



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT DANIEL A. POWERS

SMSgt Daniel A. Powers is the Director of Operations, Air Force First Sergeant Academy, Ira C. Eaker Center for Leadership Development, Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, Alabama. In this role, he serves as advisor to the commandant on the development, education, and training of over 600+ newly-selected first sergeants per year. Additionally, he is responsible for administering 190 hours of demanding course material per class focused on preparing active duty, guard, and reserve first sergeants to be key advisors to commanders on the readiness, health, welfare, and morale of Airmen and families across the Air Force.

SMSgt Powers enlisted in the Air Force in September 1998. Upon completion of basic training, he attended technical training at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas and graduated from the Aerospace Propulsion Apprentice Course in March 1999. Following technical training he served as a turbofan engine craftsman at bases in Florida, Alaska, Idaho, and Alabama. He has held several positions while serving in aircraft maintenance to include quality assurance inspector, lead technician, and section chief of jet engine intermediate maintenance, test cell, and support.

SMSgt Powers has also served in theater security and Operation INHERENT RESOLVE contingency operations. Most recently, SMSgt Powers served as the First Sergeant, 370th Air Expeditionary Advisory Group, Baghdad, Iraq. Prior to his current position, SMSgt Powers was the First Sergeant, 366th Fighter Wing A-Staff, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.



EDUCATION

- 1998 Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base (AFB), Texas
- 1999 Aerospace Propulsion Apprentice Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas
- 2003 Airman Leadership School, Eglin AFB, Fla.
- 2009 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Joint Base (JB) Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
- 2013 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2014 Associate in Applied Science, Aircraft Maintenance Technology, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
- 2014 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Course, by correspondence
- 2015 Professional Manager Certification, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
- 2015 Air Force First Sergeant Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
- 2016 Associate in Applied Science, Human Resource Management, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
- 2017 Advanced Air Advisor Course, JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.
- 2018 Master Resilience Trainer Course, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2018 Air Force Basic Mediation Course, Air Force Negotiation Center, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2020 Bachelor of Science, Applied Management, Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Ariz.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1998–November 1998, Student, Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base (AFB), Texas

2. November 1998–March 1999, Student, Technical Training School, Sheppard AFB, Texas
3. March 1999–October 1999, Aerospace Propulsion Journeyman, 39th Flight Test Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
4. November 1999–September 2004, Aerospace Propulsion Craftsman, 40th Flight Test Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
5. September 2004–September 2006, Quality Assurance Inspector, 46th Maintenance Group, Eglin AFB, Fla.
6. September 2006–April 2009, Lead Aerospace Propulsion Craftsman, 46th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
7. May 2009–May 2013, Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, Jet Engine Intermediate Maintenance/Test Cell, 3rd Maintenance Squadron, Joint-Base (JB) Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
8. April 2013–October 2014, Lead Engine Technician/Support Section Chief, 366th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron/391st Aircraft Maintenance Unit, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho (May 2014–October 2014, Support Section Chief, 391st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii/Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea)
9. October 2014–September 2015, Test Cell Section Chief/Additional Duty First Sergeant, 366th Component Maintenance Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
10. September 2015–April 2016, First Sergeant, 366th Comptroller Squadron and Wing Staff Agencies, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
11. April 2016–May 2018, First Sergeant, 366th Operations Group, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho (November 2017–May 2018, First Sergeant, 370th Air Expeditionary Advisory Group, Baghdad, Iraq)
12. May 2018–July 2018, First Sergeant, 366th Fighter Wing A-Staff, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
13. July 2018–Present, Director of Operations, Air Force First Sergeant Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal with "C" device and three oak leaf clusters

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2005 46th Test Wing Lieutenant General Leo Marquez Award

2009 Noncommissioned Officer Academy Distinguished Graduate

2009 3rd Maintenance Group Noncommissioned Officer of the Year

2013 366th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Support Noncommissioned Officer of the Year

2016 366th Operations Group First Sergeant of the Year

2017 366th Fighter Wing Lance P. Sijan U.S. Air Force Leadership Award

2017 Twelfth Air Force First Sergeant of the Year

2019 Ira C. Eaker Center for Leadership Development First Sergeant of the Year

2019 Ira C. Eaker Center for Leadership Development Award for Leadership

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic Sept. 23, 1998

Airman First Class Nov. 7, 1998

Senior Airman March 7, 2001

Staff Sergeant Feb. 1, 2003

Technical Sergeant March 1, 2009

Master Sergeant Feb. 1, 2014

Senior Master Sergeant June 1, 2019

(Current as of October 2020)