
CHRISTOPHER RYAN GAUNT

| Network Engineer | Secret clearance |

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

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Network Engineer with over 9 years of experience in the United States Air Force, specializing in IT Operations, Cisco and Ciena Networking, project management, and inside/outside plant. Demonstrates expertise in managing complex network systems, enhancing infrastructure, and leading high-impact projects such as the \$173 million MQ-9 expansion project and the \$10 million MSAB Moral network expansion project.

SKILLS

Communication, Avaya, Cisco, Problem-solving, Ciena, Microsoft Office, Teamwork, Management, Help Desk, Cyber Operations, Project Management, Powershell, Attention to Detail, Arubba, Python, C, Active Directory, Inside plant, Outside plant, Linux, Circuit Troubleshooting, Site Surveys, Network Security, Virtual Machines (VMware, VirtualBox, Hyper-V), Remedy, ServiceNow, Vizio, Wireshark, VPN, Solar winds, Hardware/TACLANE support, VoIP

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

NETWORK SYSTEMS SECTION MANAGER

United States Air Force

Sep 2023 - Present
Eglin Air Force Base, FL

- Managed IT Operations/System infrastructure and performed site surveys, network cable installations, circuit troubleshooting, and rack drawing updates.
- Programmed and installed Ciena switches for network expansion project, enabling 50 buildings across 3 installations a 10x network speed increase.
- Dedicated 250 hours to programming Cisco switches and routers, leading a \$7 Million upgrade project to replacing old equipment with modern infrastructure for enhanced network performance and compatibility.
- Trained in-shop personnel in troubleshooting techniques for switches, routers, circuits, and VOIP systems.
- Configured and installed 40 Cisco switches/Access points for the \$10 million MSAB Moral network expansion project.

COMMUNICATIONS FOCAL POINT SUPERVISOR

United States Air Force

Feb 2023 - Sep 2023
Eglin Air Force Base, FL

- Supervised Help Desk and Technical Support teams.
- Provided basic troubleshooting and remote access solution implementation and support, including ticket creation, routing, VPN, Remote Desktop •Services, and voicemail reset, for 20,000 customers.
- Created a new automation system in Teams to increase documentation and ticket workflow by 50%.
- Coordinated with 4 government installations and emergency services and network personnel to ensure minimal network downtime from natural disasters/power outages.
- Oversaw a 5-man SIPR team providing basic troubleshooting, ticket creation, security incidents reporting, routing and coordinated with MCCC, DISA, partnering agencies and neighboring installations.

CABLE AND ANTENNAE DEFENSE OPERATIONS

United States Air Force

Nov 2015 - Feb 2023
Eglin Air Force Base, FL

- Anchored \$24 million pharmacy project, engineered tech solution for infrastructure expansion, enhancing prescription delivery system for 117K personnel.
- Engineered COVID-19 vaccine distribution center solution; led 6 Airmen and installed 40 data ports in under 2 hours, streamlining the delivery of 5.3K doses.
- Acted as Air Force Research Laboratory network expansion subject matter expert, verified links, and enforced AF/IT wire standards to advance \$14M project for RDT&E munitions technology complex.
- Pivotal to the \$173 Million dollar MQ-9 expansion project; engineered solution and installed 6k feet of cable and 6 Cisco switches linking 6 sites, enabling faster response times against adversaries.
- Oversaw a team of 5 supporting a 359th voice system upgrade, installing 75 phones and 3 gateways to support 6 AFSC's driving the F-35 pipeline & Eglin's \$5.8B training mission.

EDUCATION

BACHELOR'S IN CYBER OPERATIONS, CYBER/ELECTRONIC OPERATIONS AND WARFARE

Dakota State University

Jan 2020 - Dec 2026

ASSOCIATE'S IN NETWORK AND SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Dakota State University

Jan 2020 - Aug 2025

ASSOCIATE'S IN ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY

Community College of the Air Force

Nov 2016 - Jan 2020

CERTIFICATIONS/COURSES

Certifications

- CompTIA Cysa+, Expected test date, July 20th 2025
- Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA), Expires April 2028
- CompTIA Network+, Issued June 2022, Expires June 2025
- Certified Project Officer, Institute of Project Management, Issued November 2021
- CompTIA Security+, Issued December 2019, Expires December 2025

Courses

- Airmen Leadership School, September 23rd 2020
- NCO Fundamentals, May 3rd 2024
- Arubba Advanced networking, July 6th 2024