



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT HARLEY J. RICKETTS

Senior Master Sergeant Harley J. Ricketts is the Squadron Superintendent of the 36th Contingency Response Squadron, where he oversees 54 Airmen in 21 diverse Air Force career fields in Pacific Air Force's only dedicated contingency Airbase Opening unit. Sergeant Ricketts graduated from Southern Local High School, Salineville, Ohio, in 1999, and entered the Air Force that same year. Sergeant Ricketts entered the Air Force in 1999 and was assigned to Charleston AFB, S.C. as a C-17 Communication and Navigation System specialist. In 2005 he cross trained to become a Loadmaster and was assigned to Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. As a Loadmaster, he has deployed three times in support of Operation Unified Response, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, earning both Instructor and Evaluator certifications. Sergeant Ricketts served as the Chief Evaluator Loadmaster while stationed at Altus Air Force Base, Okla, responsible for evaluation administration and program oversight for both students and assigned unit personnel. While assigned to 618th Air Operations Center (Tanker Airlift Control Center), Scott Air Force Base, Ill, he served in multiple positions culminating as Superintendent, Mobility Management. During his assignment to Joint Base Charleston he served as Superintendent for both the 15th Airlift Squadron and the 437th Operations Support Squadron.



EDUCATION

- 2003 Airman Leadership School, Charleston AFB, S.C.
- 2010 NCO Academy, Gunter Annex, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2011 Associates degree in Aviation Operations, Community College of the Air Force
- 2011 Associates degree in Avionic System Technology, Community College of the Air Force
- 2011 USAF Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy Course 14
- 2012 Associates degree in Instructor of Technology and Military Science, Community College of the Air Force
- 2016 USAF Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy
- 2017 Bachelors of Science degree in Business Administration with Summa Cum Laude Honors, Trident University International

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 2000 - October 2002, C-17A Aircraft Communication/Navigation System Journeyman, 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Charleston, AFB, S.C.
2. October 2002 - September 2005, C-17A Maintenance Special Operations, 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Charleston AFB, S.C.
3. September 2005 - June 2011, C-17A Instructor Loadmaster, 6th Airlift Squadron, McGuire AFB, N.J.

4. June 2011 - December 2012, Evaluator Loadmaster, 97th Operations Group, Altus AFB, Okla.
5. December 2012 - December 2014, Chief C-17A Evaluator Loadmaster, 97th Operations Group, Altus AFB, Okla.
6. December 2014 - March 2016, Manager, Emerging Mission Support Operations 618 Air Operations Center (Tanker Airlift Control Center), Scott AFB, Ill.
7. March 2016 - November 2016, Section Chief Career Enlisted Aviators, 618th Air Operations Center (Tanker Airlift Control Center), Scott AFB, Ill.
8. November 2016 - October 2017, Superintendent, Mobility Management, 618th Air Operations Center (Tanker Airlift Control Center), Scott AFB, Ill.
9. October 2017 - March 2019, Squadron Superintendent, 15th Airlift Squadron, JB Charleston, S.C.
10. March 2019 - June 2019, Squadron Superintendent, 437th Operations Support Squadron, JB Charleston, S.C.
11. June 2019 - Present, Squadron Superintendent, 36 Contingency Response Squadron, Andersen AFB, Guam

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal
Joint Meritorious Unit Award
Meritorious Unit Award
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor device and seven oak leaf clusters

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic – June 1999
Airman First Class – August 1999
Senior Airman – December 2001
Staff Sergeant – July 2003
Technical Sergeant – June 2008
Master Sergeant – June 2012
Senior Master Sergeant – August 2017

(Current as of Jul 2019)