



MASTER SERGEANT TYLER SIMMONS

Master Sergeant Tyler Simmons was a KC-135 Boom Operator with the 166th Air Refueling Squadron, 121st Air Refueling Wing, Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base in Columbus, Ohio. He conducted worldwide air refueling missions, transferring fuel to receiver aircraft, along with aeromedical, cargo, and passenger operations in support of the Air Force's global reach mission.

Sergeant Simmons enlisted in the Air Force in 2017. Upon completing Basic Military Training, he attended security forces technical training, graduating in May 2018. He later retrained as an Inflight Refueling Specialist in April 2022 and earned his wings as a Mobility Force Aviator in 2023 with the 166th Air Refueling Squadron.

Sergeant Simmons deployed three times in support of United States Central Command, including Operations FREEDOM SENTINEL, SPARTAN SHIELD, INHERENT RESOLVE, DELIBERATE RESOLVE and EPIC FURY respectively. Lastly, Sergeant Simmons logged 230 combat hours through these deployments.



EDUCATION

- 2018 Security Forces Squadron Apprentice Course, Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas.
- 2022 KC-135 Boom Operations Initial Qualification Course, Altus AFB, Okla.
- 2022 Airman Leadership School, Maxwell AFB, Ala. (*Correspondence*)
- 2024 Non-Commissioned Air Force Academy, McGhee Tyson, Tenn.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. December 2017 – February 2018, Basic Training, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.
2. February 2018 – May 2018, Technical Training, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.
3. May 2018 – April 2022, Security Forces, Security Forces Squadron, 121st Air Refueling Wing, Rickenbacker ANGB, Ohio.
4. April 2022 – November 2023, In-flight Refueling Specialist, 121st Operations Support Squadron, 121st Air Refueling Wing, Rickenbacker ANGB, Ohio.
5. November 2023 – Present, Mobility Force Aviator, 166th Air Refueling Squadron, 121st Air Refueling Wing, Rickenbacker ANGB, Ohio.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Basic Boom Operator
Flight hours: 779
Combat Hours: 230.4
Assigned Aircraft: KC-135





BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Reserve Force Meritorious Service Medal
Global War of Terrorism Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal
National Defense Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman First Class March 1, 2017
Senior Airman January 01, 2020
Staff Sergeant April 01, 2021
Technical Sergeant May 01, 2023
Master Sergeant March 12, 2026

(Current as of March 2026)

