



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

TECHNICAL SERGEANT JONATHAN R. TAKA

Tech. Sgt. Jonathan R. Taka is an Officer Accessions Instructor, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 159 at the University of Central Florida. He oversees the cadet life cycle for all personnel actions ranging from medical, physical fitness, security clearance, enlistments and commissioning.

Tech. Sgt. Taka was born in Alexandria, La., but raised in Jacksonville, N.C. He graduated high school in 2008, and enlisted in the Air Force November 2010, attended technical training at Fort Leonard Wood, Miss., and graduated May 2011 as a Pavements and Construction Equipment Apprentice.

Prior to being an Officer Accessions Instructor, he was stationed at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C. Tech. Sgt. Taka served as the Section Chief, Requirements & Optimization where he led 34 engineers from 6 different Air Force Specialty Codes managing the base's 1,100 facilities worth \$2.95 billion. He was also selected by the Mission Support Group Commander to be the Executive Administrative Assistant. While assigned to Nellis AFB, he was attached to the 820th Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operation Repair Squadron Engineers (RED HORSE) Squadron as a Special Capabilities Instructor specializing in water well drilling where he authored a drilling curriculum, training 15 active duty & reserve RED HORSE squadrons to perform operations in contingent environments.



EDUCATION

- 2010 Basic Military Training, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas
- 2011 Pavements & Construction Technical Training, Fort Leonard Wood, Miss.
- 2015 Airman Leadership School, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.
- 2021 Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education I (E6-E7), by correspondence
- 2024 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Sheppard AFB, Texas

ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. November 2010 – January 2011, Trainee, 320th Training Squadron, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
2. January 2011 – May 2011, Student, 366th Training Squadron, Fort Leonard Wood, Miss.
3. June 2011 – November 2012, Pavements & Construction Equipment Apprentice, 820th RED HORSE Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
4. November 2012 – April 2015, Pavements & Construction Equipment Journeyman, 820th RED HORSE Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
5. April 2015 – August 2019, Special Capabilities Instructor, 820th RED HORSE Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
6. August 2019 – December 2022, Pavements & Construction Equipment Supervisor, 20th Civil Engineer Squadron, Shaw AFB, S.C.

7. December 2022 – January 2024, Executive Admin Assistant, 20th Mission Support Group, Shaw AFB, S.C.
8. January 2024 – April 2024, NCOIC, Horizontal Repair, 20th Civil Engineer Squadron, Shaw AFB, S.C.
9. April 2024 – January 2025, Section Chief, Requirements & Optimization, 20th Civil Engineer Squadron, Shaw AFB, S.C.
10. January 2025 – Present, Officer Accessions Instructor, AFROTC Detachment 159, University of Central Florida.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air and Space Commendation Medal with 6 oak leaf clusters
Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with service star
Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal with 2 service stars
Humanitarian Service Medal
Air and Space Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border with 3 oak leaf clusters
NATO Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2024 Lance P. Sijan Award, 20th Mission Support Group

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic Nov. 29, 2010
Airman First Class Jan. 28, 2011
Senior Airman May 28, 2013
Staff Sergeant Feb. 1, 2016
Technical Sergeant Nov. 29, 2020

(Current as of January 2025)