

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

## SPECIAL AGENT MICHAEL A. CINCO

Special Agent (SSgt) Michael A. Cinco graduated from Mercedes High School, Mercedes, Texas, in 2005 and received his bachelor of arts degree in Criminal Justice in 2014.

He joined the United States Air Force in 2006, and following basic training and graduating from the Security Forces Academy at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, he began his duties with an assignment to the 9th Security Forces Squadron, Beale Air Force Base, Calif., as a security forces member and entry control specialist to protect the U-2 reconnaissance fleet and RQ-4 Global Hawk unmanned aerial vehicle assets. While assigned to Beale, SA Cinco deployed supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan where he and his team captured a Taliban leader while conducting an air base ground defense patrol on an outside-the-wire mission. While deployed he was also assigned to a United States Army Criminal Investigation Command (CID) combat detachment to provide CID special agents with tactical security in order for them to obtain threat
 information.

During 2010, SA Cinco was selected as the Joint Drug Enforcement Team security forces member assigned to AFOSI Detachment 211 at Beale Air Force Base and was noted with having the region's most productive informant operations targeting illicit drug distributors and users that was critical to the detachment's human intelligence and threat assessment capability. In 2013, SA Cinco was chosen to retrain as an AFOSI Special Agent and, after graduating from the United States Air Force Special Investigations Academy at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Brunswick, Ga., he was assigned to the 11th Field Investigations Squadron Operating Location-A, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas, where he continued his federal law enforcement career.

He deployed to Expeditionary Detachment 2405, Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel in 2015.

