

BIOGRAPHY

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Master Sergeant Patrick D. Skelton



Master Sergeant Patrick D. Skelton is the First Sergeant assigned to the 7th Force Support Squadron (FSS), Dyess Air Force Base, Texas. He provides guidance to support the moral, health and welfare of the men and women of the FSS. Skelton facilitates the maintenance of standards and discipline and oversees the development of 277 enlisted personnel.

Sergeant Skelton was born April 11, 1978 in St. Charles, Missouri. He grew up in Warrenton, Missouri until the age of 12 when his father's job transferred him to Scottsburg, Indiana. They resided in Indiana for about one year when another transfer brought them back to Missouri where he resided until the age of seventeen. Before the start of his senior year in high school, his family moved to Rossville, Illinois where he graduated from Rossville High School in May of 1996. He then enlisted in the Air Force September of that same year.

Sergeant Skelton graduated from technical training in December of 1996 as a distinguished graduate of the Aircrew Egress Systems Technical Training Course. In January of 1997 he arrived at his first duty assignment, Misawa Air Base, Japan where he worked F-16C/D air-

craft with the ACES II ejection seats. While stationed at Misawa, he went to Eielson AB, Alaska to participate in the Cope Thunder 97 training exercise and also to Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Southern Watch for three months. In January of 1999 he was assigned to Barksdale AFB, Louisiana where he worked on the B-52H aircraft with Webber Aircraft Corporation ejection seats. While at Barksdale, he deployed to Fairford AB, England in support of Operation Allied Force and after the September 11, 2001 attacks he deployed to Diego Garcia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom for four months. Sergeant Skelton, in continued support of Operation Enduring Freedom, rotated for another three months from Anderson AB, Guam to other bases. In March of 2003 his new assignment took him to Holloman AFB, New Mexico where he worked on the F-117A Stealth Fighter with ACES II ejection seats. While stationed at Holloman, he participated in Red Flag 03-XX at Nellis AFB, Nevada and deployed for three months in 2005 with AEF 9 to the Republic of South Korea. In May of 2006 he was assigned to Kunsan AB ROK as the 8th MXS Egress section chief. In May 07, he was assigned Dyess AFB as the Egress section chief and now in his current position as the 7th BW FSS First Sergeant.

Master Sergeant is married to the former Amanda L. Harshbarger of IL. They have one daughter, Chole.

EDUCATION:

1996 Egress Systems Technical Training
2001 Airman Leadership School, Barksdale AFB
2004 Graduate of ACC Maintenance Instructors Course
2006 NCO Academy Kirtland AFB, NM
2006 Senior NCO Academy, non residence
2007 CCAF Aircraft Maintenance Technology
2008 AF First Sergeant Academy

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. 1996 - Basic Trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
2. 1996 - Aircrew Egress Systems, Technical Training, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas
3. 1997 - Egress Systems Technician, Misawa Air Base, Japan
4. 1998 - Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Southern Watch
5. 1998 - Egress Systems Technician, Misawa Air Base, Japan
6. 1999 - Egress Systems Journeyman, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana
7. 1999 - Support of Operation Allied Force, Fairford Air Base, England
8. 1999 - Egress Systems Journeyman, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana
9. 2001 - Support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Diego Garcia
10. 2002 - Support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Anderson Air Base, Guam
11. 2003 - Egress Systems NCOIC, Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico
12. 2005 - Support of AEF 9, Republic of South Korea
13. 2006 - 8 MXS Egress Section Chief, Kunsan Air Base, ROK
14. 2007 - 7 EMS Egress Section Chief, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas
15. 2008 - Present, FSS First Sergeant, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Outstanding Unit Award with Valor
Air Force Achievement Medal, three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal, two oak leaf clusters.
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Korean Defense Service Medal
AF Overseas Ribbon Short
AF Overseas Ribbon Long

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

1996 Distinguished graduate, Aircrew Egress Systems Technical Training Course
1998 Misawa Logistics Professional of the Year Award
1999 Sr Airman Below the Zone

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Airman Basic	1996
Airman	1997
Airman First Class	1998
Senior Airman	1999
Staff Sergeant	2001
Technical Sergeant	2004
Master Sergeant	2007