



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT GESSICA E. LILlich

Senior Master Sergeant Gessica E. Lillich serves as the Senior Executive Assistant to the Command Senior Enlisted Leader of United States Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, Florida. In this capacity, she leads administrative communications in addition to planning key leader engagements, that span strategic, operational and tactical echelons of the joint force. Moreover, she serves as the conduit between the Department of Defense, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Combatant Command, and Theater Special Operations Command headquarters, supporting 24/7 combat operations around the globe in support of special operations. MSgt Lillich hails from Long Beach, California and entered active duty in 2005.

Sergeant Lillich has a diverse background which began as a Security Forces response team leader providing nuclear security for our nation. She later transitioned to the Sensor Operator role for the MQ-9 Reaper, where she amassed over 2,000 combat and combat support flight hours in direct support of forces advancing national interests across CENTCOM areas of responsibility. Her past assignments have included Nevada, Italy, New Mexico and a deployment to Qatar.

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EDUCATION

2010 - Airman Leadership School
2010 - Associate's Degree, Criminal Justice, CCAF
2014 - Associate's Degree, Space Technology, CCAF
2017 - Non-Commissioned Officer Academy
2018 - Associate's Degree, Instructor of Technology and Military Science, CCAF
2020 - Certification, Optimizing Diversity on Teams, University of Pennsylvania
2022 - Bachelor's of Applied Sciences, Resource and Technology Management, Troy University
2022 - Senior Non-Commissioned Officer's Academy

ASSIGNMENTS

Aug 2005 - Oct 2005: Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, TX.
Oct 2005 - Mar 2006: Security Forces Academy, Lackland AFB, TX.
Mar 2006 - May 2007: Security Forces Apprentice, Nellis AFB, NV.
May 2007 - May 2011: Security Response Team Leader, Aviano AB, Italy.
May 2011 - Jan 2015: MQ-9 Sensor Operator, Creech AFB, NV
Jan 2015 - Jul 2018: MQ-9 Flight Evaluator, 9th Attack Squadron, Holloman AFB, NM.
Jul 2018 - Aug 2021: Operations Superintendent, 3rd Special Operations Squadron, Cannon AFB, NM

Aug 2021 – Dec 2022: Senior Executive Assistant to USSOCOM Command Senior Enlisted Leader, HQ
SOCOM, MacDill AFB, Florida
Dec 2022 – Present: Defense Analysis Irregular Warfare Graduate Student, Air Force Element Senior
Enlisted Leader, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal
Aerial Achievement Medal with 14 devices
Air Force Commendation Medal with 1 device
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal with 3 devices

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2010 – ALS John L. Levitow Award Recipient
2014 – 17th Reconnaissance Squadron, NCO of the Year
2017 – 49th Wing NCO of the Quarter, 2nd Quarter
2017 – 9th Attack Squadron, Instructor Sensor Operator of the Year
2018 – 27th Special Operations Group, SNCO of the Quarter, 4th Quarter
2019 – 27th Special Operations Group, SNCO of the Quarter, 4th Quarter
2019 – 27th Special Operations Group, SNCO of the Year

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Ratings: Senior Enlisted Aircrew
MQ-9 Primary/Instructor/Evaluator: 2,339 hours

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Senior Master Sergeant: Dec 2022
Master Sergeant: Dec 2018

(Current as of July 23)