



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT RICHARD L. LAMOTTE

Senior Master Sergeant Richard Leo LaMotte entered active duty in 1992, as a Supply Journeyman Specialist. SMSgt Richard LaMotte first duty assignment was Aviano AB, Italy, where he worked at the Demand Supply and Aircraft Parts Sections respectively. While there he quickly excelled in his 5 level training, and at his job. As a natural performer, actor and singer he discovered Air Force's Tops in Blue organization very early in his career and has been involved in the program on and off since then. A veteran of Air Force talent shows all over the world, he has performed for thousands of military members and their families. During his 1<sup>st</sup> duty assignment, at Aviano Air Base, Italy, he was selected as "Base Entertainer" 2 years in a row. He then went on to the beautiful island of Guam where he performed for hundreds of base events, & ceremonies. In 1995, he was asked to perform at the Inaugural Ball for the Governor of Guam, Carl T.C. Gutierrez. He was awarded a special recognition for doing so by the Lt. Governor of Guam. He did all of this for the 3 years stationed at Anderson AFB, Guam, working in the 36th Supply Squadron, in the Parts Store Warehouse. SMSgt Richard LaMotte left the island of Guam in 1997 to move to RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom. After moving there, he started to do what he does best, volunteering for events both on and off base. After competing at the Air Force's Worldwide Talent Show 4 years in a row, he was selected to work on the support staff for the 1998 Tops in Blue World Tour. While TDY to Lackland AFB, Texas. There he worked directly with the Chief of Air Force Entertainment and director of Tops in Blue as well as the rest of the Air Force Entertainment staff. That same year, Tops in Blue's celebrated its 45th Anniversary of entertaining the military. Richard helped to put together a reunion of TIB cast members, a banquet show, and events bringing together over 45 years of talent. While working in the 727<sup>th</sup> Air Mobility Squadron, back in England, Richard won several Airman, NCO, and Volunteer Awards at Squadron, Group, and Wing levels. In 2002, he was awarded a Special Recognition Award by US Air Force Services for his work with the Youth on base. It was also during his time in the U.K. that he met his wife Michelle, who also has a love for the arts. She too, volunteered her time and talents on and off base with the Youth programs. In 2002, SMSgt LaMotte and his wife came to Joint Base Andrews, Maryland where his dream of flying had finally arrived, he cross-trained into the Air Force Flight Attendant career field. As an Enlisted Aviator, Flight Attendant Instructor, Evaluator, and then Flight Chief of the Flight Attendants he was able to turn his talents and skills to help junior enlisted with their careers. Mastering the art of etiquette, and service he has become one of the "best flight attendants in the Air Force". While at Joint Base Andrews, he served The First Family, former Presidents, The Vice President & countless other VIPs. He also served as Lead Flight Attendant for 4 USO tours with The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. On these tours he served some of the biggest names in show business. The late Robin Williams, Kid Rock, Gary Sinese, Kellie Pickler, and many others had nothing but praise for his work onboard the airplane. He was also one of very few flight attendants to fly aboard Air Force One with The President of the United States. He was selected to fly some very historic trips to Europe and was also with the crew of Air Force One in 2008 for the Summer Olympics held in Beijing, China. While at Joint Base Andrews, he won numerous awards for his volunteer work on and off base. He has been named Volunteer of the Year at Wing, Group and Squadron levels several years in a row. After volunteering at a homeless shelter in Washington DC, he developed a program to collect hotel toiletries from the crews and distribute them to the homeless in D.C. He also works at this shelter serving meals. As he has done since Day 1 of his Air Force career, he continues to volunteer to sing our National



Anthem at any event he is asked to. He has performed at the home of The Nationals, The National Stadium, in Washington D.C. He has also been an extra in over 15 major motion pictures and 10 TV shows. Since moving to DC, he has been in National Treasure I and II, The Sentinel, XXX State of the Union, State of Play, Transformers II, Salt, The West Wing, The District, How Do you Know, and many others. He was on the delivery team for 2 Gulfstream 550 aircraft delivered to Andrews, as well as one delivered to his Majesty the King of Morocco, flying to Morocco to personally training the Royal Flight Attendants on service and etiquette. In 2012, The Fisher House Foundation became his charity of choice after he and his wife Michelle became residents there for 3 months. Their son Hudson Leo, was born with complications. In 2013, he was also asked personally by the Wing Commander to develop and produce a new SAM FOX Joint Base Andrews Video. He worked over 150 hours on the video sorting thru hundreds of clips and photos to tell the story and the history of the 89th Wing and the transportation role in our Nations and World leaders, dating all the way back to President Franklin D. Roosevelt. This 10 minute video was premiered at the SAM FOX Reunion Commanders Call and received praise by all who attended. It will also be used as a "recruiting tool" to tell the Air Force about the mission of Joint Base Andrews. In 2012, SMSgt LaMotte became AMC's nominee, for The Spirit of Hope Award. In December 2013, SMSgt LaMotte left the 89<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing to become a member of the 201<sup>st</sup> Air National Guard at Andrews. There he quickly was upgraded as a Flight Attendant aboard the Boeing 737 aircraft. The 201<sup>st</sup> mission is dedicated to serving our nation and world leaders to include but not limited to the First Lady of the United States, Congressional Delegations, and other members of government. SMSgt Richard LaMotte's dedication to service and our nation has always been first to him. He has been lucky to not only serve, but have the chance to entertain and harness his many skills and talents while doing so. The late Honorary Mayor of Hollywood, Johnny Grant, who was a close friend of Bob Hope called Richard, "the Airman of Show Business and next to Bob Hope, "the most dedicated Hollywood Military person ever!" SMSgt LaMotte started his flying career, while President George W Bush and Mrs. Laura Bush were in office, having served The First Family and other former Presidents onboard the Gulfstream aircraft. For the last 8 years, he has had the privilege of flying Mrs. Obama on various aircraft, and now looks forward to the next administration. Over the last 15 years, he has flown countless historical missions with various VIPs from all areas of government leadership. As he approaches his 25th year serving our nation SMSgt LaMotte and his family are thankful to be able to serve our great nation and will continue to do so with pride at the 201<sup>st</sup> and 113<sup>th</sup> Wing at Joint Base Andrews.

## **EDUCATION**

Currently Enrolled	Trident University
09 Aug 2012	USAF Senior Non Commissioned Officer Academy
22 Sep 2009	Associate Degrees, Aviation Operations, Community College of The Air Force
12 May 2008	Associate Degree, Business Administration Community College of the Air Force
13 Sep 2007	Non Commissioned Officer Academy
01 Dec 1998	Airman Leadership School

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

Dec 2013 - Present, 201<sup>st</sup> Airlift Squadron, Joint Base Andrews, MD  
Jan 2002 - Dec 2013, 99<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, Joint Base Andrews, MD  
Aug 1997 - Dec 2003 727<sup>th</sup> Air Mobility Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, UK  
Dec 1994 - Dec 1997 633rd Supply Squadron, Andersen AFB, Guam  
July 1992 - Dec 1994 36<sup>th</sup> Supply Squadron, Aviano AB, Italy  
July 1992 - Sept 1992 27<sup>th</sup> School Technical School, Lowry AFB, Co  
May 1992 - July 1992 3706 Basic Military Training Flight, Lackland AFB, Tx