

# McCoy retires from the military



Chief Master Sergeant Brandon M. McCoy embarked on his military journey with Basic Training at Lackland AFB on February 8, 2001. Specializing in Power Production at Sheppard AFB, he swiftly became a crucial part of the 242nd Combat Communications Squadron (CBCS) at Geiger Field, Spokane International Airport.

Simultaneously committed to education, McCoy earned an AA in Business Administration from Spokane Community College and a Baccalaureate in Business Administration from Eastern Washington University, focusing on Economics, Business Management, and Finance.

Driven by a commitment to leadership, McCoy immersed himself in Air Warfare Simulator (AWSIM) training, enabling others to participate in exercises in Korea and Japan, including KEY RESOLVE (2003, 2005, 2009, 2011) and ULCHI FOCUS LENSE (2004, 2006, 2010, 2012).

Demonstrating operational commitment, McCoy led the SCX Flight during a deployment to Jordan in support of OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE. Following his return, he continued as the Cyber Systems Section Chief until January 2020, when he assumed the position of Chief of Operations for the 242CBCS, ultimately retiring in 2023.

Affectionately known as Sergeant McCoy, his over two-decade tenure in the 242 Combat Communications Squadron (242CBCS) at Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington, marked a legacy of excellence in cyber systems and communication.

Supported by his unwavering family—wife Joy and children Delaney and Cameron—Sergeant McCoy led a squadron of 105 members, providing vital command, control, communication, and computer (C4) systems support. Expressing deep gratitude, he acknowledges the crucial role played by family, friends, tribe, fellow service members, and the nation throughout his 22-year military journey. Reflecting on his retirement, McCoy says, “I am deeply grateful to my family, friends, tribe, fellow service members, and our great nation for their unwavering support throughout my 22 years of military service. Your encouragement and sacrifices have been the bedrock of my journey, and I am profoundly thankful to each of you for making this chapter of my life so fulfilling and rewarding.”

As Sergeant McCoy bids farewell to active service, his retirement not only signifies the end of a distinguished chapter but also serves as a testament to the collective efforts that have defined his military career. His legacy of service and dedication stands as a beacon of inspiration for the Washington Air National Guard and beyond.

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