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Air Force Technical Sergeant Lawrence M. Holmes

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Denver, Colo. native, Air Force Technical Sergeant Lawrence M. Holmes, is the command photographer for the North American Aerospace Defense Command and the United States Northern Command.

?My job supports homeland defense by providing historical documentation, through photographs, of visits from foreign dignitaries and distinguished visitors, as well as all command functions,? Holmes said.



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He enjoys his job because it affords him the opportunity to meet some very important people. ?I?ve met the Honorable Donald Rumsfeld, the Secretary of Defense; Robert Mueller, Director of the FBI; as well as the Governor of Colorado, Bill Owens.?

Holmes joined the military in April 1986 ?for the opportunity to travel and obtain training for a marketable skill and career.? During his 17 years in the Air Force, Holmes has been stationed in Hawaii, Texas, Nebraska and Colorado.

Initially an imagery production specialist, Holmes produced satellite and reconnaissance images in preparation for analyzing. As a result of improved technology, Holmes and the rest of the Air Force?s imagery production specialists were retrained as still photographers.

As evident by the quality of his work, this was a good move for Holmes.

?One of my proudest accomplishments was when I was published on the front cover of the May issue of Aviation Week & Space Technology,? he said with a smile.

His photograph of the USNORTHCOM Situational Awareness Center donned the cover of the issue along with the heading ?Homeland Security: New Territory,? which directed readers to the article entitled ?Northern Command on Guard.?

Noting that the activities of NORAD and USNORTHCOM unfold before his camera lens, Holmes approaches every shoot with the same mentality.

?You only get one shot ? so it better be good.?

And he takes a similar approach to life.

?You only have one life to live ? this is not a rehearsal, you have to live life to the fullest.?

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Holmes has been stationed in Colorado Springs since October of 2002.

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