

Scott Gibbins

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Scott Gibbins is part of the Air Force's Chief, Aerial Reconnaissance Coordination All Hurricanes (CARCAH) unit at NOAA's National Hurricane Center in Miami, Florida.

Gibbins received a Bachelor of Science in chemistry and a Bachelor of Arts in music from the University of Florida (1978), completed the USAF Basic Meteorology program at Texas A&M University (1980), and received a Master of Science in management information systems from Bowie State University (2001). He was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force through Officer Training School (OTS) in 1979. He began his Air Force career at Scott AFB, IL, developing software for analyzing environmental data to determine climatological effects on new and existing weapons systems at the Environmental Technical Applications Center (ETAC).

In 1989, he joined the USAF Reserve as the Staff Weather Officer for the 187th Fighter Wing, Alabama Air National Guard, at Maxwell AFB.



In 1991, Gibbins joined the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron's (53 WRS) Hurricane Hunters. He served as an Aerial Reconnaissance Weather Officer (ARWO) until 1998, flying over 400 hours, including missions into Tropical Storm Alberto and Hurricanes Emilia and Allison. From 1994-1998, he was also a civilian Meteorologist Instructor at the USAF Weather Technical Training School at Keesler AFB, MS, specializing in teaching Doppler weather radar and satellite interpretation.

From 1998-2012, Gibbins worked for the US Air Forces in Europe (USAFE), headquartered at Ramstein AFB, Germany. He held several positions there, including Lead Instructor and Technical Services Director. In 2012, he accepted a position at the 557th Weather Wing at Offutt AFB, NE, as Chief of Project Management. He joined CARCAH in 2019, where he tasks, coordinates, and quality-controls missions in support of both the National Hurricane Center and Central Pacific Hurricane Center. During the winter, CARCAH supports the National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) by coordinating winter storm missions.



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