AIRMAN SPOTLIGHT

Rank/Name: SSGT Michaela Bailey
Duty Title: 2 CWSS / Commander Support Staff
Hometown: Atlanta, GA
Time in Service: 7 Years

Q: How does your job support the 557th Weather Wing's mission?

As a CSS Supervisor for the 2 CWSS, I am providing Force Management and Career Development actions to the wing's most deployed unit. This saves the member from having to visit the MPS for administrative actions, thus allowing him/her more time to focus on executing the unit's Test, Train, and Maintain mission.

Q: What do you find most rewarding about your work?

The most rewarding part of my job is helping take the stress off of my unit and my Commander by bridging the gap between personnel/admin across the 4 other AFSC's 2 CWSS support.

Q: What has been your biggest challenge in the military, and how did you overcome that challenge?

The biggest challenge in my career has been overcoming what I viewed as bad leadership. I overcame this by understanding that everyone that I come in contact with, whether good interactions or bad, I can learn from. Instead of having a bad attitude I change my view to how can I learn from this situation or person and how can I be of service to this person. Having a mindset of growth and service has given me appreciation for every season of my professional life.

Q: What has been your most memorable experience in the military?

My most memorable experience in the military is coming to my current unit as a new pregnant SSgt receiving constant support and uplifting. Personally I worried how coming to a new unit pregnant would look but my worries are slowly falling to the wayside having support from my team when things got shaky during and after pregnancy. I've always been a hard worker and strive to maintain a positive attitude but that has amplified knowing that I have leaders who value me and pushes me to be the best that I can be.

Q: What is one piece of information or advice you would pass on to new Airmen joining the 557th Weather Wing's team?

Be the best possible version of yourself, for yourself. When you take care of yourself, you take care of others and others can take care of you.