



# BIOGRAPHY



*UNITED STATES AIR FORCE*

## SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT WILLIAM C. HARLAN

Senior Master Sergeant William C. Harlan is the Squadron Superintendent of the 36th Communications Squadron at Andersen AFB, Guam. He leads 150 military and US civilians dispersed throughout 17 command, control and communications systems facilities valued at \$86 million dollars and executes a \$1.1 million dollar budget. He is the commander's advisor for personnel, enlisted force management, equipment readiness, and day-to-day operations vital to communications and information services that include network, telephone, and radio systems; records management; and project management critical to the 36th Wing, and the Joint Region Marianas to support INDOPACOM's Continuous Bomber Presence and Theater Security Package. He is instrumental in decisions that affect readiness, technical and professional development, utilization, and morale and welfare for all information dominance professionals.



SMSgt Harlan grew up in Honey Grove, TX and entered the Air Force in February of 1996. He graduated Electronic Switching Systems and Airborne Warning and Control System training from Keesler AFB, MS in December of 1996. He directly supported Operations NORTHERN WATCH, SOUTHERN WATCH, ENDURING FREEDOM, and IRAQI FREEDOM while deployed to Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Africa, Iraq, and Afghanistan. SMSgt Harlan also served in an overseas short-tour to Turkey and a long-tour to Germany. Prior to his current assignment, he served as the Superintendent of the Operations Directorate and Air Force Senior Enlisted Advisor, Defense Information Systems Agency, Europe.

### EDUCATION

2001 Airman Leadership School, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma  
2004 Associate of Applied Science Degree, Electronic Systems Technology, Community College of the Air Force  
2008 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, TN  
2010 Special Operations Radio Operators Course, Ft Bragg, NC  
2015 USAF Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell Air Force Base Gunter Annex, AL  
2017 Bachelors of Science Degree, Computer Networks and Security, University of Maryland

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. February 1996 – March 1996, Student, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. March 1996 – December 1996, Trainee, Electronic Switching Systems Technical School, Keesler AFB, Ms.
3. December 1996 – September 2002, Computer, Network, Switching, and Cryptographic Systems Journeyman, 552 Component Repair Squadron, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma
4. September 2002 – September 2005, Maintenance Training Manager, 39 Communications Squadron, Incirlik AB, Turkey
5. September 2005 – September 2009, NCOIC, Network Infrastructure, 4 Communications Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina
6. September 2009 – August 2014, Superintendent, Communications, DATA MASKED
7. August 2014 – July 2017, Air Force Senior Enlisted Advisor and Superintendent, Operations Division, Defense Information Systems Agency – Europe, Stuttgart-Vaihingen, Germany
8. July 2017 – Present, 36 Communications Squadron, Andersen AFB, Guam

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Bronze Star  
Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Meritorious Service Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
Joint Meritorious Unit Award  
Gallant Unit Citation  
Meritorious Unit Award  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor and three oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Good Conduct Medal with seven oak leaf clusters  
National Defense Service Medal  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with one service star  
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one service star  
Iraqi Campaign Medal with one service star  
Global War on Terror Expeditionary Service Medal  
Global War on Terror Service Medal  
Humanitarian Service Medal  
Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal  
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal  
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border  
NATO Medal

## **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

2004 USAFE IG Best Practice  
2004 Communications-Electronics Systems Outstanding NCO, 39 Air Base Wing  
2004 NCO of the Year, 39 Communications Squadron  
2006 NCO of the Quarter, 4 Fighter Wing  
2006 Lance P. Sijan Award, 4 Fighter Wing  
2006 Communications Information Professionalism Award, 4 Fighter Wing  
2007 Communications Information Professionalism Award, 4 Fighter Wing  
2008 Distinguished Graduate, NCOA  
2009 NCO of the Quarter, 4 Communications Squadron  
2010 Communications-Electronics Systems SNCO of the Year, DATA MASKED (HHQ)  
2011 Air Force Outstanding Cyberspace SNCO of the Year, DATA MASKED (HHQ)  
2011 SNCO of the Quarter, DATA MASKED (Squadron)  
2012 SNCO of the Quarter, DATA MASKED (HHQ)  
2012 General John P. Jumper Warfighting Integration SNCO of the Year, DATA MASKED (HHQ)  
2013 Cyberspace Systems SNCO of the Year, DATA MASKED (HHQ)  
2015 SNCO of the Quarter, Defense Information Systems Agency – Europe  
2015 Command Sergeant Major Lane Leadership Award, Defense Information Systems Agency – Europe  
2016 SNCO of the Quarter, Defense Information Systems Agency – Europe  
2017 Supervisor of the Year, Defense Information Systems Agency – Europe  
2017 SNCO of the Year, 36 Mission Support Group  
2018 Lance P. Sijan Award, 36 Communications Squadron  
2019 SNCO of the Quarter, 36 Communications Squadron

## **EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION**

Airman Basic February 7, 1996  
Airman August 7, 1996  
Airman First Class December 7, 1996  
Senior Airman February 7, 1999  
Staff Sergeant December 1, 2001  
Technical Sergeant March 1, 2007  
Master Sergeant June 1, 2011  
Senior Master Sergeant January 1, 2015

(Current as of 1 Jul 2020)