

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA BOOK



Keystone Class **2023-1**

13-24 March 2023

National Defense University

SENIOR FELLOWS



Ray, Charles (Charlie)

ADM, USCG (Ret)

Charlie Ray served four decades as a tactical, operational, and strategic leader in Coast Guard mission sets around the globe. He also served in the joint environment both domestically and in combat zones and as the Head of Delegation for multiple international engagements. He is recognized and trusted across the U.S. interagency as a reliable partner and leader in crisis management.

Admiral Ray retired in 2021 after serving as the 31st Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard. As Vice, he served as the Deputy Service Chief, and Senior Acquisition Official during a period when the Service initiated and sustained the most growth in ship building and infrastructure recapitalization since WWII. He also was responsible for developing policies and procedures to support sustained Coast Guard Search and Rescue, Law Enforcement and Security operations during the Pandemic and for supporting multiple DHS surge missions in the heartland and on the Southern Border.

Prior to Service as Vice Commandant, he served as Deputy Commandant for Operations, where he set operational strategy and policy that addressed national and Service priorities for Coast Guard: intelligence; international affairs; cyber; the maritime transportation system; search and rescue; maritime security; law enforcement; defense operations; environmental response and contingency planning. He was also responsible for developing requirements for future: cutter, boat, aviation, shore, cyber, and deployable specialized forces. Leading the Coast Guard's maritime regulatory and inspection functions, he regularly partnered with industry groups to address threats to maritime commerce.

Admiral Ray commanded in the Pacific Area with operational responsibility for all Coast Guard forces from Antarctica to the Arctic and from the Rocky Mountains to the East Coast of Africa. He was the Head of Delegation for multiple international engagements in the North Pacific and Arctic Coast Guard Forums that included frequent interaction with representatives from the Coast Guards of the Peoples Republic of China and Russia. He was also regularly engaged in bilateral coordination with allies and partners across the Pacific and Oceania in coordinating operations addressing illegal fisheries, search and rescue and security operations. Admiral Ray was a driving force in increasing awareness of the strategic significance of the Arctic and in testifying on the resource requirements to execute Coast Guard missions in the Polar Regions.

From a joint military perspective, he was the Director of the Iraq Training and Mission to the Ministry of Interior with U.S. Forces Iraq from 2009 to 2010. In this assignment he led a joint team of advisors from all military services and multiple police specialties in direct support to the Ministry of Interior in all aspects of manning, training, and equipping Police Security Forces in Iraq. Domestically, he served as the Military Advisor to the Secretary of Homeland Security during a period involving significant increases in Defense Support for Civil Authorities.

Admiral Ray spent most of his operational time as an aviator and earned aircraft commander and instructor pilot ratings in multiple helicopter types. He served as detachment commander for shipboard deployments from the Bering Sea to the Caribbean and Commanded the Coast Guard Air Station in Puerto Rico. Charlie flew over 5000 helicopter flight hours and was the longest serving aviator in the Coast Guard in his final 4 years of Service thereby earning the title of "Ancient Albatross".

He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from the Coast Guard Academy, a Master of Science Degree from The Industrial College of the Armed Forces and a Master of Science in Industrial Administration from Purdue University. He holds FAA certifications in both helicopters and fixed wing aircraft.

Admiral Ray currently serves as the Dr. James S. Tyler Chair in Leadership Development at the Loy Institute for Leadership at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.



Command Chief Master Sergeant (Retired) Gregory A Smith is the Chief Executive Officer of TIGRE Global Solutions Inc. TIGRE Global Solutions Inc focuses on emerging technology, discreet capabilities, and developmental systems that advance National Security.

Greg started his military career with the United States Air Force in 1990 as an aircraft armament systems specialist. He was selected for special duty as an AC-130H/U Aerial Gunner in 1996. He served as Lead, Instructor, and Evaluator Gunner with the 4th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Florida.

Greg was part of the first team to deploy following the terror attacks on 9/11. He established the first forward operating base and then deployed to Pakistan where he established a joint interagency forward operating location. In 2009, Greg became the first course director and chief of academics for the Joint Special Operations Forces Senior Enlisted Academy (JSOFSEA).

In January 2012, Greg was selected for Command Chief Master Sergeant for the 58th Special Operations Wing where he oversaw the training and readiness for special operations and combat rescue personnel. Greg was selected as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader for Special Operations Command Europe (SOCEUR) in 2013. While at SOCEUR, he led special operations forces through multiple contingencies in Ukraine, Turkey, and operations in Syria. In 2015, Greg became the Command Senior Enlisted Leader for NATO Special Operations Headquarters (NSHQ). In this role, he synchronized Allied Special Operations Forces for employment in support of NATO missions across the globe. From 2016 to 2019, Greg served as the Command Chief Master Sergeant, Air Force Special Operations Command. His last assignment was as Command Senior Enlisted Leader for United States Special Operations Command.

Greg completed 14 combat deployments throughout his career, supporting operations in the Balkans, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Africa. He has flown more than 3500 hours in the AC-130H/U/J, HH-60H, and various aircraft, including 1400 combat hours. He has a bachelor's degree in Political Science and has completed all professional military education, the Summit Course, and the Keystone Course at the National Defense University. Greg's awards and decorations include the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense

Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Air Medal w/Valor with nine oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Combat Action Medal, Polish Medal with Gold Bar, Lithuanian Armed Forces Medal for Special Operations, and the NATO Medal for Yugoslavia.

Greg and his wife currently reside in Orchard Park, New York and schedule their lives around Buffalo Bills football.

Consultant: IEX

Consultant: Battelle

Consultant: Ernst & Young (EY) LLP

Consultant: Firestorm Labs

Consultant: Flatter

Consultant: Tesseract Ventures

Consultant: Capital Ventures

Adjunct Faculty: Joint Special Operations University

Senior Fellow: National Defense University

Board of Directors: The Honor Foundation

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United States Navy Biography

CMDCM(EXW/SW/AW/IW/PJ) Thomas G. Alex
Command Master Chief, Officer Training Command Newport

Master Chief Petty Officer Thomas G. Alex enlisted in 1999 and attended basic training at Recruit Training Command (RTC), Great Lakes, IL, Gunner's Mate "A" School and MK 41 Vertical Launching System "C" School.

His operational sea assignments include: USS Paul Hamilton (DDG-60), Pearl Harbor, HI; Naval Special Warfare Development Group (DEVGRU); Naval Beach Unit SEVEN, Sasebo, Japan and deployed on USS Germantown (LSD-42), USS Ashland (LSD-48), USS Green Bay (LPD-20) and USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD-6). His operational duties include: Cruise Missile Technician, Rescue Swimmer, Small Arms Range Master, Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC) Craftmaster; LCAC/Beach Master Detachment OIC.



Ashore, he served at: RTC Great Lakes, IL; Center for Information Warfare Training, Corry Station, Pensacola, FL, and Naval Support Activity Lakehurst, Joint Base MDL, NJ. His duties include: Recruit Division Commander (RDC), Ship's (Barracks) LCPO, Water Survival Instructor, Command Climate Specialist/EEO/ADR Mediator and Command Master Chief.

He is currently assigned as Command Master Chief of Officer Training Command Newport.

Master Chief Alex has earned Enlisted Expeditionary Warfare, Surface Warfare, Aviation Warfare, and Information Warfare Specialist designations; and has qualified as a Navy Master Training Specialist, Naval Parachutist and Small Craft OIC/Craftmaster with 1,000 operational flight hours in-command of Navy Hovercraft.

He graduated from Navy Senior Enlisted Academy (175 Gray), CMC/COB Course (185) and Senior Enlisted JPME I and II. He has been awarded the Defense and Meritorious Service Medals, Navy Commendation Medals (four awards), Navy Achievement Medal (two awards), various unit and campaign awards as well as the RDC Distinguished Leader award.



Command Sergeant Major Jorge Arzabala, Jr.
Command Sergeant Major
U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence
Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri 65473



Command Sergeant Major Jorge Arzabala is a native of El Paso, Texas. He enlisted in the Army as a Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Specialist in 1999, attending One Unit Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

His assignments include CBRN Specialist, 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY; Training NCO, 20th Maintenance Company, 194th Maintenance Battalion, Camp Humphreys, Korea; Squad Leader & Operations Sergeant, 46th Chemical Company, 2nd Chemical Battalion; Drill Sergeant, Foxtrot, Echo, & Alpha Company, 82nd Chemical Battalion, Fort Leonard Wood, MO; Platoon Sergeant, 101st Chemical Company, 83rd Chemical Battalion, Fort Bragg, NC; Operations Sergeant, Protection Cell, XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, NC; Operations Sergeant, First Sergeant, and Force Integration Staff Officer, USAOSE in Washington, DC. As a Command Sergeant Major, he has served in the, 2nd Chemical Battalion, Fort Hood; 3rd Chemical Brigade, Fort Leonard Wood, and the 20th CBRNE Command, Aberdeen Proving Ground. He has deployed to Kosovo and Iraq for peacekeeping and combat operations. He assumed his current position as the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood Command Sergeant Major in January 2023.

His military education includes the Primary Leadership Development Course (Commandant's List), Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course (Distinguished Honor Graduate), Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course (Leadership Award), First Sergeant Course, Class 67 of the United States Army Sergeants Major Course (Commandant's List), and the Nominative Leaders Course. Other courses include Drill Sergeant School (Commandant's List), Air Assault School, Unit Prevention Leader Course, Unit Armorer Course, Combative Level 3 Course, Airborne School, Contracting Officer Course, Technical Escort Course, Jumpmaster Course, SERE Course, Battle Staff Course, Manpower & Force Management Course, and Master Resilience Trainer Course. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Homeland Security and Emergency Management from Ashford University and a Master of Arts degree in Leadership Studies from The University of Texas at El Paso.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (OLC), Army Commendation Medal (5th OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (5th OLC), Valorous Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal (7th Award), National Defense Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terror Service Medal, Korean Service Defense Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Professional Development Ribbon w/ numeral 5, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral 2, NATO Medal, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, German Armed Forces Badge of Proficiency (Gold), Royal Netherlands Army & German Parachutist Badge, and is a recipient of the Ancient Order of the Dragon.



FORCM Jason Avin

Force Master Chief, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet



Force Master Chief Jason Avin was born in Queens, New York and raised on Long Island. He graduated from General Douglas MacArthur High School in 1993 and enlisted in the Navy in 1996. He graduated from the United States Navy Senior Enlisted Academy and completed the Command Master Chief / Chief of the Boat Leadership Course.

Master Chief Avin's sea duty assignments include USS Boston (SSN 703), USS Louisville (SSN 724), USS Charlotte (SSN 766), USS Springfield (SSN 761), and USS Dallas (SSN 700).

In August 2013, he reported to USS Annapolis (SSN 760) as the Chief of the Boat (COB). During his COB tour, Annapolis earned the 2014 Commander, Submarine Development Squadron 12 Battle "E" and the 2014 and 2015 Retention Excellence awards.

His shore duty assignments include command Master Training Specialist Coordinator at the Naval Submarine School, Communications Assistant at Submarine Squadron 12, Command Master Chief of Submarine Squadron 12, and Director of the Senior Enlisted Academy.

Master Chief Avin is currently the Force Master Chief for Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Master Chief Avin's personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (four awards), and various unit citations.



UNITED STATES STRATEGIC COMMAND

Biography

MGySgt Charles C. Baker **Commandant, USSTRATCOM**

Master Gunnery Sergeant Baker was born in Lincoln, Nebraska in April 1975. In 1994, he enlisted in the Marine Corps through the Delayed Entry Program and subsequently attended recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego with Kilo Company, Third Recruit Training Battalion in July 1994. Upon graduation, Private Baker reported to the School of Infantry, Camp Pendleton, California for training as a rifleman.

In November of 1994, Private Baker reported to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines in Camp Pendleton, California for duty with Alpha Company. He deployed to Okinawa with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) in the Spring of 1995. Upon returning from deployment his unit was deployed to the southern border to participate in JTF-6. Again, in the spring of 1997, Cpl Baker deployed to Okinawa with the 31st MEU. Upon returning from his second deployment, Corporal Baker was deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Desert Fox in February of 1998. Upon returning from deployment in July of 1998, Sergeant Baker reported for duty with 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, Camp Pendleton California.



While at 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, Sergeant Baker deployed to Idaho in the fall of 2001 in support of TF Wildfire, as a stick leader. In 2002, Sgt Baker was meritoriously promoted to SSgt. In December of 2002, SSgt Baker again deployed to Okinawa with the 31st MEU as a Platoon Sergeant. In September of 2002, Staff Sergeant Baker received orders to Marine Corps Detachment Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland (MCD, APG).

While at MCD APG, Staff Sergeant Baker served as Platoon Sergeant from 2002 until he deployed in 2004 as a Combat Advisor to Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Upon his return from deployment, he assumed the role of Detachment Gunnery Sergeant. In August of 2005, SSgt Baker received orders to 1st Battalion, 9th Marines Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

While at 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, SSgt Baker held the billets of Platoon Sergeant and Platoon Commander. SSgt Baker was selected and promoted to Gunnery Sergeant, and in September of 2006 was reassigned to 6th Marine Regiment, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

In December of 2006, Gunnery Sergeant Baker deployed with 6th Marine Regiment to Fallujah, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. While on deployment he held the billets of Ground Watch Officer and Company Gunnery Sergeant. Upon returning from deployment in January of 2008, Gunnery Sergeant Baker received orders to 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

While at 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, Gunnery Sergeant Baker deployed to Ramadi, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as Company Gunnery Sergeant. Upon returning from deployment, Gunnery Sergeant Baker again deployed to Khost Province, Afghanistan, as Counter IED team leader assigned to TF Paladin. Upon returning from deployment, Gunnery Sergeant Baker was selected to Master Sergeant, was Frocked and issued orders to Marine Corps Tactics and Operations Group (MCTOG), Twentynine Palms California.

Following his time as a Faculty Advisor at MCTOG, MSgt Baker received orders to the 24th MEU, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. In June of 2013 while at the 24th MEU, MSgt Baker deployed as the Operations Chief with Special Purpose MAGTF Crisis Response Africa. Upon returning from deployment, MSgt Baker again deployed as Headquarters Commandant/Assistant Operations Chief on the 24th MEU in December of 2014. Following the 24th MEU, MSgt Baker was selected to Master Gunnery Sergeant.

Master Gunnery Sergeant Baker was issued orders to 1st Battalion, 6th Marines, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina and deployed with the 22nd MEU as Operations Chief, Battalion Landing Team 1/6. Upon returning from deployment, Master Gunnery Sergeant Baker received orders to 7th Marine Regiment, Twentynine Palms, California.

While at 7th Marine Regiment, Master Gunnery Sergeant Baker served as Operations Chief. In October of 2018 Master Gunnery Sergeant Baker deployed to the Southern Border in support of Operations Southern Border as the Special Purpose MAGTF Operations Chief.

In November of 2018, Master Gunnery Sergeant Baker received orders to the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, California for duties as Division Operations Chief. In June of 2021 Master Gunnery Sergeant Baker received orders to his current position as the Headquarters Commandant/Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chief of Staff United States Strategic Command.

His personal awards include: Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (third award), Joint Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation medal (second award), Joint Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (fifth award), Combat Action Ribbon, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal (eighth award). He is married and has no children.

(Current as of February 2023)



Warrant Officer of the Navy

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Warrant Officer Andrew Bertoncin, OAM



WO Andrew “Bert” Bertoncin joined the Royal Australian Navy in 1988 as a Radio Operator. On completion of his training at HMAS *Cerberus*, he served in his first Fleet unit HMAS *Swan*.

During his service as a junior sailor, he experienced service in the MWV community in HMAS *Tarakan* and *Bunbury* and ashore in key Strategic communications centers. Promotion to senior sailor required both amalgamation to the Communication Information Systems category and a return to service in MFUs with two postings to HMAS *Arunta*. A highlight of his service in *Arunta* was the reward of the Peter Mitchell prize as the most outstanding senior sailor of the year in 2005.

Promotion to WOCIS5 in 2007 led to a wide range of CIS manager roles including OPSWO DEFCAMSAUS, OIC DEF COMMSTA Perth and the OPSWO position in the Force Communication Unit deployed in the MEAO as part of Operation Slipper.

Altering the course of his career he took the opportunity to serve as a CWO in HMAS *Sirius*, *Stirling* and MHPFOR. WO Bertoncin also conducted the responsibilities as the WA Alcohol and Drug Program Coordinator (WAADPC) where he achieved a diploma in Alcohol and Drug counseling.

WO Bertoncin was awarded the OAM in the 2016 Queens Honor’s List for his service to the Communications category and as the CWO of *Sirius*.

In February 2021 WO Bertoncin was appointed to the role of Command Warrant Officer Fleet Command. Whilst serving in this position WO Bertoncin completed the RAN Staff Acquit course.

In December 2022 WO Bertoncin was appointed as the Royal Australian Navy’s tenth Warrant Officer of the Navy.

WO Bertoncin is a long term rugby tragic, having played for both Navy and Australian Services. WO Bertoncin is also currently supporting the ADF Adaptive sports program as the coach of the “Wheeling Diggers”, the Australian Invictus Wheelchair rugby and basketball teams.

He is married to Veronica, and they have three children; Beck, Charley and Jessica.



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT STEFAN BLAZIER

Chief Master Sergeant Stefan Blazier is the Command Chief Master Sergeant for Air University, headquartered at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. Air University is the intellectual and leadership-development center for Air and Space Forces providing a full-spectrum of courses that graduate more than 50,000 resident and 120,000 non-resident officers, enlisted, and civilian personnel each year to achieve national security objectives. He serves as the adviser to the Commander on all matters affecting the quality, welfare, morale, readiness, and leadership of service members assigned to over 1,300 locations around the world.

Originally from St. Petersburg, Florida, Chief Blazier enlisted in the Air Force as an Imagery Analyst in the Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance community. His experience includes a wide range of operational, training, and developmental roles and missions. Chief Blazier served as an Air Education and Training Command Master Instructor and has held various senior enlisted positions while serving at squadron, group, wing, center, and headquarters levels. His past assignment locations include Texas, California, Hawaii, Virginia, South Korea, and Germany.

Prior to assuming his current position, he served as the Chief of Enlisted Force Development, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.



EDUCATION

- 1998 - Imagery Analysis Apprentice Course, Goodfellow Air Force Base, Tex.
- 2002 - Airman Leadership School, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii
- 2004 - Air Education and Training Command Basic Instructor Course, Goodfellow Air Force Base, Tex.
- 2005 - Associate in Communications Applications Tech, Community College of the Air Force, Ala.
- 2005 - Associate in Instructor of Technology & Military Science, Community College of the Air Force, Ala.
- 2009 - Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Kapaun Air Station, Germany
- 2010 - Lean Six-Sigma Green Belt Course, Ramstien Air Base, Germany
- 2011 - Senior Enlisted Joint PME Phase I (by correspondence), Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
- 2012 - Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Gunter Annex, Ala.
- 2013 - Senior Enlisted ISR Master Skills Course, Goodfellow Air Force Base, Tex.
- 2014 - Chief Master Sergeant Orientation Course, Randolph Air Force Base, Tex.
- 2014 - Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies (Summa Cum Laude), Liberty University, Va.
- 2015 - Inspector General Training Course, Lansdowne, Va.
- 2016 - Cyber 400, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.
- 2017 - Senior Enlisted Joint PME Phase II (by correspondence), Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
- 2018 - Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Kenan-Flagler Business School, Chapel Hill, N.C.
- 2019 - Senior Enlisted Legal Orientation Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2021 - Artificial Intelligence for National Security Course, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, Ma.
- 2022 - Summit Strategic Leader Course, Joint Special Operations University, Tampa, Fla.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. December 1997 - February 1998, Trainee, 331 TRS, Lackland AFB, Tex.
2. March - August 1998, Student, 315 TRS, Goodfellow AFB, Tex.
3. September 1998 - January 2001, Imagery Analyst & Sensor Planner, 13 IS, Beale AFB, Calif.
4. February 2001 - February 2004, Team Chief, Joint Intelligence Center-PACOM, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
5. March 2004 - July 2007, Instructor Supervisor, 315 TRS, Goodfellow AFB, Tex.
6. August 2007 - August 2008, Imagery Mission Supervisor, 607 AIS, Osan AB, Korea
7. September 2008 - January 2010, NCOIC, ISR Operations, 603 AOC, Ramstein AB, Germany
8. January 2010 - January 2011, Flight Chief, Operations Training, 24 IS, Ramstein AB, Germany
9. February 2011 - April 2012, Operations Superintendent, 24 IS, Ramstein AB, Germany
10. May 2012 - January 2013, Superintendent, Standardization & Evaluations, HQ AF ISR Agency, JBSA-Lackland, Tex.
11. February 2013 - September 2014, 1N1 Functional Manager, HQ AF ISR Agency, JBSA-Lackland, Tex.
12. October 2014 - February 2015, Superintendent, Operations Center, HQ 25 AF, JBSA-Lackland, Tex.
13. March 2015 - December 2015, Superintendent, Office of the Inspector General, HQ 25 AF, JBSA-Lackland, Tex
14. January 2016 - August 2017, Group Superintendent, 67 COG, JBSA-Lackland, Tex.
15. September 2017 - December 2017, Group Superintendent, 497 ISRG, JB-Langley Eustis, Va.
16. January 2018 - July 2019, Command Chief, 363 ISRW, JB-Langley Eustis, Va.
17. August 2019 - January 2021, Command Chief, 37 TRW, JBSA-Lackland, Tex.
18. February 2021 - May 2022, Chief of Enlisted Force Development, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, Washington D.C
19. June 2022 - Present, Command Chief, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Ala.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Joint Service Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1998 Honor Graduate, Imagery Analysis Apprentice Course
2002 Leadership Award & Distinguished Graduate, Hickam Airman Leadership School
2006 Master Instructor, Air Education and Training Command
2008 Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award nominee, 607th Air Intelligence Group
2009 Commandant's Award & Distinguished Graduate, Kisling NCO Academy
2009 Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award nominee, 3rd Air Force
2009 SNCO of the Year, 3rd Air Force
2010 Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award nominee, 693d ISR Group
2010 SNCO of the Year, 693d ISR Group
2011 Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award nominee, 24th Intelligence Squadron
2011 SNCO of the Year, 693d ISR Group
2012 Distinguished Graduate, Air Force SNCO Academy

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant - 01 December 2014

(Current as of May 2022)

Army Sergeant Major



WARRANT OFFICER CLASS ONE PAUL CARNEY

WO1 Carney was born in November 1979 in Gosport and joined the Army in January 1997 as a combat engineer and electrician in the Royal Engineers. He has exercised around the world and operated in Macedonia, Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan.

WO1 Carney's Junior and Senior Non-Commissioned Officer roles were spread between close support armoured engineering and general support engineering. As a Quartermaster Sergeant Instructor, he taught Troop Commanders and Sergeants Combat Engineering specialising on Demolitions and Bridging at the Royal Engineer Warfare Wing. He was the Squadron Sergeant Major of 20 Field Squadron, 36 Engineer Regiment as it transitioned to a Route Proving and Clearance role.

After serving as Regimental Sergeant Major at 22 Engineer Regiment WO1 Carney has since served as 3rd (United Kingdom) Division Command Sergeant Major, the Field Army Command Sergeant Major and as a student on the Intermediate Command and Staff Course (Land). In July 2021 he was appointed the 3rd British Army Sergeant Major.

WO1 Carney is married to Kathryn with two children: Nicole and Ethan. He has a BA (Hons) in Leadership and Management and is currently studying at master's level. He enjoys CrossFit, running, kayaking and adventure training.



Sergeant Major Marcos A. Cordero

Command Senior Enlisted Leader

Sergeant Major Marcos A. Cordero was appointed as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader of Joint Task Force North on 10 November 2022.

Originally from New York, NY, he enlisted in the Marine Corps and attended recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC, graduating April 1998.

In June 1998, he reported to Assault Amphibious School for Assault Amphibian Crewman Course, Camp Pendleton, CA, where he received the Military Occupational Specialty of 1833, Amphibian Crewman.

In September 1998, he reported to 3d Assault Amphibious Battalion (AABN), Camp Pendleton, CA. In September 1999, SgtMaj Cordero was meritoriously promoted to the rank of Corporal.

In January 2000, SgtMaj Cordero deployed to Okinawa, Japan with Alpha Company as part of the Unit Deployment Program (UDP).

In July 2000, SgtMaj Cordero received orders to 3d Platoon, Delta Company, 3d AABN, 29 Palms, CA. He deployed with Charlie Company in January 2001 as part of the UDP, where he participated in Land Force Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training.

In October 2001, SgtMaj Cordero received orders to Recruiters School, MCRD San Diego, CA. In January 2002, he reported to Recruiting Substation Manhattan, Recruiting Station NY, 1st Marine Corps District, where he served as a Canvassing Recruiter. In July 2003, he was meritoriously promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant.

In April 2005, SgtMaj Cordero reported to 3d Platoon, Bravo Co, 3d AABN, Camp Pendleton, CA, where he served as a Section Leader.

In September 2005, SgtMaj Cordero deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 5-7. In March 2007, SgtMaj Cordero redeployed with Bravo Company to OIF 7-02, assigned as Section Leader, 2nd Platoon.

In February 2008, SgtMaj Cordero reported to Assault Amphibian Schools Battalion where he served as the Company Gunnery Sergeant, Company First Sergeant, Platoon Commander, and Senior Instructor.

In April 2011, SgtMaj Cordero reported to 2d Platoon, Charlie Co, 3d AABN, Camp Pendleton, CA, where he served as a Platoon Sergeant. In October 2011, he deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom 11-2.

In April 2013, SgtMaj Cordero received orders to Detachment 1, Transportation Services Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 25, Stone Bay, Camp Lejeune, NC, and served as the Inspector-Instructor First Sergeant.

In December 2015 SgtMaj Cordero reported to 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, Camp Pendleton, CA, where he served as Headquarters and Service Company First Sergeant.

In May 2017, SgtMaj Cordero reported to 3d Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment to serve as Battalion Sergeant Major, and in May 2018 he served as Battalion Sergeant Major, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, 3d Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan.

In January 2020, SgtMaj Cordero deployed with Marine Rotational Force-Darwin 20-2 as the Command Element Sergeant Major. In November 2020, SgtMaj Cordero reported to Combat Logistics Regiment 3, 3d Marine Logistics Group where he served as the Regimental Sergeant Major.

SgtMaj Cordero earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree with Honors in Organization Management from Ashford University in November 2015, and a Master's Degree with Honors in Strategic Leadership from the University of Charleston, WV, in May 2020.

SgtMaj Cordero's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with gold star in lieu of third award, Navy and Marine Commendation Medal with gold star in lieu of fourth award, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with gold star in lieu of second award, and the Combat Action Ribbon.



Sergeant Major (SGM) Edward A. Cummings is, first and foremost, a Soldier. SGM Cummings' held and deployed at every enlisted leadership position from Infantry Team Leader to First Sergeant.

SGM Cummings is a native of Osmond, Nebraska, and enlisted in the Army in July 2000. He is currently serving as the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Deputy Director, Joint Training, Joint Staff, J7.

Assignment History:

2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, Fort Drum, New York (December 2000 – June 2007)

3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, Fort Jackson, South Carolina (Drill Sergeant) (July 2007 – January 2011)

1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment (Stryker) Fort Wainwright, Alaska (March 2011 – May 2014)

3rd Squadron, 16th Cavalry Regiment, Fort Benning, Georgia (June 2014 – June 2016)

2nd Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, North Carolina (July 2016 – June 2018)

Signal, Intelligence, and Sustainment Company (SISCO), Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina (June 2018 – June 2019)

The Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, Texas (Student) (August 2019 – July 2020)

Joint Staff, J7, Deputy Directorate Joint Training (July 2020 – Present)

Deployment History:

Bosnia (Stabilization Force-10) September, 11 2001 – March, 29 2002

Afghanistan (Operations ENDURING FREEDOM) July 2003 – April 2004

Iraq (Operation IRAQI FREEDOM) July 2005 – July 2006

Afghanistan (Operation ENDURING FREEDOM) April 2011 – April 2012

Afghanistan (Operation FREEDOM'S SENTINEL/INHERENT RESOLVE) July 2017 – January 2018

SGM Cummings' military education includes all levels of the Noncommissioned Officer Primary Military Education system. He is a graduate of Ranger School, Airborne School, Jumpmaster School, Drill Sergeant School, Pathfinder School, Air Assault School, Reconnaissance Surveillance Leaders Course, and The Australian Jungle Leader's Course. SGM Cummings has earned his Bachelor's Degree in Leadership and Workforce Development and is pursuing his Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (2nd Award), Meritorious Service Medal (4th Award), Army Commendation Medal (3rd Award), and the Army Achievement Medal (3rd award). He has earned the Ranger tab, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Master Parachutist badge, Air Assault Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

SGM Cummings has been married to his Wife Cassandra Cummings of Stanberry Missouri for 18 years. They have three children, Domanic (16), Jazmyne (14), and Weston (5).

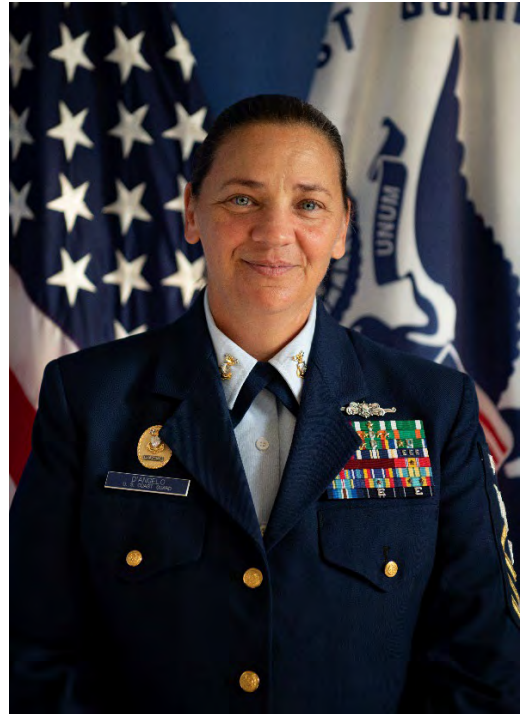
Master Chief Maria D'Angelo

Command Master Chief Maria D'Angelo assumed the duties as Command Master Chief (CMC), USCG Academy in June 2021. Her primary responsibility is to advise the Academy Superintendent on issues and initiatives pertaining to the entire Coast Guard Academy workforce. Further, she helps to carry out Command intent and facilitates communications and the effective functioning of the organizational chain of command. Most recently Master Chief D'Angelo served as Command Master Chief Sector Southeastern New England based in Cape Cod, MA.

Master Chief Maria D'Angelo is a native of Ronkonkoma, New York and is a veteran of the United States Navy. She enlisted in the Coast Guard in March of 2002 and her previous units include Patrol Forces South West Asia, Station Jones Beach, Surface Fleet Logistics Center, CGC GALLATIN, CGC BEAR, CGC MONOMOY, and USS HOLLAND.

Master Chief D'Angelo's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal, Navy/Marine Corp Commendation Medal, Coast Guard Achievement Medal, Navy/Marine Corp Achievement Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and other personal and service awards.

Master Chief D'Angelo is a 2011 graduate of the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Academy Class 178 and the Coast Guard Senior Enlisted Leadership Course Class 61. She is married to Marie D'Angelo of Eden Prairie, MN and has two children Leo and Diana.





BIOGRAPHY

11th Marine Expeditionary Unit

Andy L. Darnell Jr.

RANK: Master Gunnery Sergeant

BILLET: Operations Chief

AGE: 42

PLACE OF BIRTH: Olathe, Kansas



Master Gunnery Sergeant Darnell enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in June 1998 and completed recruit training at MCRD San Diego, California in September 1998. Following Recruit Training, Private Darnell attended the School of Infantry as an 0341 Mortarman where he was promoted to the rank of Private First Class on 1 December 1998. He was later sent to attend Marine Corps Security Forces, Basic Security Guard School in Chesapeake, Virginia. Upon completion of Basic Security Guard School, Private First Class Darnell was transferred to Yorktown, Virginia for duty at 2d Fleet Antiterrorism Security Team Company. While assigned to 2d FAST Company, Private First Class Darnell was promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal on 1 September 1999 and served as a Team Leader. On 1 October 2000, Lance Corporal Darnell was promoted to the rank of Corporal and served as a Squad Leader.

In January 2001, Corporal Darnell was transferred to Camp Pendleton, California for duty with 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division. He served as a Gunner and then Section Leader for the 60mm Mortar Section, Weapons Platoon, Company G. While assigned to the company, Corporal Darnell deployed to Okinawa, Japan, and East Timor to aid in Humanitarian Operations. On 1 April 2002, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

In July 2002, Sergeant Darnell reported to Cadre Instructor School, Chesapeake, Virginia for duty as a student. Upon completion of Cadre Instructor School in August 2002, Sergeant Darnell was assigned to Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, Virginia for duty as a Cadre Instructor. While there, Sergeant Darnell served as a Weapons Instructor.

In September 2005, Sergeant Darnell was assigned to Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii where he was assigned as a Squad Leader, 81mm Mortar Platoon, and later Section Leader, Mobile Assault Platoon 1. While assigned to the company, Sergeant Darnell deployed to in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. On 1 November 2006, he was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant. Staff Sergeant Darnell was then assigned to Company K, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines where he served as 1st Platoon Sergeant, Kilo Mobile Platoon Commander, and 3rd Platoon Sergeant and deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In July 2008, Staff Sergeant Darnell was assigned to Marine Combat Instructor Course for duty as a student. Upon completion of Marine Combat Instructor Course in September 2008, Staff Sergeant Darnell was assigned to Fox Company, Marine Combat Training Battalion, School of Infantry (West) where he served as a Combat Instructor, Platoon Commander, Company Gunnery Sergeant, and Company First Sergeant. On 1 November 2010, he was promoted to the rank of Gunnery Sergeant.

In October 2011, Gunnery Sergeant Darnell was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division for duty as Advisor Team 1 Operations Chief. Upon completion of a deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Gunnery Sergeant Darnell was assigned to Company E, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines where he served as the Company Gunnery Sergeant.

In May 2013, Gunnery Sergeant Darnell was assigned to Company C, 1st Battalion, 24th Marines, 25th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division where he served as the Company Operations Chief / Company Gunnery Sergeant.

In March 2016, Gunnery Sergeant Darnell was assigned to Marine Corps Tactics and Operations Group for duty as the Assistant Operations Chief. On 01 March 2017, he was promoted to the rank of Master Sergeant. In April 2017, Master Sergeant Darnell was reassigned to serve as the Emerging Concepts, Innovation & Doctrine Chief.

In February 2019, Master Sergeant Darnell was assigned to 2d Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division to serve as the Weapons Company Operations Chief. Upon completion of a deployment in support of Operation Inherent Resolve, Master Sergeant Darnell was selected for promotion and received orders to 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division.

On February 16, 2021, Master Sergeant Darnell was frocked to the rank of Master Gunnery Sergeant for duty as the Battalion Operations Chief for 1st Battalion, 1st Marines. Upon completion of a Western Pacific deployment with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, he received orders to the 11th MEU. While serving as the Operations Chief, Master Gunnery Sergeant Darnell deployed as part of Marine Rotational Force Southeast Asia.

Master Gunnery Sergeant Darnell is married to the former Rachel Smith and they have one son, Anderson.

Master Gunnery Sergeant Darnell's personal awards include the Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal with two gold stars in lieu of third award, Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal with silver star and two bronze stars in lieu of eighth award and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.



United States Navy Biography

FORCE MASTER CHIEF WALTER S. DITTMAR UNITED STATES NAVY

FORCE MASTER CHIEF- NAVAL SPECIAL WARFARE COMMAND



Master Chief Dittmar is the Naval Special Warfare Command (WARCOM) Force Master Chief. WARCOM is the component headquarters for Naval Special Warfare (NSW) located in Coronado, California.

Master Chief Dittmar is from Manatee County, Florida. He enlisted in the Navy in April 1992 and attended Quartermaster "A" School in Orlando, FL. He then reported to Basic Underwater Demolition / SEAL School (BUD/S), where he began and graduated with Class 188.

Following BUD/S graduation and U.S. Army Airborne he was assigned to SEAL Team FIVE where he completed multiple deployments to the Pacific and Central Command Areas of Operation.

His Subsequent assignments included Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group One, NSW Advanced Training Command, and SEAL Team ONE. While assigned to SEAL Team ONE from 2004 to 2008 he served as Troop and Task Unit Senior Enlisted Advisor on successive combat deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Next he was assigned to NSW Group One Training Detachment as Operations Master Chief and then to the Joint Special Operations Forces Senior Enlisted Academy (JSOFSEA), at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa FL. Here he served as Senior Instructor and Course Director.

From 2013 to 2021 Master Chief Dittmar served four consecutive Command Master Chief tours. His commands included, NSW Group One Training Detachment, NSW Basic Training Command, The Center for SEAL and SWCC, and the NSW Center. While assigned as CMC of NSW Center he was responsible for NSW assessment, selection, production, development, and advanced training. His leadership during this assignment was crucial one of the largest force optimizations in NSW history. His effort directly contributed to the creation of NSW's Assessment Command and aided a new process of candidate selection precision and development, which will have a direct impact on NSW for decades to come.

After serving as Deputy Force Master Chief from Aug. 2021 to Aug. 2022, he was selected to his current assignment as Force Master Chief, Naval Special Warfare.

Master Chief Dittmar is a graduate of the Joint Special Operations University Summit, Joint Special Operations Forces Senior Enlisted Academy, and US Navy Senior Enlisted Academy. He is a graduate of the State College of Florida and holds a certification in Post-Secondary Adult Education. His awards include, (2) Bronze Stars (one with Valor), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, (4) Meritorious Service Medals, Combat Action Ribbon, and various other personal, unit, and campaign awards.



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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT ALVIN R. DYER

Chief Master Sergeant Alvin R. Dyer is the Command Chief Master Sergeant, Seventh Air Force, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. He serves as the principle senior enlisted advisor to the commander on morale, welfare, training, mission readiness and effective utilization of more than 9,500 combat-ready personnel assigned to two wings, one air operations center, five collocated operating bases and 19 geographically-separated operating locations. As the senior enlisted Airman for the Air Component Command of United Nations Command and Combined Forces Command, he regularly interfaces with Republic of Korea and United States service component senior enlisted leaders to ensure the combat readiness of the alliance.

Chief Dyer graduated from the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning course, Sheppard AFB, Texas. His background includes various duties within the civil engineer arena. Throughout his career, he has filled a myriad of roles including First Term Airman Center, NCOIC and additional First Sergeant. His assignments include bases in Mississippi, Arkansas, Georgia, and Florida.



Chief Dyer has also served overseas in Germany, Japan, South Korea, Alaska, and deployed in support of Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, and INHERENT RESOLVE.

EDUCATION

1999 – Airman Leadership School, Randolph AFB, Texas

2003 – Associate of Applied Science, Mechanical Electrical Technology, Community College of the Air Force

2006 – Noncommissioned Officer's Academy, Tyndall AFB, Fla.

2010 – Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy Correspondence Course

2010 – Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Correspondence Course

2010 – Professional Manager Certification, Community College of the Air Force 2012 United States Navy Senior Enlisted Academy, New Port, R.I.

2015 – Bachelors of Science, Human Resources, Columbia Southern University, Orange Beach, Ala.

2017 – Chief's Leadership Course, Maxwell Gunter AFB, Ala.

2017 – Command Chief's Orientation Course, Joint Base Andrews AFB, Va.

2018 – Enterprise Leadership Seminar, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.

2018 – Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, Colo.
2018 – Senior Enlisted Legal Orientation, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2020 – Senior Leader Security Seminar, Montross, Va.
2020 – Africa Seminar Political-Economic Conflict Seminar, Washington D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1995 - February 1999, HVAC/R Specialist, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, Columbus AFB, Miss.
2. February 1999 - April 2001, HVAC/R Craftsman, 12th Civil Engineer Squadron, Randolph AFB, Texas
3. April 2001 - April 2002, HVAC/R Supervisor, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron, Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea
4. April 2002 - June 2003, HVAC/R Supervisor, 12th Civil Engineer Squadron, Randolph AFB, Texas
5. June 2003 - August 2006, NCOIC, Zone 3, 314th Civil Engineer Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
6. September 2006 - August 2010, Superintendent, Infrastructure, 23rd Civil Engineer Squadron, Moody AFB, Ga.
7. September 2010 - September 2011, Superintendent, Operations Support, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron, Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea
8. September 2011 - September 2013, HVAC/R Force Development Manager, Air Force Civil Engineer Center, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
9. September 2013 - July 2016, Superintendent, Operations Flight, 374th Civil Engineer Squadron, Yokota AB, Japan
10. July 2016 - September 2017, Squadron Superintendent, 354th Civil Engineer Squadron, Eielson AFB, Alaska
11. September 2017- January 2018, Group Superintendent, 354th Mission Support Group, Eielson AFB, Alaska
12. January 2018 - May 2019, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 52d Fighter Wing, Spangdahlem AB, Germany
13. June 2019 - July 2020, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 380th Air Expeditionary Wing, Southwest Asia
14. July 2020 – October 2021, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 96th Test Wing, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.
15. October 2021 – Present, Command Chief Master Sergeant, Seventh Air Force, Osan AB, Republic of Korea

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf Cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with one silver Oak Leaf Cluster
Air Force Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

1999 Leadership Award, Airman Leadership School
2006 Distinguished Graduate, Non Commissioned Officer Academy
2012 Distinguished Graduate, United States Navy Senior Enlisted Academy

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Chief Master Sergeant July 2016



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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COMMAND CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT LISA K. ERIKSON

Chief Master Sgt. Lisa Erikson currently serves as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader to the Adjutant General, Minnesota National Guard. In this role, she serves as the Adjutant General's principal military advisor on all enlisted matters affecting training, utilization, health of the force, and enlisted professional development.

Chief Master Sgt. Erikson began her military career in April of 1988 when she enlisted with the United States Air Force. She remained in the Air Force for nearly five years and upon separation from the Air Force Chief Erikson enlisted with the Minnesota Air National Guard in March of 1993. Her training with the Air National Guard has provided her the opportunity to participate in numerous Wing organizations and functions. She has been nationally and locally recognized for her leading the Recruiting and Retention Team to a record end strength for the Wing of 111%. She was also recognized for her leadership as a Recruiting Office Supervisor of the Year for the Region. Her leadership and organizational skills assisted the Wing in becoming recognized as a National Leader in unit end strength numbers. Her leadership ability also assisted the Medical Group to achieve an Excellent Rating during 2012 Health Services Inspection.



Chief Master Sgt. Erikson also deployed to Afghanistan in support Operation Enduring Freedom in 2012. In April 2017 she was appointed to the Enlisted Medical Field Advisory Council. Her expertise within the Wing Inspection Team helped to bring an overall Highly Effective rating to the Wing in the 2017 Capstone event. In December of 2017 Chief Erikson was the Command Chief for the 148th Fighter Wing, where she reported directly to the Wing Commander on all issues affecting the enlisted force such as, morale, readiness, retention, promotions, training and recognition. Chief Erikson was appointed to the Enlisted Field Advisory Council in December of 2018 representing Region Four. She is currently sitting as the Vice Chair for the Enlisted Field Advisory Council. Prior to her current position, she served as the fourteenth State Command Chief of the Minnesota Air National Guard, where she is responsible for the interests regarding welfare, readiness, morale, proper utilization, and progress of the state's enlisted personnel.

EDUCATION

- 1996 Airman Leadership Course via Correspondence
- 1997 Non-commissioned Officer's Academy, in-residence
- 1998 Community College of Air Force Associate Degree – Aircraft Maintenance Technology
- 2002 Senior Non-commissioned Officer's Academy via Correspondence
- 2002 Supervisor's Course, Duluth, Minn.
- 2006 Community College of the Air Force Associate Degree – Human Resource/Pers Admin
- 2012 Community College of the Air Force Associate Degree – Health Care Management
- 2013 Chief Executive Course, in-residence, Joint Base Andrews, MD
- 2014 Senior Enlisted Joint PME Course via Correspondence
- 2018 Command Chief Orientation Course, in-residence, Joint Base San Antonio, TX

2018 Continuous Process Improvement for Executives, Duluth, Minn.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 1988 – May 1988, Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
2. September 1989 – September 1991, Jet Engine Mechanic, Kadena AFB, Japan
3. October 1991 – September 1992, Jet Engine Mechanic, McChord AFB, Wash.
4. March 1993 – February 2000, Administrative Specialist, 148th Fighter Wing, Duluth ANGB, Minn.
5. July 2000 – January 2003, CE Training Manager, 148th Fighter Wing, Duluth ANGB, Minn.
6. February 2003 – April 2005, Personnel Systems Manager, 148th Fighter Wing, Duluth ANGB, Minn.
7. May 2005 – September 2008, Recruiting Office Supervisor, 148th Fighter Wing, Duluth ANGB, Minn.
8. October 2008 – November 2017, Health Services Management Specialist, 148th Fighter Wing, Duluth ANGB, Minn.
(Deployed August 2012 – October 2012, Deployed Medical Element NCOIC, Kandahar AB, Afghanistan)
9. December 2017 – September 2021, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 148th Fighter Wing, Duluth ANGB, Minn.
10. October 2021 – November 2022, State Command Chief, Minnesota Air National Guard, Saint Paul, Minn.
11. November 2022 – Present, Command Senior Enlisted Leader, Minnesota National Guard, Saint Paul, Minn.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1998 148th Fighter Wing Outstanding NCO of the Year
2004 Distinguished Graduate Personnel School
2005 Distinguished Graduate Recruiting School
2007 ANG Directors Challenge Award Recipient
2008 Recruiting Team of the Year – State of Minnesota
2008 Recruiting Office Supervisor of the Year – Region 5

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic April 12, 1988
Airman August 1, 1988
Airman First Class August 1, 1989
Senior Airman April 12, 1991
Staff Sergeant July 1, 1996
Technical Sergeant December 1, 1998
Master Sergeant January 1, 2001
Senior Master Sergeant March 1, 2009
Chief Master Sergeant January 1, 2013
Command Chief Master Sergeant December 2, 2018
State Command Chief Master Sergeant October 16, 2021
Command Senior Enlisted Leader, November 10, 2022

(CURRENT AS OF NOVEMBER 2022)

CSM Kenneth R. Franco
2ND INFANTRY DIVISION CSM

CSM Kenneth R. Franco, from Oceanside, NY, enlisted in the U.S. Army as an Armored Reconnaissance Specialist, completing one station unit training at Ft. Knox, KY. He assumed responsibilities as Division CSM on 13 JUL 22.

He has served in every leadership position from Team Leader to Command Sergeant Major. His assignments include: Scout Platoon, 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, Baumholder, Germany; Scout Platoon, 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, Ft. Stewart, GA; Section Leader, B Troop, 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, Republic of South Korea; Section Leader, 2nd Brigade Reconnaissance Troop, Ft. Stewart, GA; Cavalry Instructor, 5th Squadron, 15th Cavalry Regiment, Ft. Knox, KY; Platoon Sergeant, A Troop, 1st Squadron (Airborne), 40th Cavalry Regiment, Ft. Richardson, AK; First Sergeant, NCOA, Ft. Knox, KY; First Sergeant, C Troop, 4th Squadron (Airborne), 73rd Cavalry Regiment, Ft. Bragg, NC; First Sergeant, HHC Brigade, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne, Ft. Bragg, NC; Operations Sergeant, Division G-3, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC; Operations SGM, 1st Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, Ft. Bragg, NC; CSM, 1st Squadron (Airborne), 91st Cavalry Regiment, Grafenwoehr, Germany; CSM, 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain Division, Ft. Polk, LA. Some of his operational deployments include: Intrinsic Action, Desert Spring, UNPREDEP Forces, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, Multilateral Exercises in support of the European Deterrence Initiative, Southwest Border Mission.



CSM Franco has completed all levels of NCOPDS and other PME courses to include: Airborne School, Jumpmaster Course, Army Instructor (Basic & Master), Systems Approach to Training Course, Pathfinder Course, Ranger School, First Sergeants Course, BN and BDE Pre-Command Course, the BN/BDE CSM Development Course, and the Force Management for Senior Leaders Course. He holds a bachelor's degree of Science in Liberal Arts from Excelsior College.

He is a recipient of the following awards and decorations: Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star (1 OLC), Purple Heart, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (1 Silver OLC & 4 Bronze OLC), Army Achievement Medal (1 Silver OLC & 3 Bronze OLC), Good Conduct Medal (7th Award), National Defense Service Medal (2 Bronze Service Stars), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (1 Bronze Service Star), Iraq Campaign Medal (2 Bronze Service Stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 3), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 6), United Nations Medal, NATO Medal, Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Wings (Master, Senior, and Novice), the Pathfinder Badge, Army Staff Identification Badge, and Ranger Tab. He is also a recipient of the following foreign awards: German, Israeli, Italian, and Polish Jump Wings. CSM Franco is a member of the following professional associations, Sergeant Audie L. Murphy Association, Knight of the Order of St. George, the Order of the Spur (Gold and Silver), the Honorable Order of St. Barbara, and a Distinguished Member of the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment Association.



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT RODOLFO GAMEZ JR.

Chief Master Sgt. Rodolfo Gamez Jr. is the Command Chief Master Sergeant of 20th Air Force, F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming. Twentieth Air Force is responsible for the nation's Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile force, organized into three combat missile wings and one air base wing, with more than 11,000 assigned Airmen. Chief Gamez is the 20 AF commander's primary advisor on mission effectiveness, professional development, mission readiness, training, utilization, health, morale and welfare of over 7,300 enlisted personnel.

Chief Gamez grew up in Chicago, Illinois, and entered the Air Force in June 1994. He graduated from the Computer Systems Operations course at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi, in December 1994. His background includes various duties in communications, information, and cyberspace operations at the unit, forward operating agency, combined and national levels. During his career, he has served in a myriad of capacities spanning Cyberspace, Nuclear Command & Control, Intelligence, Space and expeditionary communications, outside-the-wire operations, and in roles such as senior enlisted leaders, chief enlisted manager, superintendent, and additional duty First Sergeant. He has deployed in support of Operations JOINT ENDEAVOR, JOINT FORGE, ALLIED FORCE, NORTHERN WATCH, IRAQI FREEDOM, and ENDURING FREEDOM.

Prior to assuming his current position, Chief Gamez served as the Senior Enlisted Advisor for Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance (ISR), and Cyber Effects Operations (CEO), Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Arlington, Virginia. In this capacity, he led seven directorates comprised of over 400 total force personnel, and supports a 73,000-person intelligence and cyber operations enterprise with a portfolio valued at \$72 billion across the Air Force.



EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant
November 01, 2015



EDUCATION

1994 Information Computer Systems Operator Course, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. 2000 Airman Leadership School, Kapaun Air Station, Germany

2003 Associates of Applied Science, Information Systems Technology, Community College of the Air Force 2007 Air Force Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Robins AFB, Ga.

2010 Certified Information Systems Security Professional, International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium 2010 Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, by correspondence

2012 Bachelor of Science, Information Technology Management, Trident University International, Cypress, Calif. 2014 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education, by correspondence

2016 Executive Cyber 400, National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington D.C. 2018 Senior Enlisted Legal Orientation Course, Maxwell AFB, Ga.

2019 Enterprise Perspective Seminar – Africa, Allen L. Freed Assoc., Washington D.C.

2019 Enterprise Perspective Seminar- North Korea/China/Russia, Allen L. Freed Assoc., Washington D.C. 2021 Enterprise Leadership Seminar – Kenan Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

2022 Enterprise Perspective Seminar - Allen L. Freed Assoc., Washington D.C. 2022 Diversity and Inclusion Certification - Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. December 1994 – September 1998, Systems Technician, Royal Air Force Croughton, United Kingdom
2. September 1998 – November 2004, Noncommissioned Officer In Charge, Network Special Maintenance Team, Detachment 1, Kapaun Air Station, Germany
3. November 2004 – March 2008, Section Chief, Network Operations, 52nd Combat Communications Squadron, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.
4. March 2008 – July 2010, Manager, SCI Assessments & Authorizations, A6 Directorate, Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency, Lackland AFB, Texas

5. July 2010 – October 2011, Chief of Plans & Projects, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Training Mission – Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan
6. October 2011 – May 2013, Superintendent, Security Operations Division, A6 Directorate, Air Force ISR Agency, Lackland AFB, Texas
7. May 2013 – March 2014, Superintendent, Combat Operations Division, AFCYBER/624th Operation Center, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas
8. March 2014 – April 2015, Senior Enlisted Leader, United States Nuclear Command & Control System Support Staff, Falls Church, Va.
9. April 2015 – August 2016, Senior Enlisted Leader, United States Cyber Command, J7 Force Development & Air Force Element, Fort Meade, Md.
10. August 2016 – June 2017, Senior Enlisted Leader, United States Cyber Command, J3 Operations & Air Force Element, Fort Meade, Md.
11. June 2017 – October 2019, Superintendent, 21st Operations Group, Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
12. Oct 2019 – July 2020 Command Chief 305th Air Mobility Wing, Air Mobility Command, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ
13. July 2021 – June 2022 Senior Enlisted Advisor, Intelligence Surveillance, & Reconnaissance and Cyber Effect Operations, Headquarters United States Air Force, The Pentagon, Washington D.C.
14. June 2022 – Present, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 20th Air Force, F. E. Warren AFB, Wyo.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster Bronze Star Medal

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters Joint Service Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal with three oak leaf cluster

(CURRENT AS OF JULY 2022)



FRANK M. GRAHAM JR.
Command Sergeant Major, U.S. Army
8th Theater Sustainment Command

CSM Frank M. Graham Jr., entered the United States Army on 30 September 1991, as a Heavy Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic, MOS 63S. He is a native of Gulfport, Mississippi. CSM Graham completed Basic Combat Training, Advanced Individual and Vehicle Recovery Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. CSM Graham currently serves as the Command Sergeant Major 8th Theater Sustainment Command.

CSM Graham's assignments include: Command Sergeant Major, 593d Expeditionary Sustainment Command, I Corps, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington; Brigade Command Sergeant Major, 16th Sustainment Brigade, Baumholder Germany, Battalion Command Sergeant Major, Special Troops Battalion, Sustainment Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky; G3 Operations Sergeant Major, 593d Expeditionary Sustainment Command, I Corps, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington; First Sergeant then Operation Sergeant Major, Joint Multi-National Training Command, East Camp, Grafenwohr, Germany; First Sergeant, 5th Maintenance Company, 18th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 16th Sustainment Brigade, Grafenwohr, Germany; Senior Maintenance Supervisor, then First Sergeant, Alpha Company, 440th Signal Company, 22nd Signal Brigade, Darmstadt Germany; Drill Sergeant then Drill Sergeant Leader, Fort Jackson, South Carolina; Instructor/Writer 187th Ordnance Battalion, Fort Jackson, South Carolina; Platoon Sergeant, Bravo Company, 94th EN Battalion (Combat Heavy), 130th EN Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Vilseck, Germany; Heavy Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic and Track Recover Specialist, SVC Battery, 4/5th Field Artillery, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas; Heavy Wheeled Mechanic and Vehicle Recover Operator, 1/7th Air Defense Artillery, Rhine Ordnance Barracks, Kaiserslautern, Germany.



CSM Graham's military schools and education includes the Air Assault Course, United States Army Drill Sergeant School, First Sergeant Course, Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education (SEJPME 1 & 2) Course, CSM Development Course-Brigade and Battalion Level, CSM Pre-Command Course, How the Army Runs Course, and the CSM Legal Orientation Course. He has completed all Levels of the NCOPDS to include the Nominative Leaders Course and is a graduate of the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, Class 63. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Liberal Arts from Excelsior College.

CSM Graham's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (1 OLC), Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (7 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (4 OLC), Good Conduct Medal (9th Award), National Defense Service Medal (1 Bronze Star), Southwest Asia Service Medal (1 Bronze Star), Afghan Campaign Medal (1 Bronze Stars), Iraqi Campaign Medal (1 Bronze Stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 4), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 7), NATO Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, Army Superior Unit Award (2 OLC), Air Assault Badge, Drill Sergeant Badge, and the Combat Action Badge. He is a recipient of the Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe as well as the Distinguished Order of Saint Martin. CSM Graham has deployed in support of Operation Southern Comfort, Bosnia (SFOR), Kosovo (KFOR), Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation United Assistance, Liberia.

CSM Graham and his wife Patricia have three children, Nicholas, Rachel and Hannah Marie.

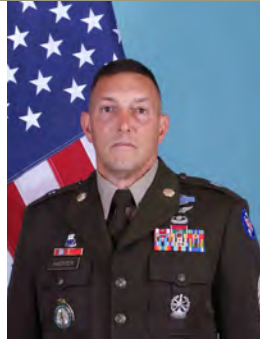


Sergeant Major Frederick A. Haerter
Headquarters, United States Army Pacific
Fort Shafter, Hawaii 96858-8100



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES ARMY



Sergeant Major Frederick A. Haerter is the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Deputy Commanding General – MOB and RA, U.S. Army Pacific Command (USARPAC), Fort Shafter, HI.

As the Senior Enlisted Advisor, he supports the USARPAC Commanding General's and the Deputy Commanding General's vision by setting the theater for success and contingencies. He is the principal advisor to the DCG, MOB and RA on all enlisted guard matters. His responsibilities include providing the enlisted perspective on strategic vision, goals, and objectives throughout the commands Area of Operation. DCG MOB and RA portfolio includes Mobilization of Reserve Forces in the Pacific, Oceania Security Cooperation, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR), and critical infrastructure. Additionally, he is responsible for mentoring enlisted service members on matters pertaining to the commands mission, vision, core values, enlisted utilization and implementation of policy, and the DCG's intent.

SGM Haerter enlisted into the Army on 15 December 1989. He completed Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Benning, GA and was awarded the military occupational specialty of 11M, Mechanized Infantryman.

He has deployed to Bosnia Herzegovina (SFOR 11), Iraq (OIF III), and Operation Spartan Shield. He has held every leadership position from Team Leader to Command Sergeant Major. He is a graduate of all levels of the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development System to include United States Army Sergeants Major Academy Non Resident class #39 and the Nominative Leader Course. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Technical Management from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and a Master's of Science in Performance Improvement from the University of Arkansas (magna cum laude).

SGM Haerter and his wife of 28 years, Melissa, have a daughter Emily who teaches 2nd grade in Townsend, MT and a son Evan who is a Sky Soldier assigned to the 173rd ABN BDE Vicenza, Italy.

MILITARY EDUCATION

2003 BFV Master Gunner School, Ft. Benning, GA
2010 Battle Staff, Camp Williams, UT
2014 United States Sergeant Major Academy, Ft. Bliss, TX
2017 Senior Enlisted Joint Primary Military Education, Joint Knowledge Online
2018 Reserve National Security Course, National Defense University, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.
2019 Aviation Brigade Pre Command Course, FT. Rucker, AL
2019 Nominative Leader Course, Carlisle Barracks, PA
2022 General & Flag Officer Homeland Security Executive Seminar, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA

EFFECTIVE DATE OF KEY PROMOTIONS/APPOINTMENTS

SERGEANT	February	1995
STAFF SERGEANT	June	1996
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS	February	2007
MASTER SERGEANT	December	2009
SERGEANT MAJOR	January	2015
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR	January	2016

ASSIGNMENTS

AUG 22-Present Senior Enlisted Advisor, DCG USARPAC
NOV 20-AUG 22 Command Sergeant Major, 95th Troop Command
OCT 19-NOV 20 TF Command Sergeant Major, OSS, Task Force Javelin
MAY 19-OCT 19 Command Sergeant Major, 1-189th GSAB
JAN 16-MAY 19 Command Sergeant Major, Montana Recruiting Battalion
JAN 14-JAN 16 Operations Sergeant Major, Montana Recruiting Battalion

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit
Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters
Army Commendation Medal with Valor
Army Commendation Medal with five oak leaf clusters
Army Achievement Medal with six oak leaf clusters

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science, Technical Management, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Master's of Science, Performance Improvement, University of Arkansas

Graduate Certificate, General and Flag Officer Homeland Security
Executive Seminar, Harvard University, JFK School of Government

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States, Life
Member National Guard Association of the United States, Life Member
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Life Member
Army Aviation Association of America, Life member
Blackfeet Warrior Society

(Current as of January 2023)



United States Navy Biography

Command Master Chief (Surface Warfare/Aviation Warfare) Demetric M. Hairston

A native of Columbus, MS, Master Chief Hairston graduated from Columbus High School in June of 1998. He then enlisted into the United States Navy and reported to Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois, in November 1998. After completing basic training, he attended Machinists' Mate "A" School at Service Schools Command in Great Lakes, IL.

His sea duty assignments include USS BELLEAU WOOD (LHA-3), USS ESSEX (LHD-2), USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD-6), USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72), and USS EMORY S. LAND (AS-39).

His shore commands include Center for Naval Engineering Great Lakes (CNE), Recruit Training Command as a Recruit Division Commander, and Navy Provisional Detainee Battalion (NPDB) FOUR, as an Individual Augmentee to Camp Bucca, located in the vicinity of Umm Qasr, Iraq.

Master Chief Hairston was selected to the Command Master Chief program in 2017. He is a Graduate of the Senior Enlisted Academy (Class 190 Gold) and Command Master Chief/Chief of The Boat (Class 171).

He reported to Strike Fighter Squadron ONE FIVE ONE "Vigilantes" in Lemoore, CA, June 2017 and his major command tour at Surface Warfare Engineering School Command (SWESC) in Great Lakes, IL in February 2020.

In June 2022, he reported to and is currently serving as Flag Command Master Chief over Commander, Navy Regional Maintenance Center (CNRMC) and Surface Ships Maintenance and Modernization (SEA 21.)

Master Chief Hairston's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), Army Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards), and various unit and campaign awards.



 **United States Navy**
Biographies

Command Master Chief
(Aviation Warfare/Surface Warfare)
Brian R. Hapli, U.S. Navy

Master Chief Hapli was born and raised in Wausau, WI. He enlisted in the United States Navy in June 1996. Following completion of basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL he reported to the United States Ceremonial Guard, where he performed duties as a Casket Bearer at Arlington National Cemetery.

Upon completion of this two year tour he returned to Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, IL and completed Firecontrolman "A" school. He then transferred to AEGIS Training and Readiness Center in Dahlgren, VA and graduated from AN/SPY-1D School, reporting to USS Carney (DDG 64) in Mayport, FL. He earned his Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist qualification, completed one Mediterranean Sea and one Arabian Gulf deployment, and advanced to Firecontrolman First Class.



In 2003 Master Chief Hapli commissioned the USS Mustin (DDG 89) and homeport shifted it to San Diego, CA and in 2004 he was selected to the rank of Chief Petty Officer. His other fleet assignments include USS Higgins (DDG 76), San Diego, CA and USS Hopper (DDG 70), Pearl Harbor, HI. In addition, he has completed one shore tour as the Senior Recruit Division Commander at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

Master Chief Hapli entered the Command Master Chief program in November 2014. He has served as the Command Master Chief of VFA-146 "Blue Diamonds" F/A-18E squadron in Lemoore, CA, Commander, Carrier Air Wing 11 "Team Barbwire" in Lemoore, CA, and USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) in San Diego, CA.

Master Chief Hapli holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in Administrative Leadership from the University of Oklahoma. He is also a graduate of the Air Force Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy (Class 10-C), the Navy Leadership and Ethic Center's Command Master Chief Program (Class 137), and the New Flag and Senior Executive Training Symposium (2022).

Master Chief Hapli's decorations include Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (five awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards), and various unit and campaign awards.

Master Chief Hapli is currently serving as the Command Master Chief of Commander, Carrier Strike Group THREE (CSG 3) in Bremerton, WA.

Command Sergeant Major Frederick Heard
Command Senior Enlisted Leader, Texas Military Department

CSM Frederick Heard currently serves as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader (CSEL) of the Texas Military Department. As CSEL, he is the Adjutant General's primary enlisted advisor as well as senior enlisted leader of the state's Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and the State Guard. Previously, CSM Heard was Command Sergeant Major, 71st Troop Command of the Texas Army National Guard.

CSM Frederick Heard is originally from Salem, Oregon. He enlisted in the United States Army in October of 1990 and attended Basic and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Following his graduation from AIT, CSM Heard served more than ten years on active duty with the USFK 8th Army, 7th Infantry Division (L), 25th Infantry Division (L), and the 1st Cavalry Division before joining the Texas Army National Guard.



CSM Heard has held numerous positions within the logistics community to include: supply sergeant, BN S4 NCOIC, platoon sergeant, Support Operations sergeant major, and G4 sergeant major. CSM Heard's leadership assignments include: Brigade Support Battalion (BSB) company first sergeant, BSB battalion command sergeant major, Field Artillery battalion command sergeant major, and Expeditionary Military Intelligence Brigade command sergeant major.

CSM Heard has completed all levels of the Army's Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development System (NCOPDS) including the Nominative Leader Course. CSM Heard has also completed the Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II course and Army Distributed Learning Course VI. Additionally, CSM Heard has completed numerous military training courses to include: the 8th Army's Rappelling and Mountaineering course at Che-Ju Do Korea, the 25th ID (L)'s Air Assault course at Schofield Barracks, HI, and the General and Flag Officer Homeland Security Executive Seminar at Harvard University. CSM Heard's civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of Houston-Downtown, and a Masters of Public Policy and Administration from the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas.

CSM Heard's deployments and activations include Bosnia, Iraq, and eight DSCA related activations.

CSM Heard's awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with 6 oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with 7 oak leaf clusters, Army Good Conduct Medal with 3 knots, National Defense Medal 2nd award, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal with 2 bronze service stars, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve medal with M, NCOPD with numeral 6, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral 3, NATO Medal, Air Assault Badge, Driver Badge, Field Artillery's Honorable Order of Saint Barbara, and Military Intelligence's LTC Robert Knowlton Award.



Michael D. Ingham
Command Master Chief
U.S. Coast Guard First District



Master Chief Michael D. Ingham assumed the duties as the Command Master Chief of Coast Guard District One on May 12, 2022. Master Chief Ingham is the principal advisor to the District Commander on all enlisted personnel matters.

A career technician, his previous assignments in Washington, DC were at Coast Guard Cyber Command where he served as the Command Master Chief following a successful tour as the Information Systems Technician Rating Force Master Chief.

Following graduation from Coast Guard Recruit Training in October 1998, he reported to Training Center Petaluma, CA to attend Telephone Technician A-School. Two assignments in South Florida then followed; the first being to Electronic Systems Support Detachment Miami, FL and then to Coast Guard Cutter Mohawk in Key West, FL. In August 2005, orders to Electronic

Systems Support Unit New Orleans, LA got him there just in time for Hurricane Katrina with the next few years spent recovering from it. In 2008, above the cut for Chief Petty Officer, orders to Washington, DC would keep him there for a while. A one-year joint service assignment to the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee was followed by an assignment to TISCOM's Local Area Network Team just across the Potomac River in Alexandria, VA. While there, he was selected to serve as Chief of the Ceremonial Honor Guard and followed that assignment with a year in an advanced education program after advancing to Senior Chief Petty Officer. Another assignment to Miami, but this time to Base Miami Beach's C5I Department culminated with an advancement to Master Chief Petty Officer and the most recent assignments mentioned earlier.

CMC Ingham's awards include Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal, Coast Guard Achievement Medals (3 awards), and other personal and service awards. He has earned the Honor Guard, Command Master Chief, and Rating Force Master Chief insignias.

CMC Ingham is a graduate of the Coast Guard Senior Enlisted Leadership Course, the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Academy, and other service related schools. Master Chief Ingham holds an Associate's of Arts in Information Systems Degree from Strayer University.

CMC Ingham grew up in a US Navy family and calls home where the service sent his father who is now retired in northeast Florida. He is married to YNCM Angelica Ingham and they have one daughter (Isabella – 2018).



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT GENE B. JAMESON III

Chief Master Sgt. Gene B. Jameson III is the Command Chief Master Sergeant, U.S. Air Force Warfare Center, The U.S. Air Force Warfare Center is the world's premier proving ground for air, space and cyberspace lethality. Its mission is to develop Airmen and advance warfighter capabilities through testing, training and tactics development to dominate the multi-domain fight. From operational testing and tactics development programs to the advanced training schools, exercises and venues, the center provides Airmen with proven and tested technology, the most current tactics, superb academic training and a unique opportunity to practice integrated force employment. The center consists of innovative, highly skilled Airmen providing effective weapons, tactics, and command and control integrated across air, space and cyberspace for the combatant commanders.

As the senior enlisted leader, Chief Jameson serves as the primary advisor to the commander on matters concerning mission effectiveness, readiness, training, health, morale and welfare of more than 13,000 Airmen serving in the 57th Wing, 53rd Wing, 99th Air Base Wing, 505th Command and Control Wing, 350th Spectrum Warfare Wing, the Nevada Test and Training Range and the Air Force Joint Test Program Office.



Chief Jameson entered the Air Force in February 1994. He graduated from the Aircraft Control and Early Warning Radar course at Keesler AFB, Miss. in November of 1994. His background spans Electronic Combat Range Squadrons, Air Control Squadrons, Communication Squadrons, and Combat Communications squadrons. He was also a Master Military Training Instructor has served at the squadron, group, wing, and DoD Agency staff levels. His assignments include bases in Idaho, Utah, Texas, and Georgia and has served overseas in Italy. He has also deployed in support of Operations Southern Watch, Allied Force, Noble Eagle, Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn, Enduring Freedom, Freedom Sentinel, Inherent Resolve, and Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa.

Prior to assuming his current position, he served as the Command Chief Master Sergeant of the 48th Fighter Wing, RAF Lakenheath, England.

EDUCATION

2000 Airman Leadership School, Aviano AB, Italy

2003 Associates of Science, Electronic Systems Technology, Community College of the Air Force

2005 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Peterson AFB, Colo.

2006 Associates of Science, Instructor in Technology, Community College of the Air Force

2009 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education I Course, National Defense University Jt Forces Staff College

2012 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Gunter Annex, Ala.

2015 Bachelors of Science, Project Management, Bellevue University

2016 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II Course, National Defense University, Jt Forces Staff College

2017 Command Chief Master Sergeant Training Course, Andrews AFB, Md

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Feb 1994 – Mar 1994, Trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. Mar 1994 – Dec 1994, Aircraft Control and Early Warning Radar School, Keesler AFB, Miss.
3. Dec 1994 – Sep 1996, Ground radar Systems Apprentice, 366th Electronic Combat Range Sq, Mt. Home AFB, Idaho
4. Sep 1996 – Jul 1998, Radar Maintenance Journeyman, 726th Air Control Sq., Mt. Home AFB, Idaho
5. Jul 1998 – Aug 2002, Radar Maintenance Craftsman, 603rd Air Control Sq., Aviano AB, Italy
6. Aug 2002 – Oct 2005, Assistant NCOIC Radar Maintenance Element, 729th Air Control Sq., Hill AFB, Utah
7. Oct 2005 – May 2009, Military Training Instructor, Military Drill and Ceremony NCO, and Section Supervisor, 322nd Training Sq., Lackland AFB, Texas
8. Sep 2009 – Oct 2010, Group Standardization and Evaluation Flight, 737th Training Gp., Lackland AFB, Texas
9. Oct 2010 – Jan 2011, Flight Chief Airfield Systems, 52nd Combat Communications Sq., Robins AFB, Ga.
10. Jan 2011 – Jun 2013, Manager, Wing Cyber Policy and Superintendent, Wing Standardization, 689th Combat Communications Wing, Robins AFB, Ga.
11. Jun 2013 – Jun 2014, Superintendent, Combat Plans, 53rd Combat Communications Sq., Robins AFB, Ga.
12. Jun 2014 – Nov 2014, Superintendent, Mission Systems, 51st Combat Communications Sq., Robins AFB, Ga.
13. Nov 2014 – May 2017, Senior Enlisted Leader, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
14. May 2017 – Jun 2018, Group Superintendent, 380th Expeditionary Mission Support Group, Al Dhafra AB, UAE
15. Sep 2018 – Jul 2020, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 80th Flying Training Wing, Sheppard AFB, Texas
16. Jul 2020 – Jun 2022, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 48th Fighter Wing, RAF Lakenheath, England
17. Jul 2021 – present, Command Chief Master Sergeant, U.S. Air Force Warfare Center, Nellis AFB, Nevada

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Bronze Star Medal with Valor Defense

Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal with six oak leaf clusters Combat

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2003 Air Force level Lt. General Leo Marquez Technician/Supervisor Award Winner

2007 322 TRS NCO of the Year

2007 Awarded Master Military Training Instructor Blue Rope

2008 Awarded AETC Master Instructor Badge

2008 322 TRS Master Military Training Instructor "Blue Rope" of the Year

2011 689 CCW General John P. Jumper Excellence in Warfighting Integration Award

2012 Distinguished Graduate, Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy

2012 Georgia Military Heroes Ultimate Wingman Award Winner

2014 Air Force's Chief Information Officer Annual Team Award Winner

(Current as of Jul 2022)



United States Navy Biography

COMMAND MASTER CHIEF(SCW/EXW/SW) ALLEN JOHNSON

**United States Navy
THIRTIETH Naval Construction Regiment**

Master Chief Allen Johnson reported to THIRTIETH Naval Construction Regiment in January 2022 as Command Master Chief.

Born in Miami Florida and graduating from Alfred E. Smith High School in New York City, he enlisted in the United States Navy in January 1998, attended Recruit Training at Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois and Seaman Apprenticeship training at Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois. He then proceeded to the USS Pensacola in Little Creek, VA. During this tour from May 1998- September 1999 he deployed to Mediterranean AOR.



Additionally, after this deployment Master Chief Johnson immediately reported to Builder 'A' school in Gulfport, Mississippi. He then reported to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion One, Gulfport, Mississippi in February 2000. During this tour he deployed to Rota, Spain, Diego Garcia, and the Republic of Palau. Master Chief Johnson reported to NRD New York in May 2004. He served as Recruiter-In-Charge, Zone Supervisor, and the Naval Special Warfare/ Naval Special Operation Coordinator.

He then reported to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Four in August 2008 as Charlie Company Chief, DET AOIC, OIC/Convoy Commander (CSE), AD5 Company Chief, and DET Four SEL Special Forces. In 2012 Master Chief Johnson transferred to 1st Naval Construction Regiment in Port Hueneme, California as the RSS supervisor and R3C. In 2014 he transferred to 30th Naval Construction Regiment, Guam as the Officer-in-Charge and Camp CZAR. In 2016 he reported to NMCB FOUR, as Charlie Company Chief. In 2018 he reported to NMCB 11 as the Command Master Chief.

Master Chief Johnson is a Qualified Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist, Enlisted Expeditionary Warfare Specialist & Surface Warfare Specialist. His awards include Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (5 awards), Army Commendation Medal (3 awards), Navy Achievement Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation Award, Battle Efficiency "E" Ribbon (5 awards) and Navy Good Conduct Medal (6 awards), and various service and campaign awards.

Updated: 16 February 2022



Sergeant Major Frank B. Kammer Jr.

Command Senior Enlisted Leader, CJTF-HOA



Sergeant Major Kammer assumed his current post as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader of Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa on 7 September 2022. A native of Chattanooga, Tennessee, he enlisted in the Marine Corps in February of 1998. He attended recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island and completed his primary occupation school at Kessler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Mississippi graduating as a 6492, Precision Measurement Equipment Calibration/ Repair Technician.



His assignment to training and Fleet operational duties include: 6492 Precision Measurement Equipment (PME) Calibration Technician, PME Calibration NCOIC, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron(MALS) 11, MCAS Miramar; PME Calibration SNCOIC, Avionics Quality Assurance(QA) Chief MALS 26; QA Chief, Avionics Communication/Navigation SNCOIC, MALS 29, MCAS New River; Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One-Road Master, MCAS Yuma; Drill Instructor, Senior Drill Instructor, Marine Combat Instructor of Water Survival, MCRD Parris Island; Sergeant Instructor, Platoon Sergeant for D,K and I Companies, Officers Candidate School; Assistant Marine Officer Instructor for The University of Memphis NROTC; First Sergeant, A Company, H&S Company, 9th Engineer Support Battalion, Okinawa, Japan; F Company, 2d Battalion, 8th Marines, Camp Lejeune; Sergeant Major, Combat Logistics Battalion 8, Combat Logistics Battalion 26, Camp Lejeune, Marine Aircraft Group 26, MCAS New River; Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa, Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti.

He deployed in support of OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH with VMFA 323 Squadron aboard the USS Constellation (CV-64) in 2001; OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM with HMM 365 Squadron, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) in Kandahar, Afghanistan in 2008; Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force-Crisis Response-Africa with 2d Battalion, 8th Marines in 2016; 26th MEU aboard the USS Oak Hill (LSD-51) in support of Fleet Operations in 2019.

Personal awards for Sergeant Major Kammer are; the Meritorious Service Medal with one Gold Star, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with two Gold Stars, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with one Gold Star.



United States Army

Command Sergeant Major

Kevin M. King

Command Sergeant Major
IMCOM Training Directorate
705 Washington Blvd. Ft. Eustis, VA 23604
Since: November 2021



EDUCATIONAL DEGREES/CERTIFICATIONS

University Of Texas El Paso –MA –Leadership Development
Grand Canyon University–BS – Applied Management
North Country Community College –AA –Business Management

MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED

All levels of the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development System, First Sergeants Course, Sergeants Major Course (Class#62), Summit 9 Course (JSOU Nominative Course), Nominative Leader Course, Garrison Leader Pre-Command Course, Battalion Pre-Command/CSM Course, Brigade Pre-Command/CSM Course Sergeant Major-How the Army Runs Course, Battle Staff Course, Drill Sergeant School, Master Fitness Training Course, Airborne Training, Air Assault Course, Field Artillery Maintenance Course, Combat Lifesaver Course.

PROMOTIONS

SGT
Nov 1996
SSG
Nov 1998
SFC
Jul 2002

DATE OF PROMOTION

PROMOTIONS

MSG
Dec 2005
SGM
Aug 2012

DATE OF PROMOTION

FROM TO ASSIGNMENT

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Nov 21	Present	Command Sergeant Major, IMCOM Training Directorate, Fort Eustis, Virginia
Jul 20	Oct 21	Command Sergeant Major, Division West, First Army, Fort Hood, Texas
Nov 18	Jun 20	Command Sergeant Major, United States Field Artillery School and Field Artillery, Fort Sill, OK
Aug 17	Oct 18	Command Sergeant Major, 174th Infantry Brigade (CATB), Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ
May 15	Jul 17	Command Sergeant Major, United States Army Garrison, Fort Wainwright, AK
Apr 13	Apr 15	Command Sergeant Major, 2nd Battalion 77th Field Artillery, Fort Carson, CO
Aug 12	Mar 13	Sergeant Major, 4th Brigade 4th Infantry Division (Rear), Fort Carson, CO
Jul 11	Jul 12	Student United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, TX
Oct 09	Jun 11	Senior Military Science Instructor, Central Michigan University, 7th Brigade Cadet Command, Mount Pleasant, Michigan
Apr 08	Sep 09	First Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion 8th Field Artillery, Fort Wainwright, AK
Jul 08	Mar 08	First Sergeant, Charlie Battery, 2nd Battalion 8th Field Artillery, Fort Wainwright, AK
May 04	Mar 06	Operations Sergeant/Master Gunner, 2nd Battalion 8th Field Artillery, Fort Wainwright, AK
Jul 03	Apr 04	Platoon Sergeant, Bravo Battery, 2nd Battalion 8th Field Artillery, Fort Wainwright, AK
Jun 02	Jun 03	Gunnery Sergeant, Bravo Battery, 2nd Battalion 8th Field Artillery, Fort Wainwright, AK
Aug 01	May 02	Assistant Operations NCO, 4th Battalion 11th Field Artillery, Fort Wainwright, AK
Jun 99	Jul 01	Basic Training Drill Sergeant, Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion 13th Infantry Regiment, Fort Jackson, SC
Dec 97	May 99	Howitzer Section Chief, Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion 321st Field Artillery Regiment, Fort Bragg, NC
Dec 96	Nov 97	Gunner, Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion 321st Field Artillery Regiment, Fort Bragg, NC

DECORATIONS AND BADGES

Legion of Merit (w/ 2 Oak Leaf Cluster), Bronze Star Medal (w/ 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (w/ 4 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (w/ 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (w/ 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster), Good Conduct Medal (9th Award), National Defense Service Medal w/bronze star, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (w/ 1 Campaign Star), Iraq Campaign Medal (w/ 4 Campaign Stars), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, The Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 6), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 7), North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal (NATO), Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Citation, Combat Action Badge, Airborne Badge, Air Assault Badge, Drill Sergeant Badge, German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (Silver), and Danish Contingent March Medal; Honorable and Ancient Order of Saint Barbara, Order of Saint George, and Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Member.



United States Navy
Biography →

CMDCM MONICA J. KUHL, USN
Command Master Chief
Commander, Strike Fighter Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet (CSFWP)



Command Master Chief (AW/SW/FMF) Monica J. Kuhl was born in Cheyenne, Wyoming. She enlisted in the Naval Service in June 2000 and completed Basic Training at Recruit Training Great Lakes, Illinois. She reported to Religious Program Specialist (RP) “ A” School in Meridian Mississippi and continued on to Chaplain and Religious Program Specialist Expeditionary Skills Training at Camp Johnson, North Carolina.

Command Master Chief Kuhl's first assignment was at Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, Okinawa Japan from 2001-2002. During her tour she served as a staff RP. Her follow-on tour at 3D Marine Aircraft Wing, MCAS Miramar in San Diego California from 2002-2005, she deployed to Iraq in 2003 and Germany in 2004 as squadron RP in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, and advanced to Petty Officer Third Class.

In 2005, she reported to 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton California, where she served as the Headquarters Battalion RP. She was temporarily assigned to 9th Communication Battalion and 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, where she deployed for the second time to Iraq in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM and advanced to Petty Officer Second Class.

In 2007, She reported to Recruit Division Commander School in Great Lakes Illinois. During this tour, she served as a Recruit Division Commander and was advanced to Petty Officer First Class

In 2010, she reported to the USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) in San Diego, CA where she served as the Leading Petty Officer of Religious Ministries Department. During her tour, Master Chief Kuhl assisted in the ship's homeport change to Bremerton, Washington and was promoted to the rank of Chief Petty Officer.

Master Chief Kuhl then reported to the USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70) homeported in San Diego, California where she served as Departmental Leading Chief Petty Officer for Religious Ministries Department and deployed in 2012.

In January 2014, she reported to Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington D.C. where she was promoted to the rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer and subsequently transferred to Air Test and Evaluation Squadron TWO ZERO (VX-20) in October 2016 as the Command Senior Chief. She was promoted to Master Chief in July 2017 and served as Command Master Chief for Strike Fighter Squadron ONE FOUR SEVEN (VFA-147) NAS Lemoore from May 2018 to May 2020.

In May of 2020, she assumed duties as CSFWP Command Master Chief.

Master Chief Kuhl is a graduate of the U.S. Navy Senior Enlisted Academy and the CMC/COB course in August of 2016. Her personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corp Commendation Medal (4 awards), Navy and Marine Corp Achievement Medal (4 awards), Good Conduct Medal (6 awards), Presidential Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, and various other campaign, unit and service awards.



Command Sergeant Major Alex Kupratty entered the U.S. Army in 1996 and attended One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Georgia. Upon completion of his initial training, CSM Kupratty attended Airborne School and the Ranger Assessment and Selection Program. His first duty assignment was with the 1st Ranger Battalion at Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia, where he served as Rifleman, Fire Team Leader, Squad Leader and Platoon Sergeant.

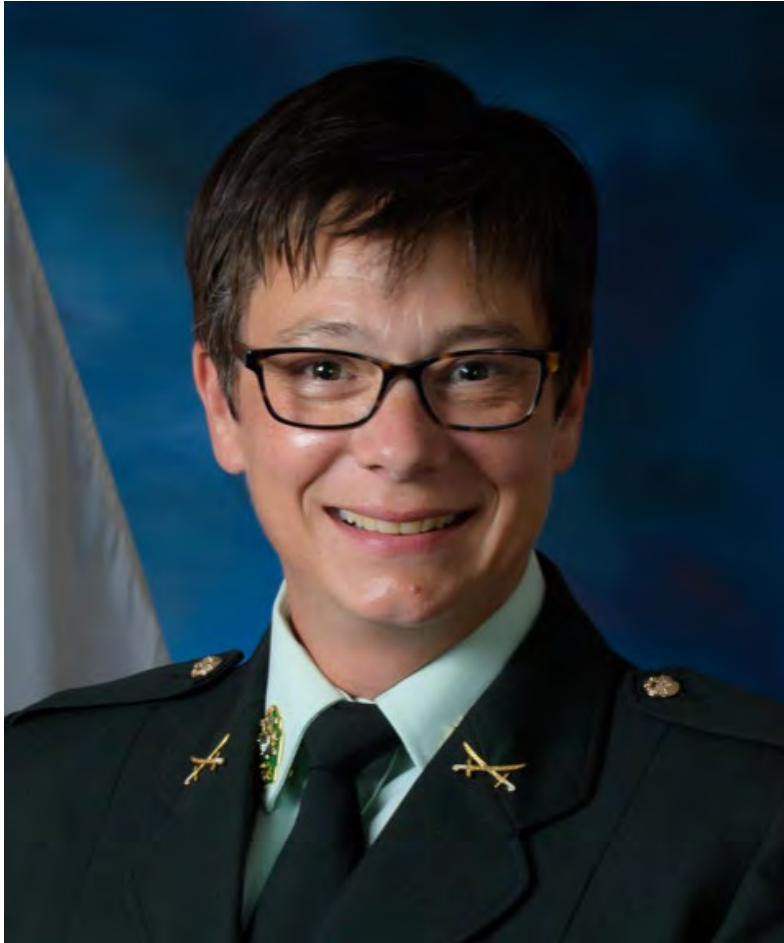
His subsequent assignments included the Regimental Special Troops Battalion, in Fort Benning, Georgia, where he served as the RASP 2 NCOIC; 3rd Ranger Battalion, where he served as an Operations Sergeant and Rifle Company First Sergeant; Regimental Headquarters and Headquarters Company, where he served as the First Sergeant and Regimental Operations SGM; 25th Infantry Division where he served as the 3-4 CAV CSM; 2nd Ranger Battalion CSM at Fort Lewis Washington, 2-11 IBCT (ABN) CSM in JBER, Alaska, and currently serving as the 4th Infantry Division CSM in Fort Carson, Colorado.

CSM Kupratty has deployed multiple times throughout his career, supporting Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and Freedom's Sentinel. He has completed the following military courses: RASP 1, Basic Airborne Course, Ranger Course, Jumpmaster Course, Pathfinder Course, Military Mountaineering Course, SERE-C, Cold Weather Orientation Course, and every NCO Professional Development course including the Joint Special Operations Forces Senior Enlisted Academy.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star with 4 oak leaf clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with 1 silver and 1 bronze oak leaf cluster, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 1 silver oak leaf cluster, Army Achievement Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster, Expert Infantryman Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge, Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, and the Arctic Tab.

Command Sergeant Major Kupratty and his wife Megan have two children, Gabriel and Zoe.

Chief Warrant Officer S.L. Lamothe, MMM, CD



Canadian Forces College Chief Warrant Officer

Chief Warrant Officer Shelley Lamothe was born in the small town of Leamington, Ontario, and moved with her family to Mississauga, Ontario, where she formatively grew up and later joined the Reserves in 1996. After two-years service as a Medical Assistant (MedA), she, transferred, to the Regular Force in 1998, again as a MedA.

She started her Regular Force career with 1 Field Ambulance in Edmonton from 1999-2003 and went on to Geilenkirchen, Germany, from 2003-2005.

After her service abroad, she returned to Canada to 1 Canadian Field Hospital as a master corporal in 2005 and continued her service in Petawawa with 2 Field Ambulance as a sergeant from 2007-2009. In 2009, she began the Physician Assistant programme at Canadian Forces Health Services Training Centre until graduation with a Bachelor of Science in 2011. At this time, WO Lamothe served at 1 Field Ambulance Detachment Yellowknife for the next three years and welcomed the birth of her son Edouard. With her tour of the Arctic complete, she returned to the Training Centre as an instructor and curriculum developer, while completing her Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies with the University of Nebraska Medical Center. These three demanding years led to her promotion to master warrant officer and first command team position with 31 Canadian Forces Health Services Centre in Borden. While on the command team, she was selected for a position with the Modernization Team at Canadian Forces Health Services Group. MWO Lamothe worked remotely on the project prior to being

moved on to Ottawa at the Health Services Headquarters in 2018. While there, MWO Lamothe was appointed as the Technical Authority for the Armoured Combat Support Vehicle project for the ambulance variant, which she continues to work on today, and was still able to enjoy the command team experience as the HQ SM. CWO Lamothe was appointed as the Unit Chief Warrant Officer of the Canadian Forces Health Services Centre Atlantic in 2019. In 2021, she was appointed as the Royal Canadian Medical Services Chief Warrant Officer where she served until July 2022.

CWO Lamothe completed three overseas deployments: Bosnia-Herzegovina as a Role 1 Med Tech with Charlie Coy, 1 PPCLI; Kandahar, Afghanistan as a Role 3 Med Tech at the Multinational Medical Unit; and Kandahar, Afghanistan, as a Role 1 Med Tech with Recce Squadron, RCD.

CWO Lamothe is married to her husband Marc of 20 years and is a proud mother to her son Edouard and their two fur babies, Monty and Roubie.

CWO Lamothe was posted to CFC and appointed as the College Chief Warrant Officer in July 2022.



United States Navy Biography

CMDCM(FMF/SW/AW) Patrick Paul C. Mangaran
Director, Command Senior Enlisted Leader Management Office

Command Master Chief Mangaran is from Pittsburg, CA and enlisted into the Navy September 29, 1997. He finished Hospital Corpsman “A” School on May 1998 with follow on orders to Advanced Medical Laboratory Technician “C” School, San Diego, CA via Field Medical Service School, Camp Pendleton, CA.

He reported to Naval Hospital Great Lakes, IL as a Medical Laboratory Technician from July 1998 through September 2002. He then reported to USS Constellation (CV 64) on October 2002. Doing a split sea tour, he completed his sea rotation onboard the USS Tarawa (LHA 1). In April 2005, he reported to Naval Hospital Corpsman “A” School as a staff instructor.

Master Chief Mangaran reported to 1st Marine Division (REIN) in Camp Pendleton, CA on July 2007 to December 2010. During his tour with 1st Marine Division, he served as Battalion CPO, 2nd Battalion 4th Marines; Battalion LCPO, 3rd Battalion 1st Marines, and then LCPO, Navy Education and Training Office for 1st Marine Division.

He proceeded to Naval Medical Center San Diego, CA to serve as the Executive Assistant to the Command Master Chief. Within 6 months onboard, he deployed with Battalion Landing Team 3/1 (REIN), 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, WESTPAC 11-2. Upon his return to Naval Medical Center San Diego from deployment, he served as the Senior Enlisted Leader for the Directorate for Clinical Support Services, Naval Medical Center San Diego. He then served onboard USS San Diego (LPD 22) from October 2013 through May 2015.

His Command Master Chief tours were to MCM Crew Conflict onboard USS Scout (MCM 8) from June 2015 until June 2016, USS Rushmore (LSD 47) from June 2016 until March 2018, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command San Diego / Naval Medical Center San Diego from March 2018 until August 2020, 1st Marine Division (Fleet Marine Force) from September 2020 until June 2022. He assumed the role as the 4th Director, Command Senior Enlisted Leader Management Office, direct report to MCPON and serves as a member of the MCPON Leadership Mess (Tier II), responsible for CSEL talent management.

Master Chief Mangaran is a Master Training Specialist; has a Masters Degree in Clinical Research Administration and a Bachelor Degree in Clinical Laboratory Science. He is a graduate of the Senior Enlisted Academy (Class 176) and CMC/COB Course (Class 145). His decorations and awards include: Legion of Merit (1); Meritorious Service Medal (2); Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (5 awards); Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3 awards); Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.



Sergeant Major Daniel E. Mangrum

Senior Enlisted Advisor
Manpower Plans and Policy Division

Sergeant Major Mangrum currently serves as the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Director for Manpower Plans and Policy Division at Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Headquarters Marine Corps.

Sergeant Major Mangrum attended recruit training in August 1994 at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, California. Following recruit training and Marine Combat Training, he attended Basic Vehicle Repair Course at Assault Amphibian Schools Battalion Camp Pendleton, California, earning the MOS of 2141, AAV Repairman.

Throughout his career, Sergeant Major Mangrum has served in various billets and units in the operating forces including Line Mechanic, Combat Assault Company, 3d Marine Regiment; Assistant Maintenance Chief, Inspector-Instructor Staff, Company A, 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion; and Recovery Chief, Company A, 2d Assault Amphibian Battalion; Company First Sergeant, Companies C and H&S, 1st Battalion, 2d Marine Regiment; Company First Sergeant, Supply Company, 2d Supply Battalion; Sergeant Major, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 314; and Sergeant Major, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Sergeant Major Mangrum participated in exercises and deployments to include: Foal Eagle '95, Tafakula '96, CARAT '97, Operation Iraqi Freedom '03, Operation Enduring Freedom '10, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit '12, UDP '14, SPMAGTF-CR-CC 19.1, and WestPac 21.1.

Additionally, Sergeant Major Mangrum served on Marine Security Guard duty as a Detachment Commander at U.S. Embassies Tunis, Tunisia; Phnom Penh, Cambodia; and Tokyo, Japan. He also served as an Instructor/Advisor at Marine Security Guard School.

Sergeant Major Mangrum's Professional Military Education includes attendance to the resident Corporal's Course, Sergeant's Course (Distinguished Graduate), Career Course, Advanced Course (Honor Graduate), Senior Enlisted PME (SMMC Writing Award), and Command and Staff College. He holds an Associate's Degree in General Studies from Central Texas College, a Bachelor's Degree in Management Business Information Systems from Ashford University, and a Master's Degree in Military Studies from Command and Staff College.

Sergeant Major Mangrum's personal awards include: Meritorious Service Medal with three gold stars, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with "V" device and gold star, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with two gold stars, and the Combat Action Ribbon with gold star.





United States Army

Command Sergeant Major

Nema Mobar

Division Command Sergeant Major

10th Mountain Division

Hays Hall, Fort Drum, NY 13602

Since: July 2022



EDUCATIONAL DEGREES/CERTIFICATIONS

Excelsior College –MA –Organizational Leadership

Excelsior College –BS –Business Management

Excelsior College –AA –Business Management

MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED

Basic Leader Course, Advanced Leader Course, Senior Leader Course, Sergeants Major Course, Airborne School, Jumpmaster School, Military Free Fall Parachutist Course, Pathfinder School, Reconnaissance Surveillance Leaders Course, Jungle Operations Course, Battle Staff, MRT Course, Ranger School, Sapper Leaders Course.

PROMOTIONS

DATE OF PROMOTION

PROMOTIONS

DATE OF PROMOTION

SGT

Jun 2002

MSG

Dec 2013

SSG

May 2004

SGM

Jun 2019

SFC

Jan 2008

FROM TO ASSIGNMENT

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
Jul 22	Present	Division Command Sergeant Major, 10th Mountain Division
Nov 20	Jun 20	Brigade Command Sergeant Major, 3rd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division
Oct 18	Oct 20	Battalion Sergeant Major, 1-21 Infantry Battalion, 25th Infantry Division
Aug 17	Oct 18	USASMA Student
Jun 15	Jul 17	First Sergeant, 52nd Long Range Surveillance Company, 3 Corps
Mar 13	Jun 15	First Sergeant, Bravo Company, 2-16 Infantry Battalion, 1st Infantry Division
Jan 12	Mar 13	Scout Platoon Sergeant, HHC, 2-16 Infantry Battalion, 1st Infantry Division
Aug 10	Jan 12	Platoon Sergeant, Bravo Company, 2-16 Infantry Battalion, 1st Infantry Division
Apr 07	Aug 10	RSLC Instructor
Apr 05	Jul 10	Squad Leader, Charlie Company, 1-73rd Airborne Squadron, 82nd Airborne Division
Jun 02	Apr 05	Squad Leader, Delta Company, 3-505 Airborne Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division

DECORATIONS AND BADGES

Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with silver leaf cluster, Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Navy and Marine Corp Achievement Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Expert Infantryman Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Wings, Military Free Fall Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Ranger Tab, Sapper Tab, and a Driver's Badge.



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT KRISTINA BRICKER MONTGOMERY

Chief Master Sergeant Kristina B. Montgomery is the Command Chief Master Sergeant, 27th Special Operations Wing, Cannon AFB, New Mexico. She serves as principal advisor to the commander on all matters regarding the morale, welfare, professional development, and combat readiness of over 6,700 Air Commandos and their families. Her wing provides specialized airpower and agile combat support personnel to operational commanders conducting special operations missions around the world, including direct action, unconventional warfare, special reconnaissance, counterterrorism, personnel recovery, psychological operations, and information operations.

Chief Montgomery enlisted in the Air Force in June of 1998 and graduated from the personnel apprentice course at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss, in October 1998. She has held leadership positions at the Squadron, Group, Wing and Major Command levels. Her previous assignments include bases in Colorado, Florida, and Texas. Chief Montgomery also served overseas in Japan, Saudi Arabia, and Germany. Chief Montgomery has taken part in various humanitarian operations and deployed in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, International Security Assistance Force/Combined Security Transition Command Afghanistan, and the Combined Joint Special Operations Air Component Afghanistan for Operations FREEDOM SENTINAL/RESOLUTE SUPPORT MISSION.



EDUCATION

- 2002 U.S. Air Force Airman Leadership School, Misawa AB, Japan
- 2010 Associates Degree in Human Resource Management, Community College of the Air Force
- 2010 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Tyndall AFB, FL.
- 2010 U.S. Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy Correspondence Course
- 2010 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Correspondence Course
- 2013 Professional Manager Certification, Community College of the Air Force
- 2014 U.S. Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, AL.
- 2018 Continuous Process Improvement for Executives, Institute for Defense and Business, Duke University, N.C.
- 2018 U.S. Air Force Chief Leadership Course, Maxwell AFB, AL.
- 2018 Air Force Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina, N.C.
- 2019 Command Chief Master Sergeant Training Course, Joint Base Andrews, MD.
- 2021 Senior Enlisted Legal Orientation, Maxwell AFB, AL.
- 2021 Summit Course, Joint Special Operations University (JSOU), MacDill AFB, FL
- 2022 Bachelor of Science, Organizational Leadership, Waldorf University, Forest City, IA
- 2022 U.S. Air Force Enterprise Perspective Seminar, Alan L. Freed Associates, Inc., Washington, D.C.
- 2023 Artificial Intelligence for National Security Leaders Course, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, MA

ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 1998 – February 2000, Personnel Employment Apprentice, 21st Mission Support Squadron, Peterson AFB, CO.
2. February 2000 – August 2000, Formal Training Journeyman, 35th Mission Support Squadron, Misawa AB, Japan

3. September 2000 – March 2002, Outbound Assignments Counselor, 35th Mission Support Squadron, Misawa AB, Japan
4. April 2002 – January 2003, NCOIC, Retirements and Separations, 35th Mission Support Squadron, Misawa AB, Japan
5. January 2003 – May 2004, NCOIC, Outbound Assignments, 35th Mission Support Squadron, Misawa AB, Japan
6. June 2004 – May 2005, NCOIC, Relocations and Career Enhancements, United States Military Training Mission (USMTM), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
7. June 2005 – August 2006, NCOIC, Civil Engineer, Fuels, Supply and Transportation Assignments, Headquarters, United States European Command, Ramstein AB, Germany
8. August 2006 – July 2007, NCOIC, Logistics, Munitions and Security Forces Assignments, Headquarters, United States European Command, Ramstein AB, Germany
9. August 2007 – November 2009, NCOIC, Aircrew, Maintenance and Operations Assignments, Headquarters, Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, FL.
10. November 2009 – November 2011, NCOIC, Maintenance, Operations and Force Structure Assignments, Headquarters, Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, FL.
11. November 2011 – November 2012, Superintendent, J1 Personnel Programs and Convoy Commander, 438th Air Expeditionary Wing, Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan.
12. November 2012 – May 2013, Superintendent, Force Management, 1st Special Operations Force Support Squadron, Hurlburt Field, FL.
13. May 2013 – Jan 2015, Superintendent, Military Personnel Flight, 802nd Force Support Squadron, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, TX.
14. January 2015 – December 2017, Superintendent, Military Personnel Flight, 1st Special Operations Force Support Squadron, Hurlburt Field, FL. (June 2017 – November 2017, Senior Enlisted Leader, Combined Joint Special Operations Air Component-Afghanistan, Bagram, Afghanistan)
15. December 2017 – August 2019, Chief Enlisted Manager, Manpower, Personnel and Services, Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, FL.
16. August 2019 – August 2020, Chief Enlisted Manager and Chief, PACAF Enlisted Assignments/3F0 MAJCOM Functional Manager, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Hickam Air Force Base, HI.
17. August 2020 – May 2022, Command Chief, 353d Special Operations Wing, Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan
18. May 2022 – Present, Command Chief, 27th Special Operations Wing, Cannon AFB, NM

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit
 Bronze Star Medal
 Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
 Joint Service Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
 Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf cluster
 Joint Service Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster
 Army Achievement Medal
 NATO Medal from International Security Assistance Force

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2000 35th Mission Support Squadron Amn of the Year
 2000 Below-the-Zone Promotion to Senior Airman
 2001 35th Fighter Wing Personnel Manager of the Year
 2003 35th Fighter Wing Personnel Manager of the Year
 2004 United States Military Training Mission Multi-Service NCO of the Year
 2008 Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command Personnel Technician of the Year
 2009 Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command NCO of the Year
 2009 Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command Force Support NCO of the Year
 2010 Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command Force Support NCO of the Year
 2011 NCO Academy Distinguished Graduate
 2014 Headquarters Air Education Training Command Force Support SNCO of the Year
 2015 1st Special Operations Force Support Squadron A1 Billy Boles Mentorship Award

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant 1 Dec 2017

(Current as of Jan 2023)

Command Sgt. Maj. Mark A. Morgan

7ATC CSM

Command Sgt. Maj.
Mark Morgan is from Orange, Texas. He graduated from Little Cypress Mauriceville High School and joined the U.S. Army on 22 June 1994 as a Quartermaster Logistician. He took responsibility of 7ATC, March 11, 2021.



His assignments include HHC/1-75th Ranger Regt, Savannah, Georgia; HQ XVII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; HHC/1-75th Ranger Regt, Savannah, Georgia; HHC/3-75th Ranger Regt, Fort Benning, Georgia; Special Troops Battalion, 75th Ranger Regt, HHC/ 75th Ranger Regt, Fort Benning, Georgia; HQ's TRADOC, Fort Monroe, Virginia; Senior Enlisted Aide to the Chief of Staff Army, Fort Myer, Virginia; Senior Enlisted Aide to the Chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Fort Myer, Virginia; Command Sergeant Major for Special Troops Battalion, 45th Sustainment Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Command Sergeant Major for Special Troops Battalion, 25th IN DIV, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Command Sergeant Major for 405th Army Field Support Brigade, Kaiserslautern, Germany; SPO Sergeant Major for 21st Theater Sustainment Command, Kaiserslautern, Germany; G4 Sergeant Major for United States Army Europe-Africa, Wiesbaden, Germany.

Command Sgt. Maj. Morgan has been deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom from 2002-2009.

Command Sgt. Maj. Morgan has held the positions of Cook, Team Leader, Squad Leader, Platoon Sergeant, First Sergeant, Operations Sergeant Major, Battalion

Command Sergeant Major, and Brigade Command Sergeant Major.

Command Sgt. Maj. Morgan has graduated from the following schools: Airborne School, Ranger School, Pathfinder School, Jumpmaster School, and all the required NCOPDS schools. He is a graduate of Class 62 of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy. He has been awarded the Distinguish Order of St. Martin and recognized as a Distinguished Member of the Quartermaster Corps.

Command Sgt. Maj. Morgan's awards and decorations include: Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge with Combat Jump Star, Pathfinder Badge, Combat Action Badge, and numerous other awards.



Command Sergeant Major

Brian J. Morrison

Command Sergeant Major

CSM Brian J. Morrison assumed the duties as the SDDC Command Sergeant Major on 1 October 2021. CSM Morrison enlisted in the Army in 1991 and has served on active duty for 30 years. He attended Basic Training and Light Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic (63B) School at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

CSM Morrison's assignments include Light Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic, Headquarters Support Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Shop Foreman, 82nd Military Police Company, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Company Motor Sergeant, Delta Company, 102nd Military Intelligence Battalion, Camp Essayons, Korea; Battery Motor Sergeant, Bravo Battery 3/4th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Senior Drill Sergeant, Delta Company, 187th Ordnance Battalion, Fort Jackson, South Carolina; First Sergeant, Alpha Company, 167th Support Battalion, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska; First Sergeant, Easy Company, 725th Brigade Support Battalion, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska; G4 Transportation Sergeant Major, I Corps, Fort Lewis, Washington; Command Sergeant Major, 725th Brigade Support Battalion, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska; Command Sergeant Major, Group Support Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne), Joint Base Lewis McChord, Washington; Command Sergeant Major, 402nd Army Field Support Brigade, Fort Shafter, Hawaii; and G4 Sergeant Major, I Corps, Joint Base Lewis McChord, Washington. He most recently served as Command Sergeant Major, Joint Munitions Command, Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois.



CSM Morrison's military education includes all levels of Non-Commissioned Officer Education System courses. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy (Class 59). His additional military training includes: Vehicle Recovery School; Airborne School; Drill Sergeant School; Jumpmaster School; First Sergeants' Course; and the Command Sergeants' Major Course. His civilian education includes an Associate Degree in business management from Coastline Community College, Fountain Valley, California.

CSM Morrison's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit; Bronze Star Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster); Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal (5 Oak Leaf Clusters); Army Commendation Medal (4 Oak Leaf Clusters); Army Achievement Medal (4 Oak Leaf Clusters); Army Good Conduct Medal (2 Silver Knots); National Defense Service Medal (2 Bronze Stars); Korean Defense Service Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Iraqi Campaign Medal (3 Bronze Stars); Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Humanitarian Service Medal; NCO Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 4); Overseas Ribbon (Numeral 4); Military Occupational Volunteer Service Medal; United Nations Medal (Haiti); Joint Meritorious Unit Award; Valorous Unit Award; Army Superior Unit Award; Combat Action Badge; Master Parachutist Badge; Drill Sergeant Badge; and the German, Tunisian, Canadian, and Australian Parachutist Badges. CSM Morrison has been awarded the Order of Samuel Sharpe from the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps and Order of Saint Barbara from the U.S. Army Artillery Corps.



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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT ISRAEL NUÑEZ

Chief Master Sergeant Israel Nuñez is Command Chief, Fourth Air Force, March Air Reserve Base, California.

As the senior enlisted leader, he is the commander's primary advisor regarding the welfare, morale, operational readiness, and discipline of the enlisted force. Fourth Air Force has command supervision over the Reserve's long-range airlift and air refueling units located throughout the continental U.S., Hawaii, and Guam. Fourth Air Force is dedicated to ensuring assigned units and personnel are properly organized, trained and equipped, and ready to support national security requirements across the full spectrum of operations, from war to contingency situations. Fourth Air Force provides leadership, management, and oversight to 18 flying wings and one regional support group, which provide strategic airlift, airdrop, aeromedical, air refueling, and associated expeditionary support activities. Fourth Air Force's responsibilities encompass 300 units and more than 32,000 personnel.

Chief Nuñez, entered the Air Force in November 2000 and has extensive background in executing and leading Air Transportation operations. A veteran of multiple contingency deployments, Chief Nuñez has deployed to various locations in support of Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, ENDURING FREEDOM, INHERENT RESOLVE, and FREEDOM'S SENTINEL. Prior to his current assignment, he served as the Command Chief Master Sergeant of the 459th Air Refueling Wing, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland.



EDUCATION

- 2005 Airman Leadership School, Travis Air Force Base, Calif.
- 2008 Associate in Applied Science, Transportation, Community College of the Air Force
- 2008 Associate in Applied Science, Education & Training Management, Community College of the Air Force
- 2010 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., by correspondence
- 2013 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., by correspondence
- 2014 Professional Manager Certification, Community College of the Air Force
- 2014 Senior Non-commissioned Officer Leadership Course (SNCOLC), Pope Air Force Base, N.C.
- 2015 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education, Joint Knowledge Online, by correspondence
- 2016 Chief Orientation Course, Warner Robins Air Force Base, Ga.
- 2017 Reserve Component National Security Course, National Defense University, Washington D.C.
- 2018 International SNCO Leadership Development Course (INLEAD), March Air Reserve Base, Calif.
- 2019 Command Chief Master Sergeant Training Course, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
- 2020 Bachelor of Science, Interdisciplinary Studies, Liberty University, Lynchburg, Va.
- 2021 Senior Enlisted Legal Orientation Course, AF Judge Advocate General's School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2021 Middle East – South Asia Domestic Divisions/Regional Conflicts, Alan L. Freed Associates, Washington, D.C.
- 2022 Eurasia Seminar, Alan L. Freed Associates, Washington, D.C.
- 2022 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, University of North Carolina, Durham, N.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. November 2000 – November 2002, Cargo Processing Specialist, 60th Aerial Port Squadron, Travis AFB, Calif.
2. December 2002 – October 2003, Passenger Service Specialist, 60th Aerial Port Squadron, Travis AFB, Calif.
3. November 2003 – March 2006, Passenger Terminal Shift Supervisor, 60th Aerial Port Squadron, Travis AFB, Calif.
4. March 2006 – October 2009, Maintenance Training Manager, 349th Maintenance Group, Travis AFB, Calif.
5. November 2009 – January 2012, Air Freight Flight Chief, 55th Aerial Port Squadron, Travis AFB, Calif.
6. February 2012 – December 2013, Aircraft Load Planning Section Chief, 55th Aerial Port Squadron, Travis AFB, Calif.
7. January 2014 – January 2016, Operations Superintendent, 55th Aerial Port Squadron, Travis AFB, Calif.
8. February 2016 – December 2016, Programs and Quality Assurance Flight Superintendent, 55th Aerial Port Squadron, Travis AFB, Calif.
9. January 2017 – September 2017, Chief of Plans and Compliance, 86th Aerial Port Squadron, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.
10. October 2017 – December 2020, Senior Enlisted Leader, 69th Aerial Port Squadron, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
11. January 2021 – July 2022, Command Chief, 459th Air Refueling Wing, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
12. July 2022 – Present, Command Chief, Fourth Air Force, March Air Reserve Base, Calif.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

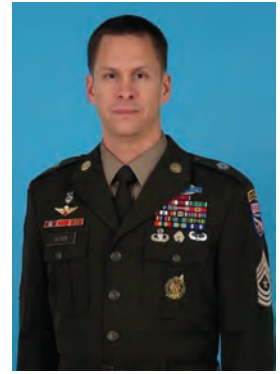
EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman First Class	14 November 2000
Senior Airman	14 March 2003
Staff Sergeant	1 March 2005
Technical Sergeant	1 January 2007
Master Sergeant	1 June 2010
Senior Master Sergeant	1 April 2013
Chief Master Sergeant	1 March 2017

(Current as of Jan 2023)



United States Army



Sergeant Major
Eric B. Olsen
 USFK J3 SGM
 Camp Humphreys, Korea
 APO AP 96271
 Since: September 2022

EDUCATIONAL DEGREES/CERTIFICATIONS

Excelsior College –BS –Liberal Arts

MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED

Ranger School, Navy Scuba Diver Course, Basic Mountaineering Course, Air Assault Course, Jumpmaster Course, and all levels of NCOPDS complemented by numerous pre-command and other Leader-certifying courses.

<u>PROMOTIONS</u>	<u>DATE OF PROMOTION</u>	<u>PROMOTIONS</u>	<u>DATE OF PROMOTION</u>
SGT	Jun 1998	MSG	Feb 2010
SSG	Jul 2000	SGM	Jun 2016
SFC	Oct 2005		

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
Sep 22	Present	J3 Sergeant Major, US Forces Korea (Combined/Joint)
Apr 20	Sep 22	Brigade Command Sergeant Major, 120th Infantry Brigade Fort Hood, Texas (MFTB)
Jun 18	Apr 20	Commandant, Noncommissioned Officer Academy (MCoE) Fort Benning, Georgia
Oct 17	Jun 18	Division Command Sergeant Major, 4th Infantry Division (Fwd), Poland
Dec 16	Oct 17	Battalion Command Sergeant Major, 2d Battalion 23d Infantry Regiment Fort Carson, Colorado
Jul 15	Dec 16	Operations Sergeant Major, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment Fort Carson, Colorado
Jul 14	Jul 15	Student, United States Army Sergeants Major Academy Fort Bliss, Texas
Nov 13	Jul 14	Operations Sergeant, 3d Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2d Infantry Division Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington
Mar 12	Nov 13	First Sergeant, HHC 3d Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2d Infantry Division Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington
Jan 11	Mar 12	First Sergeant, C Co 1st Battalion 23d Infantry Regiment 3-2SBCT Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington
Jan 09	Dec 10	First Sergeant, C Co 6th Ranger Training Battalion Eglin Air Force Base, Florida
Jan 07	Dec 08	Platoon Sergeant, B Co 6th Ranger Training Battalion Eglin Air Force Base, Florida
Jan 05	Dec 06	Platoon Sergeant, C Co 2d Battalion 1st Infantry Regiment Fort Wainwright, Alaska
Jan 04	Jan 05	Platoon Sergeant, B Co 2d Battalion 1st Infantry Regiment Fort Wainwright, Alaska
Apr 03	Jan 04	Student, D Co 1st Special Warfare Training Battalion Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Nov 99	Apr 03	Recruiter, Denver Recruiting Battalion Denver, Colorado
Jan 98	Nov 99	Assistant Team Leader, C Co 1st Battalion 25th Military Intelligence (LRS-D) Schofield Barracks, Hawaii
Apr 96	Jan 98	Senior Scout Observer, C Co 1st Battalion 25th Military Intelligence (LRS-D) Schofield Barracks, Hawaii

DECORATIONS AND BADGES

Legion of Merit (1 OLC), Bronze Star Medal (1 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (5 OLC), Expert Infantryman Badge, Ranger Tab, Scuba Badge, Air Assault Badge, and the Master Parachutist Badge. National Infantry Association's Order of St. Maurice-Centurion level, the Sergeant John Ordway Award, and is a Distinguished Member of the 23rd and 54th Infantry Regiments.



United States Navy Biography

CMDRCM(SW) Jason Ortega, USN
Command Master Chief
USS ESSEX (LHD 2)

A native of San Antonio, Texas, Master Chief Ortega enlisted in the Navy in June 1999. He attended Basic Training and Engineman (EN) "A" School in Great Lakes, Illinois.

His initial sea tour was onboard USS ROBIN (MHC-54) and was followed with subsequent sea tours on USS CHUNG-HOON (DDG-93) and Patrol Coastal Crew Echo. While onboard rotational crew PC Crew Echo, he served onboard USS SQUALL (PC-7), USS TEMPES (PC-2), USS TYPHOON (PC-5), USS CHINOOK (PC-9) and USS MONSOON (PC-4) operating in Little Creek, VA and FDNF Bahrain.

Master Chief Ortega's shore tours include TSC Great Lakes as an NMT instructor and subsequent shore tours at COMNAVAIRPAC and COMNAVSURFPAC as a Command Climate Specialist.

He was selected for the Command Master Chief program in 2017 and has enjoyed successful tours onboard USS PEARL HARBOR (LSD-52) and ASSAULT CRAFT UNIT FIVE. He is currently serving onboard USS ESSEX (LHD-2).

Master Chief Ortega is a 2013 graduate of the Air Force Senior Enlisted Academy, Class 13B and the CMC/COB Course, Class 181. He earned his Associate Degree from Coastline Community College and has received personal awards to include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and various service and campaign awards.



BIOGRAPHY

WARRANT OFFICER CLASS ONE STEPHEN R. RUPAPERE, NZGM

Special Operations Command Sergeant Major

*“Ko Karioi tōku maunga. Ko Whaingaroa tōku moana.
Ko Tainui tōku waka. Ko Ngāti Tahinga tōku iwi. Ko
Stephen Rupapere tōku ingoa. Nō Athenree o Aotearoa
ahau”.*

My mountain is Karioi, my harbour Whaingaroa, my canoe Tainui and my tribe is Ngāti Tahinga. My name is Stephen Rupapere and I am from Athenree, New Zealand.

Warrant Officer Class One (WO1) Stephen Rupapere was born in Hamilton in January 1973 and educated at Ngaruawahia High School.

WO1 Rupapere enlisted into the New Zealand Army as a Regular Force Cadet in January 1990 and on graduation was posted to 1st Battalion Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment (1RNZIR) in 1991.

During service with 1RNZIR, WO1 Rupapere operated within the rifle companies and reconnaissance platoon as a sniper and in 1994 deployed to Bosnia as part of the UN Mission, UNPROFOR to Yugoslavia.

In October 1998, WO1 Rupapere was successfully posted to 1st New Zealand Special Air Service Group as a Special Forces Operator fulfilling various command and training cadre roles within Regiment. WO1 Rupapere specialised in advanced mountaineering, advanced tracking, close protection, mobility and sniper skill sets and was successfully appointed as the Regimental Sergeant Major, from December 2016 to December 2018.



WO1 Rupapere engaged in operational service in the Solomon Islands, East Timor, Afghanistan and Iraq conducting full spectrum Special Operations. In April 2014, WO1 Rupapere was awarded the New Zealand Gallantry Medal (NZGM) for actions in Afghanistan.

WO1 Rupapere graduated from the New Zealand Warrant Officer Promotion Course in 2012, and is alumni of the United States Joint Special Operations Senior Enlisted Academy, graduating as an Honour Graduate attaining the Commanders List in 2016.

WO1 Rupapere's continued professional development includes the NATO Special Operations Senior Enlisted International Summit Course as student and mentor as well as a member of the 2019 New Zealand Defence Force Lead Integrated Capability cohort and holds a Diploma in Business Management.

Commonly known as 'Ru' within the military and community he holds the position of Chair for Te Akau Marae. His interests include Masters Rugby league, trail running, mountaineering, surfing and watching competitive sports. Dedicated to his whānau (family) he and his wife Kelly have two adult children and a grandson who all live in New Zealand.



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT KEITH M. SCOTT

Chief Master Sergeant Keith M. Scott serves as the Command Chief for the 60th Air Mobility Wing, Travis Air Force Base, California. He leads the wing's enlisted force and serves as the principle advisor to the 60th Air Mobility Wing Commander for the combined efforts of all wing operations and support activities associated with the worldwide air mobility mission. The C-5M Super Galaxy, KC-10 Extender and C-17 Globemaster III aircraft assigned to Travis AFB participate in airlift, aerial refueling and aeromedical evacuation taskings responding to Joint Chiefs of Staff-directed combat operations and supporting U.S. State Department-sponsored humanitarian relief efforts worldwide. Chief Scott is also charged with ensuring the effective utilization, training, development, and readiness of more than 26,100 active-duty, Reserve, civilian personnel, and their families.

Chief Scott hails from Jacksonville, Florida, and entered the Air Force in 1997. His assignments include bases in Japan, Portugal, Oklahoma, Hawaii, Colorado, Virginia and Texas. Chief Scott has also deployed in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. The chief has filled multiple roles throughout his career to include command chief and superintendent for various medical groups and squadrons as well as the superintendent for the Airman and Family Readiness Center. The chief also spent two years as an International Military Student Officer at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. Prior to assuming his current role, he served as the Command Chief, 72nd Air Base Wing, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma.



EDUCATION

1997 Bioenvironmental Engineering Course, USAF School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks Air Force Base, Texas
2002 Airman Leadership School, Tinker AFB, Okla.
2007 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
2008 Dynamics of International Terrorism, USAF Special Operations School, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
2010 Associate of Science, Bioenvironmental Engineering Technologies, Community College of the Air Force
2011 Associate of Arts, Social Services, Community College of the Air Force
2012 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education I Course, National Defense University
2012 Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
2013 International Military Student Officer Course, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Ohio
2016 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II Course, National Defense University
2016 Intermediate Executive Skills Course, San Antonio, Texas
2017 Chief Leadership Course, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
2018 Air Force Enterprise Leadership Seminar, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.
2020 Command Chief Master Sergeant Training Course, JB Andrews, Md.
2020 Senior Enlisted Legal Orientation Course, USAF Judge Advocate General's School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2020 Global/Regional Studies Seminar – Europe and South Asia, Alan L. Freed Associates, Washington, D.C.
2022 Enterprise Perspective Seminar, Alan L. Freed Associates, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1997 - July 1997, Trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. August 1997 - December 1997, Student, Bioenvironmental Engineering Specialist, USAF School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks

(Current as of January 2023)

AFB, Texas

3. January 1998 – December 1999, Bioenvironmental Engineering Technician, 18th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Kadena AB, Japan
4. January 2000 – June 2001, Bioenvironmental Engineering Technician, 65th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Lajes Field, Portugal
5. June 2001 – September 2009, Bioenvironmental Engineering Technician, 72nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
6. September 2009 – October 2012, Superintendent, Airman and Family Readiness Center, 72nd Force Support Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
7. October 2012 – September 2013, Superintendent, 15th Aerospace Medicine Squadron and Pacific Air Force Bioenvironmental Engineering Enlisted Force Manager, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
8. November 2013 – August 2015, International Military Student Officer, Joint Base Pearl Harbor- Hickam, Hawaii
9. February 2014 – August 2015, Superintendent, 15th Medical Operations Squadron and Pacific Air Forces Bioenvironmental Engineering Enlisted Force Manager, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
10. September 2015 – June 2016, Superintendent, 21st Aerospace Medicine Squadron and Air Force Space Command Bioenvironmental Engineering Functional Manager, Peterson AFB, Colo.
11. June 2016 – July 2017, Superintendent, 633d Aerospace Medicine Squadron and Air Combat Command Bioenvironmental Engineering Functional Manager, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.
12. August 2017 – July 2020, Superintendent, 559th Medical Group, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas
13. August 2020 – November 2021, Command Chief, 72nd Air Base Wing, Tinker AFB, Okla.
14. November 2021 – Present, Command Chief, 60th Air Mobility Wing, Travis AFB, Calif.

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device and three oak leaf clusters

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2004 Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, 72nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron

2007 Bioenvironmental Engineering Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Air Force Materiel Command

2007 Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, 72nd Air Base Wing

2007 Distinguished Graduate, Noncommissioned Officer Academy

2008 Air Force Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High Yield Explosive Challenge winner

2011 Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Tinker AFB and 72nd Air Base Wing

2013 Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, 15th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant Aug. 1, 2016



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT ANTHONY D. SIMS

Chief Master Sgt. Anthony D. Sims is the Command Senior Enlisted Leader of the Maryland National Guard as the Senior Enlisted Leader of the Maryland National Guard where he serves as the primary advisor to the Adjutant General (TAG) on all enlisted Airmen and Soldier matters affecting training, operations, family matters, and health and welfare of the force and professional development. He is the first African American male in the history of the Maryland National Guard to serve in this position.

Chief Sims entered the Air Force in 1990. His extensive background includes several Regular Air Force positions including a special duty assignment to Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C.; assigned to the United States Air Force Honor Guard as a Pall Bearer and an Instructor. Chief Sims joined the Maryland Air National Guard's 175th Wing in 2000, where he's deployed three times in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and once supporting Operation Inherent Resolve. His background includes numerous leadership roles at the flight, squadron, group, Wing and State levels. Chief Sims has served as alternate and currently serves as the Primary of Region II for the National Guard Enlisted Advisory Council (NGEAC).

Prior to his current assignment, Chief Sims served as the Maryland Air National Guard State Command Chief. As the State Command Chief, he was responsible to be a liaison with TAG, Assistant Adjutants General for Air and Army, the state command sergeant major, director of staff, and other JFHQ staff members. He advised TAG/Assistant Adjutant General on quality-of-life issues and concerns of the enlisted Airmen for the Maryland Air National Guard.



EDUCATION

- 1990 B-52 Aircraft Maintenance Apprentice School, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas
- 1993 Air Force Basic Instructor School, Kessler, AFB Miss.
- 1994 Airman Leadership School, Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C.
- 1997 B-52H Phase Inspection Work Area Supervisor Course, Barksdale, AFB, La.
- 2000 C-130 Repair and Reclamation Journeyman Course, Baltimore, Md.
- 2004 Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, by correspondence
- 2008 Air Force First Sergeant Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
- 2010 Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy by correspondence
- 2012 Senior Enlisted Joint PME I by correspondence
- 2015 Aviation Resource Management Apprentice Course, Keesler AFB, Miss.
- 2016 ANG Chiefs Executive Course, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
- 2018 ANG Command Chief Master Sergeant Training Course, JBSA, Texas
- 2019 Senior Enlisted Joint PME II by correspondence
- 2022 Associate in Aviation Operations, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell, AFB, Ala
- 2022 B.S. in General Studies, University of Maryland University College, Adelphi, Md.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1990 – August 1990, Student, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. August 1990 – October 1990, Student, Technical Training School, Keesler AFB, Miss.
3. October 1990 – December 1990, B-52 Familiarization Training, Castle AFB, Calif.
4. December 1990 – September 1993, B-52 Aircraft Maintenance Team Member, 596th Bombardment Squadron, Barksdale AFB, La.
5. September 1993 – October 1997, United States Air Force Honor Guard, Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C.
6. October 1997– October 1999, B-52 Aircraft Phase Team Supervisor, 2nd Maintenance Squadron, Barksdale, AFB, La.
7. January 2000 – July 2008, Repair and Reclamation Specialist, 135th Maintenance Squadron, Baltimore, Md.
8. July 2008 – December 2011, First Sergeant, 175th Network Warfare Squadron, Baltimore, Md.
9. August 2012 – October 2014, First Sergeant, 175th Wing Headquarters / 175th Operations Group, Baltimore, Md.
10. October 2014 – June 2018, Operations Group Superintendent, 175th Operations Group, Baltimore, Md.
11. June 2018 – August 2022, Maryland State Command Chief, Joint Forces Headquarters, Baltimore, Md.
12. August 2022 – Present, Command Senior Enlisted Leader, Maryland National Guard, Baltimore, Md.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal w/ four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Afghanistan Campaign Medal
NATO Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2013 First Sergeant of the Year

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

175TH Wing Chief's Group
Army Aviation Association of America
Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Maryland

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic June 21, 1990
Airman First Class Aug. 4, 1990
Senior Airman June 4, 1992 - BTZ
Staff Sergeant March 1, 1997
Technical Sergeant Dec. 31, 2002 - STEP
Master Sergeant Aug. 1, 2008
Senior Master Sergeant Oct. 20, 2010
Chief Master Sergeant July 21, 2015

(Current as of July 2022)



Command Sgt. Maj. Bradford L. Smith

Command Sergeant Major



Command Sgt. Maj. Bradford L. Smith was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, and entered the United States Army on Dec. 1, 1993. He completed Basic Combat Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and received his Advanced Individual Training as a CH-47 Medium Helicopter Repairer at Ft. Eustis, Virginia, in June 1994.

Command Sgt. Maj. Smith began his career as a CH-47 Phase Team Member and progressed to serving as a Flight Engineer on both CH-47 D and F models, Squad Leader, Section Sergeant, Aircraft Maintenance Supervisor, Senior Drill Sergeant, Battalion Operations Sergeant, Detachment Sergeant, First Sergeant, Aviation Operations Chief, Senior Aircraft Maintenance Manager, Squadron Command Sergeant Major, Academy.

Command Sgt. Maj. Smith's military education includes the CH-47 Medium Helicopter Repairers Course, the Warrior Leader Course, the Advance Leader Course, the Senior Leader Course, First Sergeant Course, and the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, Class 65. His military training includes battalion, brigade and Aviation pre-command courses, Drill Sergeant Academy, Air Assault Course, Air Crew Life Support Course, Modern Army Combatives Program Levels I and II, and Equal Opportunity Leaders Course. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College's Nominative Leader Course. Command Sgt. Maj. Smith has earned an Associate of Science in Professional Aeronautics from Embry Riddle University and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from Excelsior College. He is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in American History from American Military University.

Command Sgt. Maj. Smith's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star (2nd award), Meritorious Service Medal (5th award), Air Medal with "V" Device, Air Medal (Numeral 5), Army Commendation Medal (10th award), Army Achievement Medal (6th award), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Good Conduct Medal (8th award), National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, Korean Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (2 tours), Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Ribbon (2nd award), NCO Development Ribbon (numeral 5), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (numeral 6), the NATO Medal, Combat Action Badge, Master Aviation Badge, Air Assault Badge, Drill Sergeant

Order of Saint George and the Honorable Order of Saint Michael (Silver Award).



CMDCM(AW/SW) Dean Sonnenberg, Naval Safety Command



Command Master Chief Sonnenberg enlisted through the Delayed Entry Program in June 1996 and completed Aviation Electronics Technician Apprenticeship School in Millington, Tennessee,

His sea duty assignments include the “Tridents” of Patrol Squadron 26 from March 1997 thru March 2003 as the Avionics Branch Supervisor; the “Royal Maces” of Strike Fighter Squadron 27 from March 2006 thru March 2009 as Flight Deck Coordinator and Maintenance Control Chief, where he was advanced to Senior Chief Petty Officer in 2009; he was then assigned as an Individual Augmentee to Joint CREW Composite Squadron 1 from August 2009 thru August 2010 as an Electronic Warfare Officer; the “Valions” of Strike Fighter Squadron 15 from February 2013 thru February 2015 serving as the Maintenance Control Senior Chief Petty Officer. He was advanced to Master Chief Petty Officer in May 2014.

His shore assignments include the “Shadows” of Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron 4 Detachment Patuxent River MD as the Operational Control Center Leading Petty Officer from March 2003 thru March 2006, where he was advanced to Chief Petty Officer in 2005; and the “Gladiators” of Strike Fighter Squadron 106 serving as the Airframes Leading Chief Petty Officer, QAS, and Senior Enlisted Advisor (E/F).

His Senior Enlisted Leader assignments include the “Dragonwhales” of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 28 from March 2015 thru March 2018; the “Gunslingers” of the USS SAN JACINTO (CG 56) from April 2018 thru February 2021; the Commander Helicopter Sea Combat Wing Atlantic from March 2021 thru February 2023. In March 2023, he reported as the Command Master Chief of the Naval Safety Command where he is currently assigned.

His decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3 awards), Navy/Marine Corp Commendation Medal (3 awards), Navy/Marine Corp Achievement Medal (4 awards), Army Achievement Medal and various campaign and personal awards.

He is a graduate of both the Senior Enlisted Academy (RC 171, Khaki), and the CMC/COB course (141).



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT HEATH T. TEMPEL

Chief Master Sergeant Heath T. Tempel is the Command Chief, 96th Test Wing, Air Force Materiel Command, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. He leads more than 9,800 military, civilian, and contractor personnel, in accomplishing the 96th Test Wing's missions of developmental testing and evaluation of conventional munitions, command and control systems, aircraft avionics and guidance systems, and radar cross section measurement. The 96th Test Wing has eight groups and 32 squadrons, operates 38 uniquely modified test aircraft, and manages 120,000 square miles of over-water test ranges plus facilities in six states. He also directs all base operating support, infrastructure, and services support for the Air Force's largest installation at 724 square miles. The 96th Test Wing hosts eight tenant wings and wing equivalent units—to include the 33d Fighter Wing (F-35 Joint Strike Fighter), U.S. Army 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Joint Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training Center—and 37 other associate units including the U.S. Army 6th Ranger Training Battalion and the 20th Space Control Squadron. As command chief, he interacts with local officials across a three-county, 11-city region with an annual military economic impact of \$2.7 billion.



CMSgt Tempel entered the Air Force in December of 1996 and completed Explosive Ordnance Disposal technical training in September of 1997. He has completed multiple combat deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, accumulating over 3000 hours outside the wire and overseeing the elimination of more than 500 improvised explosive devices. As a CMSgt, he served at a variety of levels, including duty as a Squadron Superintendent, Major Command Functional, Headquarters Senior Enlisted Leader and Wing Command Chief.

His previous assignment was as an instructor at the Chief Master Sergeant Leadership Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Alabama.

EDUCATION

2000 Airman Leadership School, Moody AFB, GA

2008 U.S. Air Force Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Elmendorf AFB, AK

2009 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education I, by distance learning

2009 Professional Manager Certification, Community College of the Air Force

2010 Associates in Applied Science, Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Community College of the Air Force

2012 Civil Engineer Squadron Superintendent's Course, AFIT, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

2012 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

2016 Senior Enlisted Legal Orientation, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

2017 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II, by distance learning

2017 Continuous Process Improvement for Executives, Washington D.C.

2018 USAF Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

2019 Enlisted Professional Military Education Instructor Course, Maxwell-Gunter, Ala.

2022 Enterprise Perspective Seminar, Alan L. Freed Associates, Washington D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1997 – June 2007, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Craftsman, Moody AFB, Ga.
(Sep 2001 - Mar 2002, Deployed Al Udeid AB)
(Oct 2002 - Apr 2003, Deployed Manas AB, Kyrgyzstan)
(Jul 2005 - Mar 2006, Deployed Balad AB, Iraq)
2. June 2007 – Oct 2012, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight Chief, Eielson AFB, Alaska
(Sep 2007 - May 2008, Deployed Kirkuk AB, Iraq)
(Aug 2009 - Feb 2010, Deployed Kandahar Province, Afghanistan)
(Dec 2010 - Jul 2011, Deployed Tallil, Iraq)
3. October 2012 – August 2014, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Superintendent, Cannon AFB, N.M.
(Aug 2013 - May 2014, Deployed Kandahar Province, Afghanistan)
4. August 2014 – December 2015, Superintendent, 27 Special Ops Civil Engineer Squadron, Cannon AFB, N.M.
5. January 2016 – July 2017, USAFCENT Chief of EOD Forces and USAFCENT Shaw SEL, Shaw AFB, S.C.
6. July 2017 – August 2019, Command Chief, 435 Air Ground Ops Wg/435 Air Exp Wg, Ramstein AB, Germany
7. September 2019 - September 2021, Instructor, USAF CMSgt Leadership Course, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Alabama
(Mar 2020 – Aug 20, Acting Command Chief, Barnes Center for Enlisted Education)
8. October 2021 - Present, Command Chief, 96th Test Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Bronze Star with two oak leaf clusters

Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf clusters

Navy Achievement Medal

Army Achievement Medal

Air Force Combat Action Medal

Air Force Outstanding Airman of the Year Ribbon

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2000 Distinguished Graduate, Airman Leadership School

2008 Distinguished Graduate and Commandant's Award, Noncommissioned Officer Academy

2009 Pacific Air Forces 12 Outstanding Airmen (NCO)

2011 Lance P. Sijan Award (11th AF)

2011 Stryzak Award, Best EOD Flight in Pacific Air Forces (Unit Award)

2012 Distinguished Graduate, Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy

2012 Stryzak Award, Best EOD Flight in Air Force (Unit Award)

2013 CMSgt Larry R. Daniels Award, Outstanding Civil Engineer Superintendent (AF runner-up)

2014 Lance P. Sijan Award (AFSOC)

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant Dec 2014

(CURRENT AS OF JAN 2023)

KEYSTONE STAFF

Gerard “Gerry“ M. Mauer, Jr.
Director
Capstone, Keystone, Pinnacle

Rear Admiral Mauer retired from the Navy in March 2008 after over 31 years of service, which included extensive experience in fleet operations, resource management, technical innovation, Joint Professional Military Education (JPME), interagency coordination, and leading organizational change in NATO and joint commands.



From 2008 to 2011, RADM Mauer was a Group Vice President for Sabre Systems Inc. He was responsible for developing then implementing the corporate strategic plan and managing the Southeast Region’s profit and loss operations, its contracts, corporate business development, human resources programs, and Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) level III attainment. After leaving Sabre Systems, RADM Mauer had positions as an Associate with Burdeshaw Associates, as a Senior Analyst for Wikistrat, as a Board member and Board Treasurer for the Navy Safe Harbor Foundation, and as a representative and the national Co-Chair for the US Global Leadership Coalition’s Veterans for Smart Power.

Admiral Mauer’s last position in the Navy was from 2006 to 2008, when he served as the Commandant, Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF). He was responsible for executing the congressionally mandated and accredited master’s degree senior Professional Military Education curriculum. As a university leader, he directly supported the direction of the National Defense University and was a key member in the development of the University’s strategic plan.

From 2003 to 2006, he served as the NATO Allied Command Transformation’s Director, Joint Experimentation, Exercises, and Assessment, where he developed and implemented NATO’s largest Concept Development and Experimentation program. The scope included creating NATO’s transformation strategic vision and aligning the vision with its concepts and requirements. As a result of his initiatives, NATO rapidly implemented new processes, policies, and systems in support of its forces in Afghanistan and Iraq as well new capabilities to support its political and military infrastructure in NATO headquarters.

From 2001 to 2003, he was the Deputy, Directorate for Information Operations (J39/DDIO), Joint Staff Director of Operations (J-3) where he was responsible for direct coordination with the Office of the Secretary of Defense staff, Combatant Commands, and interagency organizations in their global information operations. In this capacity, his responsibilities also included supervision and operational coordination of the Joint Staff’s Special Technical Operations information system and its programs.

Admiral Mauer graduated from Villanova University and the Naval Postgraduate School. He was a Naval Aviator who commanded Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadrons SEVEN (HS-7) and TEN (HS-10) in addition to assignment as the Commanding Officer of USS NASSAU (LHA 4). He has vast experience at sea with deployments to the Atlantic Ocean, Mediterranean Sea, and Arabian Gulf. Ashore assignments included: Naval Postgraduate School student, Assistant Program Manager for the Naval Air Systems Command SH-60F/H helicopter program (PMA 266), and Training Officer and Instructor Pilot in Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron ONE (HS-1). He started with Capstone in August of 2016.



Clifford E. (Cliff) Wheeler, Jr.

Keystone & Pinnacle Program Manager

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Clifford E. Wheeler, Jr. (Cliff) is the Program Manager for the Keystone and Pinnacle programs at CAPSTONE. He is responsible for curriculum development and execution of both courses, to include; planning, administration, assessment of educational objectives and student learning, and review and revision of course curricula as needed.

Cliff is a native of Woodville, MS. He retired from the Army in November 2014 after 28 years in active and reserve service. He began his military service in November 1986 as a 19D Cavalry Scout in the Mississippi Army National Guard. Commissioned as an Armor officer and Distinguished Military Graduate from the Ole Miss Army ROTC program, he entered active duty at Ft. Knox, KY in September 1988.

Cliff served in both staff and leadership positions in Armor and Cavalry units in Germany, Fort Hood, Texas, and Fort Stewart, Georgia. He commanded at the platoon, company, and battalion levels, culminating with command of the 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry, 3rd Infantry Division from 2006-2008. He served two tours in Iraq; as Brigade Executive Officer for 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division (2003-2004) in Baghdad and as Squadron Commander of 5-7 Cavalry in Ramadi, Fallujah, and Arab Jabour (2007-2008).

Key staff assignments include the Lieutenants' and Captains' Career Manager at Armor Branch, Army Personnel Command; Exercise Planner at V Corps G3 in Heidelberg, Germany; analyst for the 2006 Quadrennial Defense Review at Department of the Army, G8; and Chief of Officer Distribution at Army Human Resources Command. His final assignment was Deputy Director for Overseas Planning and International Engagement at CAPSTONE, National Defense University.

From 2015 to 2018, Cliff was an organizational and leadership consultant and later an Assistant Vice President and Program Manager at Command Security Corporation in Herndon, Virginia.

Among Cliff's military awards and decorations are the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Presidential Unit Citation, and the Navy Unit Commendation. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the University of Mississippi, and Masters of Science degrees in Adult and Continuing Education from Kansas State University, and in National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University.

Cliff is a passionate volunteer for the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, the Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park, the National Museum of the United States Army, and the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (T.A.P.S.). He is proud father of three sons; Clifford III, Stuart Ashby, and Morgan.