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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT JAMES W. HOOVER

Senior Master Sergeant Hoover is the Senior Enlisted Leader, 43 Communications Squadron, Pope Army Airfield, North Carolina. Sergeant Hoover advises and assists the Commander on matters concerning the morale, health, welfare, and mentorship of 48 military, civilian, and contract personnel and their families. Additionally, he is responsible for the planning and execution of the squadron's \$650K budget and operations and sustainment of an \$8M data center in support of over 3000 members assigned to Pope AAF.

Senior Master Sergeant Hoover enlisted in the United States Air Force in July 1999. In May of 2000, he completed the Satellite, Wideband, and Telemetry Systems Maintainers course at Fort Gordon in Georgia. As part of an Air Force-wide reorganization of cyberspace support in 2010, his career field was merged with ground radio communications and redesignated as Radio Frequency (RF) Transmission Systems. His background includes various roles in the RF Transmission field, performing duties at the tactical, operational, and strategic levels. Senior Master Sergeant Hoover has served in both conventional and special operations leadership positions during multiple deployments to the Middle East, including stops in Germany, the Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Egypt.



Before assuming his current position, he was a student at the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy, Non-Commissioned Officer Leadership Center of Excellence, US Army Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Bliss, Texas. SMSgt Hoover is married to Kayla M. Duhon of Houston, Texas, and has two children: Kynlee (14) and James (1)

EDUCATION

2003 Airmen Leadership School, Cannon Air Force Base, NM
2008 USAF Military Training Leader Course, Lackland AFB, TX
2011 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Keesler AFB, MS
2014 Associate in Applied Science, Electronic Systems Technology, Community College of the Air Force
2015 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Course 14, by correspondence
2018 Associate in Applied Science, Education & Training Management, Community College of the Air Force
2018 Joint Special Operations University, Enterprise Management Course, by correspondence
2019 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Gunter Annex-Maxwell AFB, AL
2021 Cyberspace Superintendent Correspondence Course, by correspondence
2023 U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, TX
2024 Bachelor of Arts, Leadership and Workforce Development, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College

ASSIGNMENTS





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1. July 1999-September 1999, Trainee, 322nd Basic Military Training Squadron, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
2. September 1999-May 2000, Student, 338th Training Squadron, Fort Gordon, Georgia
3. May 2000-May 2002, Satellite Communications Journeyman, 86th Communications Squadron, Ramstein Air Base, Germany (Deployed Sept-Dec 2001, 378th Expeditionary Communications Squadron, Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)
4. June 2002-October 2005, Theater Deployable Communications Journeyman, 27th Communications Squadron, Cannon AFB, New Mexico (Deployed November 2002-June 2003, 363rd Expeditionary Communications Squadron, Al Udeid AB, Qatar; Deployed March-June 2004, 506th Expeditionary Communications Squadron, Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq)
5. October 2005-March 2008, Instrumentation Team Chief 49th Test and Evaluations Squadron, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana
6. Mar 2008-May 2012, Flight Chief, 332nd Training Squadrons, Keesler AFB, Mississippi
7. May 2012-May 2013, NCOIC, RF Transmissions, 51st Communications Squadron, Osan AB, Republic of Korea
8. May 2013-Aug 2016, Support Superintendent, 5th Air Support Operations Squadron, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington
9. Nov 2016-July 2019, Chief, Current Operations, 17th Special Tactics Squadron, Fort Benning, Georgia (Deployed Dec 2017-Apr 2018, Camp Commandant, Combined Joint Special Operations Air Component, Afghanistan)
10. Aug 2019-July 2022, Senior Enlisted Leader, J6, Joint Communications Support Element, MacDill AFB, FL (Deployed Mar-Sep 2020, Task Force J6 Forward Communications Officer, US Embassy, Cairo, Egypt)
11. July 2022-June 2023, Student, Non-Commissioned Officer Leadership Center of Excellence, Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, TX
12. July 2023-Current, Senior Enlisted Leader, 43 Communications Squadron, Pope Army Airfield, NC

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star Medal

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with 'N' Device

NATO Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2007 53rd Test and Evaluation Group NCO of the Quarter, Second Quarter

2007 49th Test and Evaluation Squadron Maintenance Professional of the Year

2009 81st Training Group Junior Military Training Leader of the Quarter, First Quarter

2010 334th Training Squadron Junior Military Training Leader of the Year

2011 332nd Training Squadron Junior Military Training Leader of the Year

2018 Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, 17th Special Tactics Squadron

2022 Purple Pen Academic Writing Award, Sergeants Major Academy

2023 Superior Academic Excellence, Sergeants Major Academy

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic	21 July 1999
Airman First Class	20 August 1999
Senior Airman	20 December 2001
Staff Sergeant	1 December 2003
Technical Sergeant	1 March 2010
Master Sergeant	1 September 2015
Senior Master Sergeant	1 June 2020

(Current as of August 2024)

