



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT GARRETT M. KNIGHT

SMSgt Garrett M. Knight is the Director of Operations at the Air Force First Sergeant Academy, Barnes Center for Enlisted Education, Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base (AFB), Montgomery, Alabama. In this role, he serves as the primary advisor to the Commandant on the overall operations of the academy. He also advises the First Sergeant Special Duty Manager, MAJCOM Command First Sergeants and the Barnes Center for Enlisted Education on the development, education and training of over 600+ newly-selected first sergeants per year. The AF First Sergeant Academy administers a demanding course focused on preparing active duty, guard, and reserve first sergeants to be key advisors to commanders on the readiness, health, morale, and welfare of Airmen and families across the Air Force.

SMSgt Knight grew up in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. and enlisted in the Air Force on 03 September 1997. Upon completion of Basic Military Training, he attended technical training at Lackland AFB, Texas and graduated from the Law Enforcement Apprentice Course in April 1998. Following technical training SMSgt Knight served as a Security Forces member at Fairchild AFB, Wash., Kunsan Air Base (AB), Republic of Korea, Eglin AFB, Fla., Joint Base (JB) McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. He has held several positions while serving in Security Forces to include, Instillation Entry Controller, Response Force Member/Leader, Patrolman, Police Services, Criminal Investigator and Flight Chief.

MSgt Knight has also served in several contingency operations to include Operation NORTHAN WATCH, IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, INHERENT RESOLVE and FREEDOM'S SENTINEL. Prior to his current position, SMSgt Knight was the First Sergeant, 605th Maintenance Squadron, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.



EDUCATION

1997 Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base (AFB), Texas
1997 Law Enforcement Apprentice Course, Lackland AFB, Texas
2002 Airmen Leadership School, Eglin AFB, Fla.
2010 Associate in Applied Science, Criminal Justice, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
2011 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunter, AFB, Ala.
2013 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Course, by correspondence
2013 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala, by correspondence
2013 Professional Manager Certification, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
2013 Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice, Troy University, Ala.
2014 USAF First Sergeant Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
2015 Associates in Applied Science, Human Resource Management, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
2017 Academic Instructor Course, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2018 Associates in Applied Science, Instructor of Technology & Military Science, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
2018 Master Resilience Trainer Course, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2018 Air Force Basic Mediation Course, Air Force Negotiation Center, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1997–April 1998, Student, Basic Military Training and Law Enforcement Apprentice Course, Lackland, Air Force Base (AFB), Texas
2. April 1998–August 1999, Instillation Entry Controller 92d Security Forces Squadron, Fairchild AFB, Wa.
3. August 1999–August 2000, Response Force Member, 8th Security Forces Squadron, Kunsan Air Base (AB), Korea
4. August 2000–March 2011, Criminal Investigator, 96th Security Forces Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
(June 2002–October 2002, Response Force Team Member, 363d Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia, April 2004–September 2004, Base Defense Operations Center (BDOC) Controller, 332d Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, Balad AB, Iraq, April 2006–October 2006, BDOC Controller, 379th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, Al Udied AB, Qatar, April 2008–October 2008, Protective Services Detail Shift Leader, Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan, Camp Eggers, Afghanistan, March 2010–March 2011, Air Advisor, 838th Air Expeditionary Advisor Group, Shindand AB, Afghanistan)
5. April 2011–August 2012, Executive Assistant to the Command Chief Master Sergeant, 87th Air Base Wing, Joint Base (JB) McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.
6. August 2012–August 2014, Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, Standards and Evaluations, 87th Security Forces Squadron, JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.
7. February 2014–August 2014, First Sergeant, 305th Maintenance Group, JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.
8. August 2014–November 2015, First Sergeant, 305th Aerial Port Squadron, JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. (April 2015–November 2015, First Sergeant, 380th Expeditionary Communications Squadron, undisclosed location in South West Asia)
9. November 2015–November 2016, 605th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.
10. November 2016–Present, Director of Operations, Air Force First Sergeant Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with "V" device and four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic Sept. 03, 1997
Airman First Class Oct. 18, 1997
Senior Airman March 07, 2000
Staff Sergeant Oct., 07, 2002
Technical Sergeant April 01, 2008
Master Sergeant March 01, 2013
Senior Master Sergeant October 01, 2017

(Current as of July 2019)