

Mike Millard is an FAA Aviation Safety Inspector at the Cincinnati FSDO.

He retired from the USAF after 21 years in aircraft maintenance and moved to Ohio where he taught aircraft maintenance at an FAR Part 147 Aircraft Maintenance Technician school before being hired by the FAA.

He was a Crew Chief in the USAF on F-16's, U-2/TR-1's, T-38's, & A-10's. He was an Air Force QA inspector over civilian maintenance at the USAF Academy on the T-3 aircraft and he spent three exciting years with the USAF Thunderbirds. His civilian aviation background includes being an A&P, IA, DME and pilot.

The Thunderbirds are the Air Demonstration Squadron of the United States Air Force. As such, they tour the United States and much of the world, performing aerobatic formation and solo flying in specially-marked USAF jet aircraft.

Get a behind the scenes look at the team from this prior team member who maintained the #5 Lead Solo jet, and who maintained and flew in the #8 two seat F-16. Mike spent three years with the USAF Thunderbirds, and he will be sharing his experiences and some little known facts about the demonstration team.