



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT BRANDI N. POWELL

SMSgt Brandi N. Powell is an instructor and the Air Force Reserve Command Course Director at the Air Force First Sergeant Academy, Ira C. Eaker Center for Leadership Development, Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama. She is responsible for developing and delivering curriculum to prepare senior noncommissioned officers to be first sergeants for the Air and Space Forces. By delivering a human-centered learning experience, Sergeant Powell empowers students to be advisors to Commanders on the readiness, health, morale, and welfare of all Airmen and Guardians

Sergeant Powell entered the Air Force as active duty in June 2001 and graduated from the Health Services Management Apprenticeship Course in October 2001. Her active duty career includes assignments in Mississippi and Colorado. Additionally, she deployed as a customs and immigrations liaison in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. In 2008 Sergeant Powell transitioned to the reserve component and graduated from the Structural Apprenticeship Course in December 2009. Her reserve career included assignments in Ohio and Washington. In 2017, she was selected to be a First Sergeant and served as such for numerous squadrons within the 445th Airlift Wing.



Prior to her current position, the senior master sergeant was assigned as the First Sergeant for the 87th Aerial Port Squadron, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

EDUCATION

- 2001 Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base (AFB), Texas
- 2001 Health Services Management Apprenticeship Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas
- 2006 Airman Leadership School, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.
- 2009 Structural Apprenticeship Course, Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, Miss.
- 2010 Associate of Applied Science, Healthcare Management, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
- 2014 Associate of Applied Science, Construction Technology, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
- 2014 Bachelor of Science, Organizational Leadership, Bluffton University, Bluffton, Ohio
- 2017 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2018 Air Force First Sergeant Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
- 2019 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2019 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Course I, Joint Knowledge Online, Norfolk, Va.
- 2020 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Course II, Joint Knowledge Online, Norfolk, Va.
- 2020 Associate of Applied Science, Human Resources Management, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.

2020 Academic Instructor Course, Air University, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
2020 Master Resilience Trainer Course, Air University, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
2021 Leveraging Diversity in the Workplace Certificate, Georgetown University, Washington D.C.
2021 Master of Arts, Executive Leadership, Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2001–August 2001, Student, Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base (AFB), Texas
2. September 2001–November 2001, Student, Technical Training, Sheppard AFB, Texas
3. November 2001–August 2002, Health Services Management Specialist, 81st Medical Group, Keesler AFB, Miss.
4. August 2002–May 2004, Health Services Management Apprentice, 81st Medical Group, Keesler AFB, Miss.
5. May 2004–January 2005, Telecommunications Specialist, 10th Medical Group, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.
6. January 2005–January 2008, Cadet and Flight Medicine Records Technician, 10th Medical Group, United States Air Force Academy, Colo. (August 2007–January 2008, Customs and Immigrations Liaison, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar.)
7. January 2008–June 2008, Emergency Medicine Administrative Technician, 10th Medical Group, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.
8. June 2008–October 2010, Structural Apprentice, 445th Civil Engineer Squadron, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
9. October 2010–September 2013, Structural Apprentice, 446th Civil Engineer Squadron, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.
10. September 2013–November 2014, Structural Apprentice, 445th Civil Engineer Squadron, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
11. November 2014–May 2017, Structures Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, 445th Civil Engineer Squadron, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
12. May 2017–June 2020, First Sergeant, 445th Security Forces Squadron, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
13. June 2020–October 2020, First Sergeant, 87th Aerial Port Squadron, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
14. October 2020–Present, Instructor, Air Force First Sergeant Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with four oak leaf clusters

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic July 15, 2001
Airman Dec. 28, 2001
Airman First Class Oct. 28, 2002
Senior Airman June 28, 2004
Staff Sergeant Jan. 1, 2007
Technical Sergeant April 1, 2014
Master Sergeant June 1, 2017
Senior Master Sergeant July 1, 2020

(Current as of July 2024)