Biography

Matthew Howard was born in Pascagoula, MS, in 1982. He moved to Mobile, AL at the age of two where he went to elementary, middle, and high school. He joined the Air Force in 2002 where he became an Information Manger. He went to Basic Military Training in May and graduated on July 4th, 2002. From there he went to Technical Training received training in U.S. Air Force administrative processes as well as hands-on computer training. He learned all of the inner components of the Personal Computer and how to build one from scratch. As well as installing the Operating System and all the required drivers. As an Airman Basic, his first duty assignment was at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX. There he worked for the commander of the 318th Information Operations Group (IOG). He excelled at his position building the 318 IOG's first-ever organizational web page using Dreamweaver and ColdFusion. A year-and-a-half later he moved to the 690th Information Operations Squadron (IOS) where we worked as a Client Systems Administrator (CSA) and Help Desk Technician. In this position, he was responsible for maintaining 400 computers on three separate networks. In 2005, Matthew moved to Osan Air Base, Republic of South Korea. There he was the CSA for the 36th Fighter Squadron. He helped migrate the squadron from using CAT5 network cables to using Fiber Optic connection. He also migrated the units aging computer systems from Windows 2000 to Windows XP. A year later, his time in Korea was over and he moved to Ramstein Air Base, Germany. At Ramstein he was Assistant NCOIC, Communication Focal Point for the 693rd Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) Group. He was responsible for ensuring the Sun Microsystems as well as standard Air Force networks were fully mission capable for the Distributed Ground System (DGS). As part of a 5-person tiger team, he installed 412 systems from the ground up for the Communication Focal Points move to a new building. In 2009 he moved to Hurlburt Field, FL where he was the 361st ISR Group's SharePoint Administrator as well as their Video Teleconference (VTC) Specialist. He built the 361 ISRGs SharePoint site from scratch and integrated it with base's SharePoint site. In 2013, he moved to NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen, Germany. There, he was NCOIC, Classified Registry where he maintained inventory of 8K pieces of classified material.

He currently lives in Colorado Springs, CO where he is station at Peterson Air Force Base. He is the NCOIC, Executive Assistant to the NORAD Deputy Commander. He maintains all of computer systems for the General, including the systems in his home office as well as his cell phones.

Matthew is married with one daughter. He and his wife met in 2010 and were married in August 2011. Their daughter was born in May 2012 and they are the joy of his life.