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OCSO DEPUTY NAMED DUKE FIELD OUTSTANDING AIRMAN OF THE YEAR



SSgt. Goleta with 919th SOW Commander Col. James Phillips and Command Chief Master Sgt. Tom Mason

Congratulations to Deputy Chad Goleta who has been honored as Duke Field's 919th Special Operations Wing Outstanding Airman of the Year!

Deputy Goleta is a Staff Sergeant assigned to the 919th Special Operations Support Squadron and has served at Duke Field since 2010. While a reservist and employed by the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, he obtained his A.A.S. in Intelligence Studies & Technology from the Community College of the Air Force and will complete his B.S. in Criminal Justice Administration from Columbia Southern University this spring.

Deputy Goleta has been with the OCSO since May 2012 - first in the Posse and then later becoming a full-time Sworn Officer. He is currently assigned to Patrol. He was formerly a Police Officer with the Panama City Police Department for nearly 4 years.

While in the Reserve and as an employee with the OCSO, he has also volunteered in the community for the United Way Day of Caring, The Baker Corn Maze & Haunted Trail, the Fraternal Order of Police, the OCSO Citizen Firearms Safety Course, and at Wat Mongolratanaram (the Thai Buddhist Temple).

Deputy Goleta earned the "Outstanding Airman of the Year" at the 919th Special Operations Wing at Duke Field for 2014 for the combination of his outstanding efforts with the Reserve, OCSO, education and his involvement in the community.

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