



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 JAMES DARNELL-VAUGHAN

CW2 James Darnell-Vaughan is a Technical Advisor for the 691st Cyberspace Operations Squadron at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. He is charged with advising technical solutions for the Cyber Security and Control Weapons Systems within the USAFE theater and enterprise. CW2 Darnell-Vaughan ensures 163 operators, ranging across 5 core cyber function operator roles, and trained, equipped and deployed in support of 11 Combatant Commands, 6 bases and 121 GSUs.

CW2 Darnell-Vaughan enlisted in the Air Force in December of 2012 and graduated from the Cyber Surety Journeyman Course at Keesler AFB, Mississippi in June of 2013. Warrant Darnell-Vaughan began his career at Edwards Air Force base as a Wing Cybersecurity Technician in the Wing Cybersecurity Office. He then went to the 353rd Special Operations Support Squadron at Kadena Air Base, Japan where he was the NCOIC, Cybersecurity and COMSEC, and was assigned to the USS AMERICA as a SOFLE Communications Chief. Additionally, CW2 Darnell-Vaughan was assigned to Detachment 1, 694 ISS, where he was the Information Systems Security Officer for joint intelligence. Prior to his commission and current position, CW2 Darnell-Vaughan served as the Section Chief for the AFGSC MAJCOM Communications Coordination Center at Barksdale AFB in Louisiana.

EDUCATION

2012 Air Force Basic Training, Lackland AFB, Tex
2013 Cyber Surety Journeyman Course, Keesler AFB, Miss.
2017 Airman Leadership School, Kadena AB, Japan
2018 Associate Degree, Information Systems Technology, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
2022 Bachelor of Science, Information Systems Security, American Military University, Charles Town, WV
2023 Master of Science, Information Technology, American Military University, Charles Town, WV
2025 Warrant Officer Training School, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
2021 Master of Science, Cyber Operations, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2013–August 2016, Wing Cybersecurity Technician, 412th Communications Squadron, Edwards AFB, California
2. August 2016–October 2020, NCOIC, Cybersecurity, 353rd Special Operations Support Squadron, Kadena AB, Japan (December 2019–April 2020, Special Operations Forces Liaison Element Communication Chief, Special Operations Command Pacific, USS AMERICA)
3. October 2020–October 2023, Information Systems Security Officer, Detachment 1, 691 Intelligence Support Squadron, USAG Humphreys, Korea
4. October 2023–April 2025, Section Chief, MAJCOM Communications Coordination Center, AFGSC A3/6, Barksdale AFB
5. June 2025–Present, Technical Advisor, 691st Cyber Operations Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air and Space Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air and Space Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic December 4, 2012
Airman First Class February 1, 2013
Senior Airman December 1, 2014

Staff Sergeant March 1, 2017

Technical Sergeant January 1, 2021

Master Sergeant June 1, 2024

Chief Warrant Officer 2 March 13, 2025

(Current as of January 2026)