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ACC F-15 STRIKE EAGLE DEMO TEAM



The F-15E Strike Eagle is a dual-role fighter designed to perform air-to-air and air-to-ground missions. An array of avionics and electronics systems gives the F-15E the capability to fight at low altitude, day or night, and in all weather.

The aircraft uses two crew members, a pilot and a weapon systems officer. Previous models of the F-15 are assigned air-to-air roles; the "E" model is a dual-role fighter. It has the capability to fight its way to a target over long ranges, destroy enemy ground positions and fight its way out.

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MAJOR MICHAEL "CASH" AEDER

Major Michael R. Maeder is the Air Combat Command's Strike Eagle Demonstration Team pilot and Commander. As the Demonstration pilot, he showcases America's F-15E Strike Eagle to more than seven million people at approximately 65 shows around the world. He is currently assigned as an F-15E instructor pilot with the 4th Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.



Major Maeder was born in Great Falls, Montana. He graduated from Central High School in Brooksville, Fla. in 1994. In 1998, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree specializing in Computer Science from the University of Florida. Major Maeder then completed Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training at Vance AFB, Oklahoma in the T-37 and T-38. Upon graduation, Major Maeder completed Pilot Instructor Training at Randolph AFB, TX to return to Vance AFB as an instructor in the T-37. After one year, he transitioned to the T-6A as an initial cadre instructor for the Joint Primary Pilot Training program at Moody AFB, Ga. He then trained in the F-15E at Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C. Next, Major Maeder was sent to the 494th Fighter Squadron at RAF Lakenheath, UK where he deployed to Southwest Asia in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. Leaving as a Flight Commander, Major Maeder was assigned to Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C. where he is an F-15E Instructor Pilot and the Strike Eagle Demonstration Team Pilot.

EDUCATION

1998 Bachelor of Science Degree, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.

1998 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2003 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1998 - January 1999, Scheduling Officer, 68th FS, Moody AFB, Ga.
2. January 1999 - July 1999, student pilot, T-37B, 8th FTS, Vance AFB, Okla.
3. July 1999 - January 2000, student pilot, T-38B, 25th FTS, Vance AFB, Okla.
4. January 2000 - June 2001, Scheduling Officer, Instructor Pilot, T-37B 33d FTS, Vance AFB, Okla.
5. June 2001 - September 2003, Training Officer, Check Pilot, Instructor Pilot, T-6A, 3d FTS, Moody AFB, Ga.
6. September 2003 - June 2004, student, F-15E, 334th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
7. June 2004 - February 2007, Chief of Training, Flight Commander, 4-Ship Flight Lead, F-15E, 494th Fighter Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, UK
8. February 2007 - August 2007, student, F-15E Instructor Course, 333d Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

MAJOR MICHAEL "CASH" AEDER -

ASSIGNMENTS cont....

9. August 2007 - October 2008, Security Manager, Assistant Director of Operations, Instructor Pilot, F-15E, 333d Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
10. October 2008 - October 2009, Chief of Contract Aircrew Training, Evaluator Pilot, F-15E, Detachment 15, Air Combat Command Training Support Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
11. October 2009 - present, Strike Eagle Demonstration Team Pilot and Commander, 4th Operations Group, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Pilot
Flight hours: Approx. 3000 hours
F-15E Flight hours: Approx. 1500 hours
Combat hours: 564 hours
Aircraft flown: T-37B, T-6A, T-38B/C, F-15E

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Medal, three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal, one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal
Meritorious Unit Award
AF Outstanding Unit Award
Combat Readiness Medal
National Defense Service Medal
Iraqi Campaign Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 1998
First Lieutenant May 2000
Captain May 2002
Major Feb. 2008

(Current as of March 2010)

CAPTAIN STEVEN M. "BUDA" BOFFERDING

Captain Steven M. Bofferding is the Air Combat Command's Strike Eagle Demonstration Team Weapon Systems Officer (WSO). As the Demonstration WSO, he showcases America's F-15E Strike Eagle to more than seven million people at approximately 65 air shows around the world. He is currently assigned as an F-15E evaluator WSO with the 4th Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.



Captain Bofferding was born in Bloomington, Indiana. He graduated from Plano Senior High School in Plano, Texas in 1997. In 2001, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree specializing in Economics from the University of Oklahoma. In 2011, Captain Bofferding completed a Master of Arts degree specializing in International Relations from the University of Oklahoma. Captain Bofferding accomplished Joint Undergraduate Navigator Training at Naval Air Station Pensacola in the T-34, T-1, and T-39. Upon graduation, Captain Bofferding completed Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals at Moody AFB, Georgia in the T-38. He then trained in the F-15E at Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C. where he was later assigned to the 336th Fighter Squadron at Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C. During this time, he deployed to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and served as the Chief of Safety. Captain Bofferding's following assignment was to the 492d Fighter Squadron at RAF Lakenheath, UK where he deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Captain Bofferding is currently assigned to Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C. as an evaluator WSO and the Strike Eagle Demonstration Team WSO.

EDUCATION

2001 Bachelor of Arts Degree, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla.

2008 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2011 Master of Arts Degree, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 2002 - December 2002, student navigator, T-34C, T-1, VT-4, NAS Pensacola, Fla.
2. December 2002 - May 2003, student navigator, T-39, VT-86, NAS Pensacola, Fla.
3. May 2003 - September 2003, student WSO, T-38C, 49 FTS, Moody AFB, Ga.
4. September 2003 - May 2004, student WSO, F-15E, 334 FS, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
5. June 2004 - May 2007, Safety Officer, Chief of Safety, Instructor WSO, 336 FS, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
6. May 2007 - May 2008, Chief of Mission Planning, 492 FS, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom
7. May 2008 - January 2009, Assistant Chief of Stan Eval, Evaluator WSO, 48th Operations Group, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom
8. January 2009 - April 2010, Flight Commander, 492 FS, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom

CAPTAIN STEVEN "BUDA" BOFFERDING -

ASSIGNMENTS cont....

9. May 2010 - February 2011, Assistant Director of Operations, 334 FS, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

10. February 2011 - present, Strike Eagle Demonstration Team WSO, 4th Operations Group, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Navigator

Flight Hours: 1900 hours

F-15E Flight Hours: 1600 hours

Combat Hours: 505 hours

Aircraft Flown: T-34C, T-1A, T-39, T-38C, F-15E

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

Meritorious Unit Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Outstanding Unit Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Air Force Expeditionary Service Medal with Gold Border

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant December 2001

First Lieutenant December 2003

Captain December 2005

(Current as of February 2011)

MASTER SERGEANT MICHAEL E PATE

Master Sergeant Pate is the Noncommissioned Officer in Charge for Air Combat Command's F-15E Strike Eagle Demonstration Team, assigned to the 4th Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C. He is responsible for representing Air Combat Command, U.S. Air Force and the Department of Defense for more than 25 air shows annually. He is also responsible for coordination of all logistical planning of aerial events for the Strike Eagle Demo Team. Master Sgt. Pate is from Winston-Salem, N.C. He entered the Air Force in 1989 and completed basic military training at Lackland AFB, Texas. Master Sgt. Pate attended technical training at Sheppard AFB, Texas. He graduated as a Tactical Aircraft Maintenance Specialist on the F-15C Eagle.



Following completion of technical training, Master Sgt. Pate was assigned to the 27th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, Langley AFB Va., as an F-15C Assistant Dedicated Crew Chief. During his time at Langley, Master Sgt. Pate was deployed to Dhahran, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from Aug. 1990 to March 1991 in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Upon completion of his tour at Langley AFB in 1992, Master Sgt. Pate was reassigned to the 494th Aircraft Maintenance Unit at RAF Lakenheath, UK. Master Sgt. Pate was integral in the inaugural arrival of the first F-15E in the 494th AMU. In 1995 Master Sgt. Pate was reassigned to the 335th AMU at Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C. During this time, he deployed with 335th AMU on the first ever deployment to Doha International Airport, Qatar. This deployment would be the humble beginnings Al Eudid Air Base, Qatar. Master Sgt. Pate continued his career from 1998 to 2002 at Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan. He returned to Langley AFB, Va. for a second tour lasting from 2002 to 2007. He was deployed to Tabuk AB, Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, only four months after arrival. Additionally, during this period, Master Sgt. Pate helped the 71st AMU in managing 58 F-15C/D aircraft during the acceptance of the Air Force's next generation fighter, the F-22, to Langley AFB. During this period, the 71st AMU had the world's 5th largest Air Force in the world. In 2007, Master Sgt. Pate was chosen to serve as a Maintenance Liaison at King Fahad AB, Saudi Arabia. Finally, in 2008, Master Sgt. Pate returned to Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C. In January 2010 he was recognized at the Group level by earning the 2009 Lt. General Leo Marquez Award. His outstanding maintenance practices led him to be handpicked as the Team Chief for the F-15E Demonstration Team.

MASTER SERGEANT MICHAEL E PATE -

ASSIGNMENTS

1. 1990 - 1992, Langley AFB, Va.
2. 1992 - 1995, RAF Lakenheath, UK
3. 1995 - 1998, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
4. 1998 - 2002, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa Japan
5. 2002 - 2007, Langley AFB, Va.
6. 2007 - 2008, King Fahad Air Base, Taif, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
7. 2008 - Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with one device
Air Force Commendation Medal with one device
Air Force Achievement Medal with two devices
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor and five devices
National Defense Service Medal with one device
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Southwest Asia Service Medal
Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
2009 4th Maintenance Group Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Award

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Senior Airman Sep. 20, 1992
Staff Sergeant Apr. 1, 1997
Technical Sergeant May 1, 2002
Master Sergeant May 1, 2006

(Current as of April 2010)

TECHNICAL SERGEANT GREGORY WRIGHT

Technical Sergeant Gregory Wright is Non Commissioned Officer in Charge of Air Combat Command's F-15E Strike Eagle Demonstration Team, assigned to the 4th Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C. The team consists of four F-15E aircraft operating out of the 4th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. The team includes one pilot, one Weapons Systems Officer (WSO), two pilot safety observers, two narrators and nine maintenance personnel. Tech. Sgt. Wright is from Charleston, S.C. He enlisted in February 1994. After completing basic training, he reported to Sheppard AFB in Texas for training in aircraft maintenance. He completed training in July 1994.



Following the completion of technical training, Tech Sgt. Wright was assigned to the 2nd fighter squadron at Tyndall AFB, Fla. There, Tech. Sgt. Wright directly contributed in the training of the world's most superior fighter pilots in the world. Next he was assigned to 493rd FS RAF Lakenheath, UK from 1998-2001. While there, his superior maintenance skills helped the 333rd win the Hughes trophy, which recognize the best fighter squadron in the Air Force two years in a row. His assignment for the next eight years was Eglin AFB, Fla. where he received many awards and medals which included NCO of the Quarter and two Commendation medals. Tech. Sgt. Wright saw the end to an era when the doors to the world famous 33rd FW "NOMADS" were closed. This sent Sergeant Wright to Seymour Johnson AFB N.C., where after six months, he was hand-picked to be assistant team chief on the Strike Eagle Demonstration Team.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. 1994 - 1998, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
2. 1998 - 2001, RAF Lakenheath, UK
3. 2001 - 2009, Eglin AFB, Fla.
4. 2009 - Present, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Air Force Outstanding Unit
National Defense Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism
Humanitarian Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Senior Airman February 1997
Staff Sergeant September 2001
Technical Sergeant October 2007
(Current as of Mar 2010)

STAFF SERGEANT MATTHEW J. OLIVER

Staff Sergeant Matthew J. Oliver is a Dedicated Crew Chief for Air Combat Command's F-15E Strike Eagle Demonstration Team, assigned to the 4th Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C. He is directly responsible for the safety of flight, operational status and oversees all maintenance performed on four F-15E aircraft assigned to the Demonstration Team and valued at 54 million dollars.

Staff Sgt. Oliver is from Lexington, Kentucky. He entered the Air Force in March 2003 and completed basic military training at Lackland AFB, Texas. Staff Sgt. Oliver attended technical training at Sheppard AFB, Texas and completed his training at Tyndall AFB, Florida where he graduated as a Tactical Aircraft Maintenance Apprentice on the F-15E Strike Eagle.



Following completion of technical training, Staff Sgt. Oliver was assigned to the 90th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. During his time with the 90th he deployed twice. He was hand-picked to deploy to Gwangju Air Base, Republic of Korea in August of 2004 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and in May 2006, he volunteered to deploy to Anderson AFB, Guam in support of Operation Valiant Shield. From November 2006 to November 2010, Staff Sgt. Oliver was reassigned to the 4th Fighter Wing, 333rd AMU, Seymour Johnson, AFB, North Carolina. During this tenure Staff Sgt. Oliver supported Operation Noble Eagle in spring 2009, providing air patrols during the launch of the space shuttle Atlantis. He volunteered to deploy to Bagram Air Field with the 335th Expeditionary AMU in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in September 2009, and was a member of the Seymour Johnson AFB hurricane evacuation team. Finally, in November 2010, he was hand-selected to Air Combat Command's F-15E Strike Eagle Demonstration Team as a Dedicated Crew Chief.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. 2003 - 2006, Elmendorf AFB, AK
2. 2006 - Present, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Achievement Medal

Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one Oak Leaf Cluster

AF Good Conduct Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster

National Defense Service Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one Campaign Star

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Korean Defense Service Medal

AF Overseas Ribbon Long

STAFF SERGEANT MATTHEW J. OLIVER –

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS cont...

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border and two Oak Leaf Clusters

AF Longevity Service USAF NCO PME Graduate Ribbon

AF Training Ribbon

NATO Medal

2010 4th Maintenance Group NCO of the Quarter

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Senior Airman September 2005

Staff Sergeant March 2008

(Current as of March 2011)

STAFF SERGEANT CRAIG A. WYMAN

Staff Sergeant Craig A. Wyman is a Jet Engine Specialist for Air Combat Command's F-15E Strike Eagle Demonstration Team, assigned to the 4th Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C. He is directly responsible for the troubleshooting and maintenance of the eight Pratt and Whitney F-100-220E jet engines onboard four F-15E Strike Eagle aircraft, valued at \$25.6 million. Additionally, he serves as the narrating voice of the demonstration team.

Staff Sergeant Wyman is from Auburn, Alabama. He entered the Air Force in January 2000 and completed basic military training at Lackland AFB, Texas. Staff Sergeant Wyman attended technical training at Sheppard AFB, Texas and graduated as an Aerospace Propulsion Apprentice on the F-15E Strike Eagle.



Following completion of technical training, Staff Sergeant Wyman was assigned to 4th CRS engine back shop at Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C. In 2004, after being promoted to Staff Sergeant, he was hand-selected to be an instructor for the First Term Airman Center. There he certified over 460 newly assigned Airmen for worldwide qualification. After his tenure as an instructor, he returned to the engine back shop where he took the position of crew chief for Jet Engine Intermediate Maintenance. There he oversaw the complete tear-down and build-up of over 200 engines. In April 2006, he voluntarily accepted the responsibility of guarding priority aircraft as an augmentee with the 4FW Security Forces. He returned to the engine back shop after 12 months of service with the Security Forces, and in April 2008, was assigned to the 333rd AMU as Lead Engine Specialist overseeing nine technicians and engine maintenance on 26 aircraft. In November 2010, he was selected to the Air Combat Command's F-15E Strike Eagle Demonstration Team. Staff Sergeant Wyman was awarded his CCAF Degree in Aviation Maintenance Technology in October 2008.

ASSIGNMENTS

2000 - Present, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Unit Award

AF Outstanding Unit Award with three Oak Leaf Clusters

AF Good Conduct Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters

National Defense Service Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

AF Longevity Service with one Oak Leaf Cluster

USAF NCO PME Graduate Ribbon

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon

AF Training Ribbon (Current as of March 2011)

STAFF SERGEANT RYAN E. FORSSE

Staff Sergeant Ryan E. Forsse is a Dedicated Crew Chief for Air Combat Command's F-15E Strike Eagle Demonstration Team, assigned to the 4th Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C. He is directly responsible for the safety of flight, operational status and oversees all maintenance performed on four F-15E aircraft assigned to the Demonstration Team valued at 54 million dollars. The team includes one Demo pilot, one Weapons System Officer (WSO), two pilot safety observers, two narrators and nine maintenance personnel.



Staff Sgt. Forsse is from Wichita Kansas. He entered the Air Force in April 2002 and completed basic military training at Lackland AFB, Texas. Staff Sgt. Forsse attended technical training at Sheppard AFB, Texas, and completed his training at Tyndall AFB, Florida. Staff Sgt. Forsse graduated as a Tactical Aircraft Maintenance Apprentice on the F-15E Strike Eagle.

Following completion of technical training, Staff Sgt. Forsse was assigned to the 333rd FS, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C. as an Assistant Dedicated Crew Chief in December 2002. In January 2004 He was selected for an assignment to the 90th Aircraft Maintenance unit Elmendorf AFB, AK. In August of 2004 he was picked to deploy to Gwangju Air Base, Republic of Korea in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Again in May 2006 he volunteered to deploy to Anderson AFB Guam in support of operation Valiant shield. Upon return from his deployment he was reassigned to the 19th FS where he was awarded the 3rd Maintenance group Dedicated Crew Chief Technician/Supervisor of the quarter Apr - Jun 07. After his 5 year tour in Alaska Staff Sgt. Forsse was reassigned to the 4th fighter Wing 333rd AMU June 2009. Then in January 2010 he was hand selected after only being assigned to Seymour Johnson for 6 months to the Air Combat Command's F-15E Strike Eagle Demonstration Team as Assistant Lead Dedicated Crew Chief.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. 2002 - 2004, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
2. 2004 - 2009, Elmendorf AFB, AK
3. 2009 - Present, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

MAJOR AWARDS

Air Force Commendation Medal
AF Outstanding Unit Award with three Oak Leaf Clusters
AF Good Conduct Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster
National Defense Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Korean Defense Service Medal

STAFF SERGEANT RYAN E. FORSSE

MAJOR AWARDS cont....

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon
AF Longevity Service
USAF NCO PME Graduate Ribbon
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon
AF Training Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Senior Airman Sep.24, 2004
Staff Sergeant Jul. 1, 2006

STAFF SERGEANT HAI T HO

Staff Sergeant Ho is an Avionic Systems Specialist for Air Combat Command's F-15E Strike Eagle Demonstration Team, assigned to the 4th Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C. He is directly responsible for the maintenance of all avionics systems onboard four F-15E aircraft assigned to the demonstration team.



Staff Sgt. Ho is from Irving, Texas. He entered the Air Force in 2003 and completed basic military training at Lackland AFB, Texas. Staff Sgt. Ho attended technical training at Keesler AFB, Mississippi, and completed his training at Sheppard AFB, Texas. Staff Sgt. Ho graduated as an Attack/Control Systems Apprentice on the F-15 Eagle.

Following completion of technical training, Staff Sgt. Ho was assigned to the 90th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, Elmendorf AFB, AK as an F-15E Avionics Systems Specialist. During his time at Elmendorf AFB, Staff Sgt. Ho was a key player in the Operation Valiant Shield, the largest military exercise conducted by the United States in the Pacific since the Vietnam era. Staff Sgt. Ho was later reassigned to the 336th Aircraft Maintenance Unit at Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C. where he was recognized in the spring of 2009 as the 4th AMXS NCO of the Quarter. Once stationed at Seymour Johnson AFB, Staff Sgt. Ho deployed to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan in April 2009 to September 2009 to support Operation Enduring Freedom. In December 2009 he was hand selected as the Avionics Systems Specialist for the F-15E Demonstration Team.

ASSIGNMENTS

2004 - 2007, Elmendorf AFB, AK

2007 - present, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Achievement Medal

4th AMXS NCO of the Quarter

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Senior Airman: October 2006

Staff Sergeant: August 1, 2008

(Current as of Mar 2010)

STAFF SERGEANT NATHAN D KRUEGER

Staff Sergeant Nathan D. Krueger is a Dedicated Crew Chief for Air Combat Command's F-15E Strike Eagle Demonstration Team, assigned to the 4th Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C. He is directly responsible for the safety of flight, operational status and oversees all maintenance performed on four F-15E aircraft assigned to the Demonstration Team valued at 54 million dollars. The team includes one Demo pilot, one Weapons system Officer (WSO), two pilot safety observers, two narrators and nine maintenance personnel.



Staff Sgt. Krueger is from Saint Louis, Mo. He entered the Air Force in September 2000 and completed basic military training at Lackland AFB, TX. Staff Sgt. Krueger attended technical training at Sheppard AFB, TX, and completed his training at Tyndall AFB, Fla. Staff Sgt. Krueger graduated as a Tactical Aircraft Maintenance Apprentice on the F-15E Strike Eagle.

Following completion of technical training, in June 2001, Staff Sgt. Krueger was assigned to the 67th FS, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan as an Assistant Dedicated Crew Chief on F-15C/D models. While assigned to the 67th FS Staff Sgt. Krueger deployed to Prince Sultan AB, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Southern Watch. He was then assigned to the 4th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, where he was assigned as an F-15E Dedicated Crew Chief in the 333rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit. In July 2007 Staff Sgt. Krueger deployed to Kirkuk Regional AB, Iraq while attached to the 506th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Staff Sgt. Krueger was awarded Non-Commissioned Officer of the month for the 506th ESFS. He also received the Air Force Achievement medal for deterring and stopping an unauthorized vehicle from entering the base by discharging warning shots. Staff Sgt. Krueger was then assigned to the 4th Fighter Wing as an Expeditionary Combat Skills instructor. While stationed at Seymour Johnson AFB he has participated in Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. His outstanding maintenance practices led him to be handpicked in September 2009 as the Dedicated Crew Chief for the F-15E Strike Eagle Demonstration Team.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. 2001 - 2003, Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan
2. 2003 - Present, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

MAJOR AWARDS

Air Force Achievement Medal
Meritorious Unit Award,
AF Outstanding Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster,

STAFF SERGEANT NATHAN D KRUEGER

MAJOR AWARDS cont....

AF Good Conduct Medal with two oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Iraq Campaign Medal with bronze star

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

AF Overseas Ribbon Long

AF Expeditionary Service Ribbon with gold border and one oak leaf cluster

AF Longevity Service with one oak leaf cluster

USAF NCO PME Graduate Ribbon

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with bronze star

AF Training Ribbon

2004 4th Maintenance Group Airman of the Quarter

2007 506th Expeditionary Security Forces NCO of the Month

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Senior Airman Feb. 27, 2003

Staff Sergeant Dec. 1, 2005

(Current as of Mar 2010)

SENIOR AIRMAN BLAKELEY A. MURDOCK

Senior Airman Blakeley A. Murdock is a Dedicated Crew Chief for Air Combat Command's F-15E Strike Eagle Demonstration Team, assigned to the 4th Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C. She is directly responsible for the safety of flight, operational status and oversees all maintenance performed on four F-15E aircraft assigned to the Demonstration Team and valued at 216 million dollars.

Senior Airman Murdock is from Aledo, Illinois. She entered the Air Force in May 2008 and completed basic military training at Lackland AFB, Texas in July 2008. She attended technical training at Sheppard AFB, Texas, and completed her training at Tyndall AFB, Florida in December 2008. SrA Murdock graduated as a Tactical Aircraft Maintenance Apprentice on the F-15E Strike Eagle.



Following completion of technical training, SrA Murdock was assigned to the 333rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C., as an F-15E Assistant Dedicated Crew Chief in January 2009. Within six months of being assigned to the 333rd AMU, after nomination by the pilots of the fighter squadron, she received the Top Maintainer Award. Her quest for excellence was recognized when she was selected as Assistant Dedicated Crew Chief of the Month for October 2009. In the spring of 2010, SrA Murdock continued to excel by supporting missions for Operation Noble Eagle to include securing air space for the launch of Space Shuttle Atlantis. She was also hand-picked as member of the hurricane evacuation team that executed the relocation of fifty F-15E's to Eglin AFB in September 2010. Finally in November 2010, she was selected to the Air Combat Command's F-15E Strike Eagle Demonstration Team as a Dedicated Crew Chief. Senior Airman Murdock holds the distinction of being the first female maintainer selected to the F-15E Strike Eagle Demonstration Team.

ASSIGNMENTS

2009- present, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

National Defense Service Medal
Meritorious Unit Award
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Air Force Training Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Senior Airman November 2010

(Current as of Jan 2011)

SENIOR AIRMAN JAMES E THOMPSON

Senior Airman James E. Thompson is a Dedicated Crew Chief for the Air Combat Command's F-15E Strike Eagle Demonstration Team, assigned to the 4th Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C. The team consists of four F-15E aircraft operating out of the 4th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. The team includes one demo pilot, one Weapons system Officer (WSO), two pilot safety observers, two narrators and nine maintenance personnel.

Senior Airman Thompson is from Aurora, Colo. He enlisted in the Air Force in August 2006, completed basic military training at Lackland AFB, TX in October 2006 and technical training at Sheppard AFB, TX in March 2007.

Following completion of technical training, Senior Airman Thompson was assigned to the 336th FS, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C. as an Assistant Dedicated Crew Chief in May of 2007. Shortly after arriving in the 336th FS Senior Airman Thompson deployed to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. While still in the 336th FS, he was then assigned Dedicated Crew Chief of Aircraft 89-0501 after being promoted to Senior Airman Below the Zone in August 2008. In January 2009 Senior Airman Thompson then deployed to Manas, AB Kyrgyzstan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, while performing TCN security duty there. In December 2009, he was then selected to the Air Combat Command's F-15E Strike Eagle Demonstration Team as a Dedicated Crew Chief.



ASSIGNMENTS

1. 2007- Present, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Achievement Medal
National Defense Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon
AF Outstanding Unit Award with One Cluster
NATO Service Medal
Afghanistan Campaign Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OR PROMOTION

Senior Airman Aug. 2008

(Current as of Mar 2010)