CAPTAIN MATTHEW R. SERGENT

CAPT Matthew R. Sergent is the Air Force Explorers Air Staff A-2 Air Intelligence Officer assigned to HQ Air Force Explorers, Goldwater ANGB, AZ, Sky Harbor International Airport, Phoenix, AZ. He is responsible for intelligence and security education and training for the USAF Explorers program. This varies across all disciplines of intelligence collection, analysis, and counterintelligence operations. CAPT Sergent is also responsible for ensuring all USAFX personnel are sensitized to adversarial collection threats against US military assets.

CAPT Sergent joined the USAF Explorers in January 2010. He graduated from Class 10-01 in May 2010. Since commissioning his assignments include but are not limited to Finance Officer, Staff Flight Commander, Officer Training Flight Commander, Officer Training Flight Deputy Commander, OPFOR Officer and most recently Air Intelligence Officer. He has commanded on the flight and element level. CAPT Sergent served as an instructor in the Airmanship Preflight Indoctrination (API) program training new Airmanship and Intelligence Officers at the Squadron level. He has extensive knowledge in the OPFOR program leading several operations as the OPFOR Deputy Commander providing an immersive experience vital to the training USAF Explorers provides.

CAPT Sergent graduated from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in May 2015 with a degree in Global Security and Intelligence Studies. After, he began a career in the federal government as a Security Specialist for the Department of the Navy. From 2015 to 2018 CAPT Sergent provided risk-based security strategies to Navy programs in order to mitigate risk to technologies requiring enhanced security measures.

In September 2018 CAPT Sergent left the Navy and joined the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA) as a credentialed Special Agent. In this role, he supported national security through partnership with private industry and other governmental agencies to protect technologies deemed critical by the Department of Defense. In March 2020, CAPT Sergent was reassigned to the DCSA International and Special Programs Division where he provided oversight for international transfers of sensitive technologies between the United States and 32 partner countries. In addition, he educated the DCSA workforce on niche security processes related to his subject matter expertise through an extensive educational outreach program. To this end, CAPT Sergent has obtained several professional security and intelligence certifications known widely through the industrial security community.

In 2022 CAPT Sergent left DCSA to join the Department of Transportation (DOT), Office of Security. In this capacity he provides security education and training to the DOT at large, provides security expertise to the Secretary of Transportation and his staff and manages the Controlled Unclassified Information Program for DOT.

CAPT Sergent currently uses this experience, in remote capacity, to develop Intel educational products, teach courses, distribute open-source intelligence products to the Air Force Explorers Program, and is developing General Intelligence & Joint OPFOR courses for the U.S. Military Explorers Operational Exercises and Seminars.

EDUCATION
2010 Graduate of Class 10-01, USAFX
2010 Graduate of Special Tactics INDOC Class 04, USAFX
2010 Completed Air Intelligence Volume 1, Threat Air Defense Forces, USAFX
2011 Graduate of North High School International Baccalaureate Program
2013 Internship, US Marshal Service
2015 Graduate Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
2019 Graduate National Industrial Security Program Oversight Course

USAFX ASSIGNMENTS
May 2010-January 2011 SNACKO
May 2010-January 2011 Finance Management Officer
October 2010- January 2011 Staff Flight Commander
January 2010-May 2011 Officer Training Flight Commander
September 2011-May 2013 Assistant Recruiting Officer
October 2011-May 2013 OPFOR Deputy Commander
May 2013-July 2014 Assistant Air Intelligence Officer
July 2014-Present HQ Air Staff A2

USAFX CERTIFICATES OF TRAINING
Cadet Officer Candidate School
Operation TIGERSHARK 11 Phases I-III
Special Tactics INDOC Class 04
Operation TALON EAGLE 11 Combat Aircrew
Air Intelligence Volume 1 Threat Air Defense Course
Operation TIGERSHARK Phases I-III Red Forces Commander
Operation BEAR HAMMER Phases I-III Red Forces Deputy Commander
OPFOR Red Star Badge
Subject Matter Expert (SME) Threat Air Defense Russian MANPADS

EXTERNAL CERTIFICATES OF TRAINING
Introduction to Counterintelligence Course
SSO/SSR Professional Course
Chemical Warfare Convention (CWC) Treaty Course
ICD 705 Physical Security Course: Lifecycle of a SCIF
Risk Management Framework 101
DOD Security Specialist Course

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS
Security Asset Protection Professional Certification, CDSE
Security Fundamentals Professional Certification, CDSE
Physical Security Certification, CDSE
Special Programs Security Certification, CDSE
Industrial Security Oversight Certification, CDSE
Range Safety Officer, Marine Corps Base Quantico

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS
U.S. Air Force Explorers
1. USAF Explorers Achievement Medal
2. USAF Explorers Outstanding Unit Award w/four bronze devices
3. USAF Explorers BSA Quality Unit Award w/four bronze devices
4. USAF Explorers Good Conduct Medal
5. USAF Explorers Air Intelligence Award
6. USAF Explorers Life Support Award w/three bronze devices
7. USAF Explorers National Defense Medal
8. USAF Community Service Award
9. USAF Explorers Longevity Award
10. USAF Explorers Air Intelligence Career Field Ribbon
11. USAF Explorers PME Award
12. USAF Explorers Honor Guard Service Award w/Silver Star
13. USAF Explorers Combat Arms Training, Small Arms
14. USAF Explorers Officer Accession Training Ribbon

DATES OF PROMOTIONS
MAY 2010	C/WO
JUL 2010	C/2LT
FEB 2011	C/1LT
JUN 2012	CW2
AUG 2013	CW3
JUN 2014	2LT
JUN 2015	1LT
JUN 2021	CAPT