



# BIOGRAPHY

**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

## SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT TRAVIS M. GATCHELL

Senior Master Sergeant Travis Gatchell is the Superintendent, 36th Contingency Response Support Squadron, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. The squadron serves as Pacific Air Forces' sole, combined Air Advisory, Contingency Response and Air Base Opening support unit. In this capacity, he serves as principle advisor to the commander on all issues affecting the Airmen assigned. He leads a diverse group of Airmen from 30 distinct AFSCs charged to build partner nation capacity, provide rapid contingency response, and advance theater security cooperation in support of United States Security Strategy throughout USINDOPACOM.

Senior Master Sergeant Travis Gatchell enlisted in the Air Force in 2001 as a KC-10 Crew Chief and has experience on a variety of airframes including the KC-10, C-5, C-17, and B-2. His background includes KC-10 Flying Crew Chief, Quality Assurance Inspector, Production Expediter, Production Superintendent, Section Chief, Detachment and Squadron Superintendent.



## EDUCATION

- 2004 Airmen Leadership School, Travis AFB, Calif.
- 2006 Aviation Maintenance Craftsman Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas.
- 2013 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, McGee Tyson AFB, Tenn.
- 2015 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Joint PME Correspondence Course
- 2015 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy Correspondence Course
- 2016 Associate's Degree in Aircraft Maintenance Technology, Community College of the Air Force
- 2017 Federal Aviation Association, Airframe & Powerplant License, Aviation Institute of Maintenance
- 2017 Federal Communication Commission, Ground Radio Operators License
- 2018 USAF Senior Noncommissioned Officer, Gunter Annex-Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2019 Bachelors of Arts in Human Resource Management, Ashford University
- 2020 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Joint PME Correspondence Course II

## ASSIGNMENTS

1. Jun 2001-Jul 2001, Trainee, 331st Basic Military Training Sq, Lackland AFB, Texas.

2. Jul 2001-Oct 2001, Student, 362nd Student Training Sq, Sheppard AFB, Texas.
3. Nov 2001-Nov 2005, APG Journeyman, 660<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Sq, Travis AFB, Calif.
4. (Aug 2002-Sept 2002, 908<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Air Refueling Sq, Al Dhafra AB. U.A.E.).
5. (Jan 2003-Mar 2003, 908<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Air Refueling Sq, Al Dhafra AB. U.A.E.).
6. Nov 2005-May 2008, APG Craftsman, 60th Equipment Maintenance Sq, Travis AFB, Calif.
7. (Jan 2007-May 2007, 908<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Air Refueling Sq, Al Dhafra AB. U.A.E.).
8. May 2008-Jul 2011, Quality Assurance Inspector, 730th Aircraft Maintenance Sq, Yokota AFB, Japan.
9. Jul 2011-May 2012, Production Expeditor, 730th Aircraft Maintenance Sq, Yokota AFB, Japan.
10. (Jan 2012-Mar 2012, Production Expeditor, JTF-DGAR, Diego Garcia).
11. May 2015-Apr 2018, Production Superintendent, 509th Acft Maintenance Sq, Whiteman AFB, Mo.
12. Apr 2017-Mar 2018, APG Section Chief, 509th Acft Maintenance Sq, Whiteman AFB, Mo.
13. Mar 2018-Feb 2019, APG Superintendent, 509th Acft Maintenance Sq, Whiteman AFB, Mo.
14. Feb 2019-Oct 2020, AFGSC Detachment 4 Superintendent, Andersen AFB, Guam.
15. Oct 2020-Current, 36 Contingency Response Support Squadron Superintendent, Andersen AFB, Guam.

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal, with three oak leaf clusters  
 Air Force Commendation Medal  
 Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
 Army Achievement Medal  
 National Defense Service Medal  
 Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
 Humanitarian Service Medal  
 Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with 'N' Device, two oak leaf clusters  
 AF Overseas Ribbon Long  
 Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border

2011 515 AMOW Lance P. Sijan NCO Category Leadership Award.  
 2014 AFGSC Nuclear Deterrence Operations Team of the Year  
 2015 509 AMXS Maintenance Professional of the 1st Quarter  
 2016 509 AMXS Maintenance Professional of the 2nd Quarter  
 2017 509 AMXS Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the 2nd Quarter  
 2017 509 AMXS Maintenance Professional of the 3rd Quarter  
 2017 509 MXG Lance P. Sijan SNCO Category Leadership Award  
 2019 8th Air Force Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the 2nd Quarter  
 2019 8th Air Force, Det 4, Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Staff Sergeant	1 August 2005
Technical Sergeant	1 August 2011
Master Sergeant	1 May 2015
Senior Master Sergeant	1 December 2018

(Current as of Oct 2020)