



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT WILLIAM R. PICKET

Chief Master Sergeant William “Russ” Picket is the Squadron Superintendent of the 19th Air Support Operations Squadron, 18th Air Support Operations Group, 93d Air Ground Operations Wing, Fort Campbell Army Installation, Kentucky. The 19th Air Support Operations Squadron supports the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) with close air support and airpower effects integration and execution. He is the senior enlisted Airman of the command team, responsible for providing leadership, management, and guidance in organizing, equipping, training, and mobilizing the squadron to meet home station and expeditionary mission requirements. He performs day to day oversight of squadron resources and personnel alongside a team of professionals including front-line supervisors, senior NCOs, the First Sergeant, and company grade officers.



Chief Picket enlisted in the Air Force in April 1999 as a Tactical Air Control Party member and has operated as a Joint Terminal Attack Controller (JTAC) at Battalion, Brigade, Division, Operational Detachment Alpha and Bravo, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force and Combined Joint Task Force levels stateside, during Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, and INHERANT RESOLVE, and in the Republic of Korea. He has held the responsibilities of Battalion and Brigade TACP NCOIC, Battalion Liaison Officer, Flight Chief, Chief of Standards and Evaluations, Operations Superintendent, Squadron Superintendent, and Group Superintendent.

#### EDUCATION

1995-1998 North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina  
1999 Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas  
1999 Tactical Air Command and Control Apprentice Course, Hurlburt Field AFB, Florida  
2000 United States Air Force Combat Survival School SV-80, Fairchild AFB, Washington  
2002 Joint Terminal Attack Controller Qualification Course, Nellis AFB, Nevada  
2003 Airman Leadership School, Dyess AFB, Texas  
2004 United States Army Airborne Course, Fort Benning, Georgia  
2005 United States Army Pathfinder Course, Fort Benning, Georgia  
2005 Tactical Air Command and Control Craftsman Course, Hurlburt Field AFB, Florida  
2006 Classroom Instructor Course, Dyess AFB, Texas  
2007 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Peterson AFB, Colorado  
2009 Associates of Applied Science, Information Systems Technology, Community College of the Air Force  
2009 USAF Senior Noncommissioned Officer Course 14, Air University  
2011 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Joint Professional Military Education Course  
2011 USAF Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Gunter Annex-Maxwell AFB, Alabama  
2013 Professional Managers Certification, Community College of the Air Force  
2015 Bachelor of Science Information Technology Management, American Military University

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 1999 - June 1999, Trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
2. June 1999 - December 1999, Student, Tactical Air Command and Control Specialist School, Hurlburt

Field AFB, Florida

3. December 1999 - June 2004, Tactical Air Command and Control Specialist, Joint Terminal Attack Controller, 9th Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Hood, Texas
4. June 2004 - January 2010, Special Operations Joint Terminal Attack Controller, Battalion Liaison Officer, Flight NCOIC, 13th Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Carson, Colorado
5. January 2010 - January 2011, Flight Chief, Chief of Stan/Eval, Operations Superintendent, 604th Air Support Operations Squadron, Camp Red Cloud Army Installation, Korea
6. January 2011 – September 2013, Operations Superintendent, Squadron Superintendent, 9th Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Hood Army Installation, Texas
7. September 2013-Present, Squadron Superintendent 19th Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Campbell Army Installation, Kentucky

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster  
Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster  
Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
Army Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Meritorious Unit Award  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor device and three oak leaf clusters  
Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
National Defense Service Medal  
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two bronze stars  
Iraq Campaign Medal with three bronze stars  
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Korean Defense Service Medal  
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal  
NATO Medal

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS**

Air Force Sergeants Association  
Tactical Air Control Party Association

#### **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

1999 Distinguished Graduate & Military Training Leader Award, Tactical Air Command and Control Apprentice Course, Hurlburt Field, Florida  
2001 9th Air Support Operations Squadron Airman of the Year, Fort Hood, Texas  
2002 John L. Levitow Leadership Award, Airman Leadership School, Dyess AFB, Texas  
2007 Distinguished Graduate, Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Peterson AFB, Colorado  
2008 93d Air Ground Operations Wing Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Moody AFB, Georgia  
2008 Team Peterson Air Force Base Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Peterson AFB, Colorado  
2009 9th Air Force Association Croix de Valeur Award  
2010 607th Air Support Operations Group Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Osan AB, Korea  
2011 Distinguished Graduate, Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Alabama  
2011 9th Air Support Operations Squadron Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Fort Hood, Texas

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION**

Chief Master Sergeant          December 2014

*(Current as of September 2016)*