environmental intelligence and 43 warnings to the Joint Force Land and Maritime Component Command, ensuring the recovery of nine personnel. His expertise in Air Assault and Amphibious Reconnaissance support was critical in the success of 14 international exercises and 11 operations. Additionally, he collaborated with 14 units to craft the local Warrior Skills course that fortified 47 Army South tasks, resulting in the certification of 33 personnel. Finally, O'Neill chaired an international conference in which he gained access to 15 sensors and two radars, eliminating a 413,000 square mile weather data void.



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TSGT NICOLE A. GANSERT

In-Flight Refueling Journeyman
78th Air Refueling Squadron, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey
Home of Record: Cherry Hill, New Jersey

Technical Sergeant Nicole A. Gansert was a critical member of the team who enabled Coalition forces to strike ISIS targets during Operation Inherent Resolve, where three KC-10 Extender Tankers provided pre- and post-strike refueling for 11 F-15 and F-35 fighter aircraft. She flew 25 combat missions totaling more than 200 hours and offloaded 2.5 million pounds of critical fuel in support of the operation. She deftly managed an in-flight emergency involving a GR-4 Eurofighter, resulting in the preservation of \$127 million in assets, averting a strategic loss. Additionally, she managed the total force integration mobility exercise deployment and scrubbed 72 records, smoothing the rotational prerequisites. Finally, she enabled two active duty Air Force evaluations, backfilled four total force integration missions while in pre-deployment preparation, alleviating 30% of the boom operator shortfall.



SSGT PORTIA L. SHORT

Ceremonial Guardsman
U.S. Air Force Honor Guard, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C.
Home of Record: Lawton, Oklahoma

Staff Sergeant Portia L. Short led more than 80 ceremonies in Arlington National Cemetery and the National Capital Region as a fully qualified member of the Firing Party Element. Additionally, she performed duties as a Base Honor Guard Training Instructor, where she was instrumental in training over 80 personnel, providing Military Funeral Honor Guard training consistency for 17 bases supporting more than 40,000 missions worldwide. She was an instrumental member of the unit's recruiting team where she briefed more than 3,000 candidates and was crucial in selecting top recruits. Finally, she was a speaker for the International Festival and Events Association Expo, where she briefed over 142,000 attendees and was key in the scheduling of seven events performed by the Honor Guard for an estimated audience of more than 3 million.



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SRA CASSIDY B. BASNEY

Space Intelligence Instructor
United States Space Force, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado
Home of Record: North Ridgeville, Ohio

Senior Airman Cassidy B. Basney delivered intelligence support to space operators, securing 13 weapon systems and 70 Department of Defense satellites worth \$71 billion. She authored the first Air Force Space Command Signals Intelligence Essential Elements of Information criteria, establishing eight enterprise-wide requirements for 42 threats, which integrated operations and intelligence support to the mission. Additionally, she revamped the 14th Air Force Request for Information process, analyzing 20 requests and distributing intelligence to six crews, resulting in a decreased response time from four months to one week. Finally, she headed 150 proximity reports for the 1st Space Brigade, which synchronized joint Air Force and Army satellite communications operations and increased tactical support to 241,000 warfighters.



SRA ROXANNE Y. DARIEN

Public Health Technician
75th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron, Hill Air Force Base, Utah
Home of Record: Bronx, New York

Senior Airman Roxanne Darien executed readiness exercise operations by verifying 2,300 requirements and clearing 96 deployers, directly contributing to her team being named "Best Performing" by the command's Inspector General. She enhanced the Hill Air Force Base flu-line initiative by teaming with local health departments, resulting in the vaccination of 2,000 personnel in less than 16 hours. She led the Department of Defense food recall program by initiating the process that verified 31 Food and Drug Administration notices in less than two hours. Additionally, she led the National Public Health week activities by coordinating hygiene and food safety demonstrations for 270 patrons. Finally, she inspected 55 work centers and audited 1,000 Occupational Safety Health Administration requirements, securing the safety of 7,000 personnel.

