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## Patriot of the Month

### December 2021

# Matthew S. Mills



## United States Air Force

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Master Sergeant Matthew Mills from Raymore Missouri enlisted in the US Air Force in 2004 and is in his 17<sup>th</sup> year of service. He has served at the RAF Mildenhall Base in the UK, the Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa, Japan, at the RAF Mildenhall Base for a second tour and is presently stationed at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, AZ.

MSgt. Mills worked on and supervised maintenance on the radar and navigation equipment for Special Operations C-130s during his time with the Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC). He presently supervises maintenance on the HH-60 Pave Hawk combat rescue helicopters in the 55<sup>th</sup> Helicopter Maintenance Unit.

MSgt. Mills has traveled to 22 different countries so far during his service. He was deployed to Iraq in 2020. One of his most exciting memories was being able to go on safari while deployed in Senegal, Africa. Another exciting time was going on a night training mission in Iraq aboard a helicopter being refueled by a C-130 during contentious conditions.

MSgt. Mills received an Air Force Achievement Medal in 2008, an AF Commendation Medal in 2018, an AF Commendation Medal for Combat in 2020 and the Meritorious Service Medal in 2021. MSgt. Mills has received many awards but his major awards include the Senior NCO for the Quarter for the Maintenance Group in 2019, the Senior NCO of the Year for the Squadron in 2019, the Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) Commander's Leadership Award, and The General Leo Marquez Supervisor Manager Award in 2020 for being the top maintenance supervisor nationwide in the Air Force.

The best advice he has gotten in the service was to treat the Airmen under his supervision in a way that he would have wanted to be treated when he was new Airman. This advice has served him well and has encouraged the men under him to want to work hard for him.

MSgt. Mills belongs to the Davis-Monthan Top Three Organization, an organization that plans special events for the airmen serving on the base.

MSgt. Mills credits his success in the Air Force largely due to his wife, Anya Mills, and his three daughters Abbigayle, Averie and Alaina, supporting him through the moves abroad and his deployments. Starting next year, MSgt. Mills has orders to be the maintenance lead for an IRF (Immediate Response Force) and be ready within 24 hours to respond to emergencies, foreign or domestic.

Little Blue River Chapter Daughters are proud to honor and recognize Matthew S. Mills as Patriot of the Month for his patriotism and service to our great nation.