

SHERMAN CENTRAL SCHOOL

Wall of Fame

ROBERT E. "ROB" THOMPSON, JR.

Inducted 2014



Rob was born on February 11, 1970 in Corry, PA and is married to the former Stephanie J. Teresi of Mayfield Heights, OH. They have three children: Brittany 23, Brianna 18 and Brock 2. Rob attended SCS from kindergarten and enjoyed sports, shop class and FFA and appreciated the mentorship and encouragement of many of his teachers and coaches including Doug Neal, Mel Swanson, John Patterson, Perry Dewey and Frank Wasyluk who all had a huge impact on his life and encouraged him to succeed. After graduating 1988, Rob joined the Air Force enlisting as a Civil Engineer in the Electrical Power Production Career Field. After basic training and technical training, Rob was stationed at Ellsworth Air Force Base, SD where he operated and repaired generators supporting Strategic Air Command's Minute Man missile facilities. In 1991, Rob was transferred to Aviano Air Base, Italy where he was responsible for maintaining and deploying bare base assets in direct support of Operation *Desert Storm*, *Desert Shield*, *Provide Comfort*, *Deliberate Force* and *Deny Flight*. His efforts earned him honors as the Squadron's "Airman of the year." In 1995, Rob transferred to Charleston Air Force Base, SC where he deployed multiple times in support of Operation *Southern Watch*, which culminated in him receiving an Accommodation Medal for Valor for his actions during the bombing of Khobar Towers in Dhahran Saudi Arabia. In 1997, he was transferred to Osan Air Base in the Republic of Korea and then returned back to Charleston in 1998. In 2000, Rob's military career took him to Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany where he was deployed in support of Operation *Northern Watch* and was ultimately honored as the Head Quarters United States Air Forces in Europe Military Superintendent of the Year. In 2005, Rob transferred to Travis Air Force Base, California changing his military career path and becoming a First Sergeant. He earned the Top Graduate Award for the First Sergeant Academy during training for his new job. His new duties made him responsible for the health, morale and welfare of hundreds of airmen and their families. He excelled at his new position and earned accolades as the First Sergeant of the Year for the 60th Medical Support Squadron. In 2008, Rob moved back to Aviano Air Base, Italy where he held positions as the First Sergeant for the Aircraft Maintenance, Security Forces and Maintenance Squadrons; again, he was honored as the First Sergeant of the Year for the 31st Fighter Wing. Rob was then hand selected to join the Inspector General's team for the Air Combat Command in which he returned to his former career field and transferred to Langley Air Force Base, Virginia in 2012. Rob's new duties entailed implementing civil engineer inspection activities affecting 133,000 personnel at 124 locations across the US. Shortly after arriving at Langley, Rob attained the highest rank for an enlisted airman, "Chief Master Sergeant", a rank that is only held by one percent of the enlisted force and is considered the pinnacle of an enlisted airman's career. Finally, in 2014, Rob was once again hand selected for a group superintendent position at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico where he is the group's senior enlisted leader, advising the commander on matters affecting the continuing professional development and military readiness, health, morale, and welfare of 1,111 total force personnel. A memorable quote from Rob: "Look at every opportunity as a chance to excel".