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SCOTT HANNA
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
TECHNICAL SERGEANT (E-6)
1987 – 1991 / 2005 – 2022



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Scott Hanna grew up in Savannah, Missouri, where he remembers reading about an airport in Saudi Arabia in the Guinness Book of World Records. Little did he know he would one day be right there.

Scott always had a love for airplanes, and so he and four of his friends enlisted in the Air Force in 1986, knowing for sure they would all remain together through initial training. They graduated from Savannah High School in 1987 and left for boot camp at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, in September of that year. There, they learned they were all placed into a mechanical career field, two in aircraft structures, two in fuel systems, and one as a crew chief. Scott's job was aircraft structural maintenance. They all went to different places but remained in contact.

Following boot camp, he attended Tech School in Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul, Illinois. He was then stationed at Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota, just 50 miles south of the Canadian Border.

Scott worked on the B-52 and KC-135 aircraft as well as HH1H helicopters. He also did work on the Minuteman III ICBM missiles. Due to all the security measures, including three forms of ID, it took him 30 minutes to enter the area, but only about 10 minutes to complete his work.

Just before the start of the Gulf War, he departed from Minot Air Force Base, where it was snowing with freezing rain, and arrived in Saudi Arabia, where it was 110°F on the tarmac when they touched down. He was stationed first at Riyadh and then Jeddah in Saudi Arabia, for the remainder of the war (the area he had read about as a child). Most of the guard and reserve refueling units were there, including a high school basketball



*Shown in the picture above
is Scott and his nephews.*

referee in the Kansas National Guard.



The airport was 75 square miles and called the Hajj Terminal (the King Abdulaziz International Airport). There were more than 110 refueling tankers there, including the 20 aircraft in his unit. The night the war began, 20 more refueling aircraft arrived. It was here that the first aircraft was launched in support of Operation Desert Storm. Responsibilities included the launching and recovery of aircraft as well as fixing damaged aircraft. He worked from midnight to noon, seven days a week.

He came home in March 1991 and completed the rest of his enlistment. He was hired by McDonnell-Douglas to build C-17s after leaving the Air Force. Soon after, he was one of thousands of people laid off. He then moved to Northern California, where he was refitting Navy P-3's but again was laid off. This prompted a return to school, where he earned a degree in Microcomputer Technology. This accomplishment turned into a career in Information Technology, which he still works in today, including companies such as Deloitte, Sprint, and Oracle (Cerner).

Scott had not considered re-enlisting; however, when his nephew enlisted in 2003, he subsequently chose to do the same in 2005. He entered at the same rank and career field, and from 2005 to 2022, he served at the 139th Air Wing in St. Joseph, Missouri. At one point, Scott and four of his family members would serve simultaneously: nephews Drew Hanna, Ryan Hanna, Nate Miller, and his son Kole.

As part of this time in the National Guard, from 2010 to 2014, he worked full-time for the Advanced Airlift Tactical Training Center (AATTC) as a Cyber Ops Specialist.

He retired from the Air Force in 2022 as a Tech Sergeant having earned the following awards and decorations: Commendation Medal, Outstanding Unit Award, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Longevity Service, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, USAF NCO PME Graduate Ribbon, Training Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Kuwait Liberation Medal Government of Kuwait. From the state, he was awarded the National Guard Recruiting and Retention Ribbon, State Emergency Duty Ribbon, and the Long Service 10-year ribbon.

In 2014, he joined Cerner (now Oracle) in Kansas City, Missouri, as a Senior Systems Engineer.

He and his wife, Rebecca, have three children, Hayley, Kole, and Rylee, and five grandchildren, and live in Kansas City, Missouri. His wife is a member of the Fort Velasco Chapter, NSDAR, in Texas.

He treasures his family, friends, and memories from his years in the service and indicates he would do it all over again.



Scott with his son who just graduated from boot camp.