



Master Sgt. Maxwell Samets-Thomas

SUPERINTENDENT



Master Sergeant Maxwell Samets-Thomas is the F-16 Viper Demonstration Team superintendent. As the superintendent he is responsible for leading the 8-member enlisted Viper Demonstration Team members and oversees all maintenance actions performed on the F-16.

By doing so, he ensures the demonstration pilot is equipped with a safe, reliable and effective jet to execute maneuvers for millions of spectators. He represents Air Combat Command, the United States Air Force and the Department of Defense at more than 20 air shows annually. He also serves as the narrator during the demonstration performance.

Master Sergeant Samets-Thomas enlisted into the Air Force in August 2007. He is from Wilmington, NC and enjoys riding motorcycles and playing golf.

ASSIGNMENTS

2007-2011

Assistant Dedicated Crew Chief
63rd & 309th Aircraft Maintenance Units,
Luke AFB, AZ

2011-2012

Dedicated Crew Chief
80th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, Kunsan AB,
ROK

2012-2019

Dedicated Crew Chief/Quality Assurance
Inspector
75th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, Moody AFB,
GA

2019-2023

NCOIC, Maintenance and Tactics
77th Fighter Generation Squadron, Shaw AFB,
SC

2023-PRESENT

Superintendent

Viper Demonstration Team, Shaw AFB, SC