

Dr. E. “Yolanda” Footman

Dr. E. Yolanda Footman is the Branch Chief, Policy and Programs, Financial Management (FM) Directorate, Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Florida.

Dr. Footman was born in Sheffield, Alabama on 28 May 1968. She graduated from Iuka High School in Iuka, MS in May 1986, and from Faulkner University with a Bachelor of Science in Management of Human Resources in December 1996. Three years later, December 1999, she received her Masters of Science degree in HR Management from Troy State University. In July 2011, Dr. Footman graduated from the University of Phoenix with a doctorate degree in Management with a concentration in Organizational Leadership.

Dr. Footman joined the Air Force Reserves as an Information Manager in 1986. She was assigned to the 908th CAMS, Maxwell AFB, AL, where she obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant. She remained in the reserves for 4 years and entered active duty in June 1990. Dr. Footman gave up all her stripes, but **one** to enter active duty. She served in various capacities as an Information Manager on Maxwell and Gunter AFBs. Throughout her enlisted career, she was promoted to Senior Airman Below the Zone and STEP promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant. Dr. Footman served on active duty as an enlisted member for 8 years before being accepted into the Air Education Commissioning Program in April 1998. She was released from active duty to pursue her commission through AFROTC, via Detachment 019 at Alabama State University in Montgomery, AL. Dr. Footman received her commission as a 2Lt and returned to active duty in July 2000 as a Financial Management Officer.

As a commissioned officer, Dr. Footman’s first assignment was as a Budget Analyst assigned to both Kelly and Lackland AFB TX. From March 2004–April 2005, she successfully lead the Financial Analysis Flight at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, where she was awarded the 355th ABWs CGO of the Year for 2005. From 2005–2009, Dr. Footman was assigned to Maxwell AFB and served in various roles at Squadron Officer College and Air University where she was “the voice of Air University” as the lead mission briefer for the command. From February 2009–2012, she was assigned as Comptroller, 23rd Air Force, Hurlburt Field, FL. During this assignment, Dr. Footman was deployed to USAFOR-A (Kabul, Afghanistan) for a year as the budget officer of the entire AOR overseeing a budget of over \$13B dollars. She attributes her deployment as the most humbling and enlightening assignment of her entire career. Upon return from her deployment, Dr. Footman received her final assignment to MacDill AFB in Tampa FL where she served as Comptroller, for SOCCENT’s Cultural Engagement Group.

Upon retirement in 2013, Dr. Footman served as the Senior Aerospace Science Instructor at Florida Air Academy in Melbourne, FL. In June 2014, she began service as a budget analyst in civil service assigned to the FM directorate at AFSOC. She served as the Command Lead Analyst for the Flying Hour Program. As the lead analyst she managed AFSOC’s \$400M+ flying hour program across multiple aircraft. Dr. Footman assumed her current position as Branch Chief, Policy and Programs in June 2016. In this capacity, she has championed the FM training initiative from the ground up—this approach embraces training for all FM customers. Additionally, she oversees all FM policies within the command to ensure we are being faithful stewards of the government’s funds.

Dr. Footman has been an adjunct professor for the University of Phoenix for 16 years. She is a certified Life and Professional Development Coach. Additionally, Dr. Footman authored, “Positive Effective Leadership” a piece published by motivational speaker and New York Times Author, Dan Clark. She is active in her local community and a member of the following organizations: American Society of Military Comptrollers, Okaloosa County Chapter of Blacks in Government (BIG), and the International Coaching Federation (ICF).