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## SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT RUSS M. PARRIES

SMSgt Russ M. Parries is the Director of Operations for the Air Force First Sergeant Academy, Ira C. Eaker Center for Leadership Development, Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama. In this role, he develops and delivers over 190 hours of operational and experiential curriculum to the Total Force First Sergeant candidates that have been selected across the Air Force. Additionally, he analyzes and manages the instructional systems utilized throughout the course, oversees the virtual and distance learning options for the career field, and facilitates the Additional Duty First Sergeant seminars around the world.

He entered the Air Force in July 2001 and graduated from the Avionics Systems Apprentice Course in April 2002. Following technical training, Sergeant Parries served as an F-16 Avionics technician and over his military career he progressed in positions such as Specialist Expeditor, Field Training Instructor, Air Force Specialty Code Awarding Scheduler, and F-16 Training Manager. His assignments include bases in South Carolina, Texas, South Korea, Maryland, and Alabama. Sergeant Parries has multiple deployments in support of Operations NOBLE EAGLE, ENDURING FREEDOM, and NEW DAWN. In 2019 he was selected to become a First Sergeant and in August 2023, Sergeant Parries was assigned to the Air Force First Sergeant Academy. Prior to his current position, the senior master sergeant was the First Sergeant, Department of the Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corps and Field Operating Agency, Joint Base Andrews, Naval Air Facility, Maryland.



## EDUCATION

2001 Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base (AFB), Texas  
2005 Airman Leadership School, Shaw AFB, S.C.  
2011 Basic Instructors Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas  
2012 Associate of Applied Science, Avionics Systems Technology, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.  
2013 Associate of Applied Science, Instructor of Technology, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.  
2014 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Tenn.  
2017 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education, Suffolk, Va., by correspondence  
2019 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II, Suffolk, Va., by correspondence  
2019 Air Force First Sergeant Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.  
2020 Associate of Applied Science, Human Resource Management, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.  
2023 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.

## ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2001–August 2001, Trainee, 322d Training Squadron, Lackland Air Force Base (AFB), Texas
2. August 2001–November 2001, Student, 344th Training Squadron, Lackland AFB, Texas
3. November 2001–May 2002, Student, 365th Training Squadron, Sheppard AFB, Texas





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4. May 2002–June 2005, F-16 Integrated Avionics Systems Apprentice, 79th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, Shaw AFB, S.C.
5. June 2005–June 2006, F-16 Avionics Systems Journeyman, 35th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, Kunsan Air Base (AB), Republic of Korea
6. June 2006–April 2011, F-16 Avionics Systems Craftsman, 79th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, Shaw AFB, S.C.  
(January 2008–April 2008, F-16 Avionics Systems Craftsman, 379th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Unit, Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea; September 2009–February 2010, Specialist Expeditor, 379th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Unit, Bagram AB, Afghanistan)
7. April 2011–May 2015, F-16 Integrated Avionics Instructor, 372d Training Squadron, Detachment 202, Shaw AFB, S.C.
8. May 2015–February 2016, Air Force Specialty Code Awarding Scheduler, 982d Training Group, Sheppard AFB, Texas
9. February 2016–August 2019, F-16 Training Manager, 372d Training Squadron, Sheppard AFB, Texas
10. September 2019–April 2021, First Sergeant, 364th Training Squadron, Sheppard AFB, Texas
11. April 2021–August 2023, First Sergeant, Department of the Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corps and Field Operating Agency, Joint Base Andrews, Naval Air Facility, Md.
12. August 2023–May 2025, Instructor, Air Force First Sergeant Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
13. May 2025–Present, Director of Operations, Air Force First Sergeant Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.

## MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air and Space Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air and Space Achievement Medal

## EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic Jul. 10, 2001

Airman First Class Aug. 24, 2001

Senior Airman June 27, 2003

Staff Sergeant Jan. 1, 2006

Technical Sergeant Oct. 1, 2012

Master Sergeant Feb. 1, 2017

Senior Master Sergeant May 1, 2023

(Current as of June 2025)

