

STAFF SERGEANT JOSEPH P. GILLE

Airborne Mission Systems Specialist Staff Sergeant Joseph P. Gille began his journey through the ranks of Scouting as a Tiger Cub in 1987. He was active in his pack, attaining the Arrow of Light, Cub Scouting's highest award, in 1992. His character was revealed at a young age when he received the prestigious Boy Scout Medal of Heroism in 1999, for singlehandedly rescuing several people from a burning apartment building. Gille volunteered at National Capital Area Council's Goshen Scout Reservation as a lifeguard and played a vital role in improving camp-wide safety protocols. He achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 1999, as a member of Troop 404 in Washington, DC, immediately transitioning to an adult leadership role as assistant Scoutmaster. He is a 2001 graduate of Suitland High School Center for the Visual and Performing Arts in Forestville, MD.



In September of 2002, Gille enlisted in the United States Air Force. After graduating Basic Training, completing Enlisted Aircrew Undergraduate Course, Survival School, and Technical School, he became an Airborne Communications Systems Specialist. In 2003, he was stationed at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska with the First Airborne Command Control Squadron (IACCS) working on the E-4B National Airborne Operations Center (NAOC). In 2007, Gille attended Airman Leadership School. He was nominated by his peers and won the Airman Leadership Award for his outstanding team-oriented leadership style. In 2008, he was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant. Gille's superior career performance in the IACCS led to his permanent change of assignment to the 338th Combat Training Squadron as a Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge (NCOIC) of Tech Control in a Fonnal Training Unit. As an Instructor and Evaluator in the 338th, Sergeant Gille created and implemented a highly successful training system that improved the education of vast amounts of trainees. As the Subject Matter Expert for Tech Control Training, he evaluated DOD contracted courses to ensure maximum efficiency. In 2010, Staff Sergeant Gille was selected to be the NCOIC of a worldwide Presidential Support Mission in conjunction with the NAOC to secure vital communication links between President and Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Staff Sergeant Joseph Gille now works for NATO as a Systems Technician on board the E-3A in Geilenkirchen, Germany, where he is stationed with his wife Sarah and their three sons, Braden, Marek, and Vaughn. Sergeant Gille continues to be committed to Scouting, both as a father and a unit coordinator and assistant den leader for Pack 100 in the Transatlantic Council. Sergeant Gille has dedicated numerous hours to provide an excellent Scouting experience for both the Scouts and their parents. This year he successfully welcomed four new members and their parents into Scouting and assisted his entire den in progressing to Webelos. Having come full circle from his own experiences as a Tiger Cub, through Eagle Scout, to an active parent of a Cub Scout today, Sergeant Joseph Gille believes the values of Scouting have shaped his direction in life and provided the tools he has utilized throughout his military career to personify Integrity First; Service Before Self; and Excellence in All We Do.