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SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT DAVID M. SIMMONS

SMSgt David M. Simmons is the Director of Operations at the Air Force First Sergeant Academy, Ira C. Eaker Center for Leadership Development, Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama. In this role, he oversees all operations within the First Sergeant Academy, ensuring the effective development, education, and training of over 700 newly selected first sergeants per year. The Air Force 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 Airman and families across the Air Force.

He entered the Air Force in November 2005 and graduated from the Hydraulic Systems Apprentice Course in April 2006. His background includes various positions in aircraft maintenance and production on multiple airframes to include F-15, C-5, C-17, and KC-135. His assignments include bases in North Carolina, Spain, Kansas, Germany, Arkansas, and Alabama. Sergeant Simmons has multiple expeditionary deployments in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, NEW DAWN, RESOLUTE SUPPORT, and FREEDOM'S SENTINEL. In 2020 he was selected to become a First Sergeant and in July 2023, Sergeant Simmons was assigned to the Air Force First Sergeant Academy. Prior to his current position, the senior master sergeant was the First Sergeant, 19th Operations Support Squadron, Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas.



EDUCATION

2006 Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force base (AFB), Texas
2010 Airman Leadership School, Aviano Air Base (AB), Italy
2012 Bachelor of Arts, Supply Chain Management, Ashford University, Clinton, Iowa
2014 Associate of Applied Science, Aircraft Maintenance Technology, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
2015 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education, Suffolk, Va., by correspondence
2015 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Kapaun Air Station, Germany
2016 Maintenance Supervision and Production Course, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.
2018 Master of Project Management, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, N.C.
2019 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II, Suffolk, Va., by correspondence
2019 Professional Manager Certification, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
2020 Air Force First Sergeant Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
2020 Project Management Institute-Agile Certified Practitioner Certification, Project Management Institute, Philadelphia, Pa.
2020 Associate of Applied Science, Human Resource Management, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
2021 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
2021 Project Management Professional Certification, Project Management Institute, Philadelphia, Pa.
2024 Master of Business Administration, Information Technology, Western Governors University, Salt Lake City, Utah





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ASSIGNMENTS

1. November 2005–January 2006, Trainee, Lackland Air Force Base (AFB), Texas
2. January 2006–March 2006, Student, 364th Training Squadron, Sheppard AFB, Texas
3. March 2006–June 2009, Hydraulic Systems Journeyman, 4th Component Maintenance Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C. (September 2007–January 2008, Hydraulic Systems Journeyman, Bagram Air Base (AB), Afghanistan)
4. June 2009–August 2010, Aircraft Hydraulic Systems Journeyman, 725th Air Mobility Squadron, Rota Naval Air Station (NAS), Spain
5. August 2010–June 2012, Maintenance Operations Center Senior Controller, 725th Air Mobility Squadron, Rota NAS, Spain
6. June 2012–July 2015, Assistant Flying Crew Chief Hydraulic Craftsman, 22d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, McConnell AFB, Kan. (January 2013–April 2013, Hydraulic Systems Craftsman, Al-Udeid AB, Qatar)
7. July 2015–February 2016, Lead Technician, 22d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, McConnell AFB, Kan.
9. February 2016–October 2017, Flightline Expediter, 726th Air Mobility Squadron, Spangdahlem AB, Germany
10. October 2017–January 2019, Section Chief, 726th Air Mobility Squadron, Spangdahlem AB, Germany
11. January 2019–September 2019, Production Superintendent, 726th Air Mobility Squadron, Spangdahlem AB, Germany
12. September 2019–June 2020, Programs Flight Chief, 314th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
13. June 2020–September 2021, First Sergeant, 19th Communication Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
14. September 2021–July 2023, First Sergeant, 19th Operations Support Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
15. July 2023–September 2024, Instructor, Air Force First Sergeant Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
16. September 2024–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 with oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic November 21, 2005
Airman May 21, 2006
Airman First Class March 21, 2007
Senior Airman May 21, 2008
Staff Sergeant May 1, 2010
Technical Sergeant April 1, 2015
Master Sergeant June 1, 2018
Senior Master Sergeant August 1, 2023

(Current as of November 2024)

