



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT LUTHER B. HOLSONBACK

SMSGt Luther B. Holsonback is the Director of Operations at the United States Air Force First Sergeant Academy, Barnes Center for Enlisted Education, Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base (AFB), Montgomery, Alabama. His duties include developing and delivering curriculum to prospective First Sergeants.

Sergeant Holsonback grew up in Hephzibah, Georgia. He entered the Air Force on Oct 1997 and graduated from the Fuels Apprentice Specialist Course in November 1998. His career has included assignments in Japan, North Carolina, Portugal and Florida. He has participated in several contingencies in support of Air Force Operations to include; Operations Northern and Southern Watch, Iraqi/Enduring Freedom and Inherent Resolve. In 2013, he was selected to be a First Sergeant and served as the First Sergeant for the 45th Security Forces Squadron, followed by the 45th Medical Group. In November 2015, he deployed serving as the First Sergeant for the 332nd Air Expeditionary Group, Ahmed Al Jaber Air Base (AB), Kuwait. Sergeant Holsonback was assigned to the First Sergeant Academy in July 2016.

EDUCATION

- 1997 Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
- 1998 Fuels Apprentice Specialist Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas
- 1999 Air Transportable Hydrant Fuels System Course, Yokota AB, Japan
- 2002 Airman Leadership School, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
- 2006 Associate in Applied Science, Logistics, CCAF
- 2007 Associate in Applied Science, Instructor of Technology and Military Science, CCAF
- 2008 Occupational Instructor Certification, CCAF
- 2009 Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, McGhee Tyson, Knoxville Tenn
- 2010 Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, by Correspondence
- 2011 Community College of the Air Force Instructor Certification Level II, CCAF
- 2012 Community College of the Air Force Professional Manager Certification, CCAF
- 2012 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Course
- 2013 USAF First Sergeant Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala
- 2014 Associate in Applied Science, Human Resource Management, CCAF
- 2014 Bachelor of Arts, Human Resource Management, American Military University
- 2017 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Course II
- 2017 Community College of the Air Force Instructor Certification Level III, CCAF

ASSIGNMENTS

1. February 1998 – March 2001, Fuels Mobility Support Supervisor, Yokota AB Japan



- (May - July 1999, Deployed in Support of Cope Thunder, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska)
(March - July 2000, Deployed in Support of Operation Northern Watch, Incirlik AB, Turkey)
2. March 2001 – December 2005, NCOIC Fuels Administration, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
(June 2003 - October 2003, Deployed in Support of OIF/OEF, Al Udeid AB, Qatar)
 3. December 2005 - June 2006, Executive Assistant for 4 FW Command Chief, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
 4. June 2006 - April 2011, Airman Leadership School Instructor, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
 5. May 2011 - May 2013, Airman Leadership School Commandant, Lajes Field Azores, Portugal
 6. May 2013 - June 2014, First Sergeant, 45th Security Forces Squadron, Patrick AFB, Fla
 7. June 2014 – July 2016, First Sergeant, 45th Medical Group, Patrick AFB, Fla
(November 2014 - May 2015, First Sergeant, 332nd Air Expeditionary Group, Ahmed Al Jaber AB, Kuwait)
 8. July 2016 – Present, Instructor, United States Air Force First Sergeant Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Alabama

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

PACAF Junior Fuels Technician of the Year 1999
PACAF Supply Professional of the Year 2000
374th Supply Squadron Logistics Provider of the Year 2001
4th Fighter Wing Fuels NCO of the Year 2005
4th FSS NCO of the Year 2008
John L. Levitow Award Recipient, NCO Academy 2009
USAF First Sergeant Academy "Top Graduate" Award 2013
45th SW Spirit of Hope 2013
45th SW First Sergeant of the Year 2013
45th SW CMSgt Fred Archer Award 2015
45th SW Lance P. Sijan Award 2015
45th SW First Sergeant of the Year 2015
Barnes Center First Sergeant of the Year 2017

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman April 1, 1998
Airman First Class Feb. 1, 1999
Senior Airman April 1, 2000
Staff Sergeant April 1, 2002
Technical Sergeant Jan. 9, 2008
Master Sergeant Feb. 1, 2013
Senior Master Sergeant Dec. 1, 2016

(Current as of 14 Aug 18)