

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA BOOK



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Lyons, Stephen “Steve” GEN, USA (Ret)

Steve Lyons is a Senior Fellow for the National Defense University supporting the Pinnacle, Capstone, and Keystone programs. He also serves as Strategic Advisor and Board Director for several organizations.

He retired from the U.S. Army in December 2021 following over 38 years of active service culminating as the 13th commander of U.S. Transportation Command (TRANSCOM). TRANSCOM is one of 11 Presidentially appointed and Senate confirmed combatant commands in the Department of Defense. TRANSCOM operates the multibillion-dollar defense transportation system, routinely deploying and sustaining military forces, providing aerial refueling, medical aerial evacuation, and humanitarian assistance to support US national security goals around the globe. In 2021 he led the mobility operation that enabled the historic evacuation of over 124,000 Afghans and other non-combatants from Kabul international airport.

He began his career in Germany during the Cold War and subsequently held a wide range of assignments to include command of troops at every level, multiple combat deployments, and over eight years of experience in joint (multi-service) assignments. As a battalion commander in 2003, he led more than 1,200 Soldiers as part of the 3d Infantry Division ground assault to liberate Baghdad. He subsequently spent more than 40 months deployed to the U.S. Central command area of responsibility in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan.

A native of Rensselaer New York, General Lyons graduated from the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the US Army in 1983. He holds two master’s degrees, one from the Naval Postgraduate School in supply chain management; and the second from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in national resource strategy. His awards include the defense distinguished service medal, the master parachutist badge, and numerous leadership awards. He has been recognized in the Congressional Record and inducted into the Hall of Fame at the 82d Airborne Division, Naval Postgraduate School, U.S. Army Materiel Command, and U.S. Army Ordnance Corps.

Following his retirement from the military he was appointed by the President of the United States to be the Special Envoy for Ports and Supply Chains holding that position until January 2024. As a key member of the White House Supply Chain Disruption Task Force, he led collaboration among industry, labor, academic, and government stakeholders to address pandemic induced bottlenecks impacting inflation and consumer confidence. During his tenure as Special Envoy he played a central advisory role in resolving railroad, parcel freight, longshore labor contracts, and led a government interagency Unified Coordination Group (UCG) focused on domestic crisis response.

GEN (Ret) Lyons and his wife of 35 years reside in Davidson, North Carolina.



Scott Stalker is a distinguished leader and speaker with over three decades of experience in the Marine Corps, encompassing roles in Space, Cyberspace, Intelligence, and Special Operations, along with seven combat tours in Somalia and Iraq. He served as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader for the Defense Intelligence Agency, National Security Agency, United States Cyber Command, and United States Space Command.

As the founder and CEO of S2-Stalker Solutions LLC, a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB), he leverages his extensive military background to drive leadership development and innovation, while offering professional speaking & coaching services to a wide range of organizations.

In his current roles, Scott serves as a senior fellow at the National Defense University and contributes to the Marine Raider Foundation, Naval Intelligence Professionals, and the Wounded Warrior Project, where he holds a position on the Board of Directors. His unwavering dedication to supporting veterans and enhancing military and leadership strategies underscores his profound impact and commitment.

Scott holds a bachelor's degree in Intelligence Studies, a master's degree in Cybersecurity, and an Organizational Leadership certificate from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. He also completed advanced studies at Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, graduating from the SECDEF Strategic Thinkers Program CAPSTONE.

Scott resides in Wilmington, NC, with his wife Malerie, a Gold Star Sister, their three daughters, and English Bulldog Charlie.

25-1 FELLOWS



CMDCM(EXW/SW) Clayton L. Alek-Finkelman

United States Navy

Command Master Chief (CMDCM) Alek-Finkelman is a native of East Meadow, NY. Prior to enlisting in the Navy he served two years in the East Meadow Fire Department and was a first responder to the World Trade Center on 9/11. Additionally, he received a unit citation from the Nassau County Fire Commission for courage, bravery and teamwork in July 2001.

CMDCM Alek-Finkelman entered the Navy in May 2002 and completed basic training at Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, IL. After attending Gunner's Mate "A" School where he was honored as the Distinguished Military Graduate, he attended Vertical Launch System "C" School in Dam Neck, VA. In May 2003 he received orders to USS ANTIETAM (CG-54), homeported in San Diego, CA. During three deployments he served as Leading Petty Officer and Work Center Supervisor of Combat Missiles Division, and qualified Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist. Additionally, he served on the Combat Systems Training Team, Force Protection Training Team, and as Visit, Board, Search, and Seizure (VBSS) Assistant Boarding Officer, conducting over 200 boardings and approaches in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In April 2007, he attended Small Arms Marksmanship Instructor training in San Diego, CA and graduated the course as "Top Gun". His follow-on assignment was Riverine Squadron THREE in Yorktown, VA. After arriving he attended the United States Marine Corps School of Infantry, Common Skills and Machine Gunners Course in Camp Geiger, NC followed by the Riverine Combat Element Course in Chesapeake, VA. Prior to deployment he attended the Joint Terminal Attack Controllers Course (JTAC) in Fallon, NV. During deployments to Al Anbar, Basra, and Maysan in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom he served as Riverine Combat Element Patrol Leader, and accumulated 100s of hours of control time with fixed and rotary wing aircraft. He also qualified as an Expeditionary Warfare Specialist and earned the Small Craft Insignia. Additionally, he was recognized with the Gamewardens of Vietnam Leadership Excellence Award and awarded the Black Beret in 2009.

In August 2010 he reported to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD where he served as the 5th Company Senior Enlisted Leader and 1st Battalion Leading Chief Petty Officer (LCPO) overseeing the moral, mental, and physical development of over 750 Midshipman.

In June 2013 he attended Senior Enlisted Academy class #174 graduating on the Dean's List. He then attended Naval Special Warfare (NSW) Armorers Course in Crane, IN in preparation for his assignment as the LCPO, Weapons Department, at Special Boat Team TWENTY. He completed one deployment to the CENTCOM Crisis Response Element as the J3A Operations Chief and qualified as JTAC-Instructor through Expeditionary Warfare Training Group-Atlantic.

In February 2017 he was selected for the Command Senior Enlisted Leader (CSEL) Program and graduated from CMC/COB Course in December 2017. In April 2018 he reported to Naval Support Facility Redzikowo, Poland working closely with Aegis Ashore Poland and the Polish Force Protection Battalion to establish the Navy's newest installation.

He successfully completed a CSEL assignment aboard USS Oscar Austin (DDG 79) from April 2019 to November 2021, leading a crew of 300 Sailors through one of the most complex shipyard availabilities and upgrades of a Flight II DDG-51 Class Destroyer to date, before reporting to Maritime Expeditionary Security Group TWO as Command Master Chief in December 2021. There he led and mentored a force of over 3,000 Sailors and Civilians deployed to every Geographic Combatant Command up until December 2024.

Master Chief Alek-Finkelman holds an Associate's Degree in Liberal Studies from Excelsior College. His personal awards include: Meritorious Service Medal(3), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal(3), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal(4), Good Conduct Medal(6), Expert Rifle and Pistol Marksmanship Medals, and numerous campaign and unit awards.

Master Chief Alek-Finkelman has been married to his lovely wife Sabaheta since February 2003 and they have 4 beautiful daughters together: Paige, Juliana, Meadow and Selah.



CHIEF MASTER SGT. GILDA M. ALEXANDER

Chief Master Sergeant Gilda M. Alexander serves as the Command Chief Master Sergeant of Joint Base San Antonio and the 502d Air Base Wing, Texas. Chief Alexander provides enlisted leadership to a wing comprised of 11 geographically distinct locations including JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, JBSA-Lackland, JBSA-Randolph and JBSA-Camp Bullis.

The 8,000-person 502d ABW executes 49 installation support functions to enable the largest joint base in the Department of Defense, consisting of 266 mission partners, 80,000 full-time personnel and a local community of more than 250,000 retiree. The 502d ABW also manages and provides oversight for major projects, facilities, and infrastructure worth \$37 billion.

Chief Alexander entered the Air Force in September 1998. She graduated personnel management technical training at Keesler AFB, Miss., in January 1999. Chief Alexander has held a variety of unique assignments at base level, major command level, Air Force Personnel Center, and at the United States Air Force Academy as an Academy Military Training Noncommissioned Officer. She has deployed in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

Prior to her current position, Chief Alexander served as the Command Chief Master Sergeant, Jeanne M. Holm Center for Officer Accessions and Citizen Development, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.



EDUCATION

- 1998 Personnel Apprentice Course, Keesler AFB, Miss.
- 2003 Airman Leadership School, Lackland AFB, Texas
- 2005 Associate of Applied Science in Human Resources Management, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
- 2005 Bachelor of Science in Human Resources/Management, Park University, Mo.
- 2010 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Peterson AFB, Colo.
- 2010 Associate of Applied Science in Education and Training Management, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
- 2010 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, by correspondence
- 2012 Professional Manager Certification, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2013 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education., by correspondence
- 2014 Master of Science in Organizational Leadership, Columbus Southern University, Ala.
- 2016 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2017 Enterprise Management Course, Joint Special Operations University, MacDill AFB, Fla.
- 2018 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II., by correspondence
- 2020 Transnational Issues Seminar, Alan L. Freed Associates, Washington, D.C.
- 2020 Senior Enlisted Legal Orientation, Judge Advocate General School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2021 Chief Leadership Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2021 Command Chief Master Sergeant Candidate Course, Andrews AFB, Md.
- 2021 Leading Strategically, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 2022 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.





2023 Latin America Seminar, Alan L. Freed Associates, Wash. D. C.

2023 The Future of Leadership: Human and AI Collaboration in the Workforce, MIT Media Lab, Cambridge, MA

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Jan. 1999 - March 2001, Student Assignments Specialist, 37th Mission Support Squadron, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. March 2001 - March 2002, Enlisted Promotion Counselor, 37th Mission Support Squadron, Lackland AFB, Texas
3. March 2002 - April 2003, Personnel Administrator, 837th Training Squadron, Lackland AFB, Texas
4. April 2003 - May 2004, NCOIC, Protocol, Inter-American Air Force Academy, Lackland AFB, Texas
5. May 2004 - Jan. 2006, NCOIC, AF Staff Sergeant Promotion, HQ Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Texas
6. Jan. 2006 - Sept. 2007, NCOIC, Special Selection Board, HQ Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Texas
7. Sept. 2007 - Oct. 2008, NCOIC, Airfield Resources Management/Combat Control/Airlift Manager Assignments, HQ Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Texas
8. Oct. 2008 - July 2009, NCOIC, General Intel Assignments, HQ Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Texas
9. July 2009 - July 2011, Academy Military Training NCO, Cadet Squadron Ten, USAF Academy, Colo.
10. July 2011 - June 2013, NCOIC, IT Standards & Evaluations, Cadet Wing, USAF Academy, Colo.
11. June 2013 - Nov. 2015, Superintendent, Career Development, 633d Force Support Squadron, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.
(April - Oct 14, Deployed as Liaison Officer, 966 AES, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan)
12. Nov. 2015 - Aug. 2016, Superintendent, Military Personnel Section, 633d Force Support Squadron, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.
13. Aug. 2016 - 20 July 2017, Superintendent, Manpower and Personnel Flight, 27th Special Operations Force Support Squadron, Cannon AFB, N.M.
14. July 2017 - May 2018, Superintendent, 27th Special Operations Force Support Squadron, Cannon AFB, N.M.
15. June 2018 - July 2019, Superintendent, European, Middle Eastern and African Exchange Program, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
16. Aug. 2019 - June 2021, Chief Enlisted Manager, Manpower, Personnel and Services, Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
17. June 2021 - June 2023, Command Chief Master Sergeant, Jeanne M. Holm Center for Officer Accessions and Citizen Development, Maxwell AFB, AL
18. July 2023 - Present, Command Chief Master Sergeant, Joint Base San Antonio and 502d Air Base Wing, TX

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant October 1, 2019

(Current as of November 2024)





Sergeant Major Ismael G. Bamba

Command Senior Enlisted Leader, Marine Corps Forces Korea

Sergeant Major Ismael G. Bamba enlisted in the Marine Corps in March 1999 and completed recruit training at MCRD Parris Island, SC where he was meritoriously promoted to Private First Class. Following Recruit Training, he attended the School of Infantry in Camp Lejeune, NC where he received the MOS of 0351, Anti-Armor Assault-Man.

In November 1999, PFC Bamba reported to Golf Company, Weapons Platoon, 2d Battalion, 4th Marines in Camp Pendleton, CA. In December 1999, he was named Marine of the Quarter and meritoriously promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal. From July 2000 to January 2001, he deployed with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable). During this deployment, he was promoted to the rank of Corporal. He attended Marine Corps Marksmanship Instructor School, attaining the additional MOS of 0931, Primary Marksmanship Instructor. In September 2002, he was selected as the 5th Marine Regiment Marine of the Year and meritoriously promoted to the rank of Sergeant and awarded the Sergeant Major Molnar's Leadership Award.



In October 2003, Sergeant Bamba reported to Drill Instructor School, MCRD San Diego, CA. Upon completion of Drill Instructor School, he was assigned to Kilo Company, 3d Recruit Training Regiment, where he served as a Drill Instructor, Senior Drill Instructor, and Program of Instruction Manager in January 2006, he was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant.

In January 2007, he reported to 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, Camp Pendleton, California where he served as Infantry Platoon Sergeant for 1st Platoon, Charlie Company during Operation Iraqi Freedom 06-08; Scout Sniper Platoon Sergeant; and Company Gunnery Sergeant for Headquarters and Service Company during Operation Iraqi Freedom 07-92 and 0-91. In January 2009, he was Combat meritoriously promoted to the rank of Gunnery Sergeant and served as the Battalion Gunner.

In August 2009, Gunnery Sergeant Bamba reported to Officer Training Command, Naval Station Newport, RI where he served as a Drill Instructor.

In January 2013, Gunnery Sergeant Bamba reported to Marine Corps Detachment Newport, RI where he served as the Company Gunnery Sergeant and Company First Sergeant.

In February 2014, Gunnery Sergeant Bamba was promoted to the rank of First Sergeant and reported to Marine Corps Base Hawaii where he served as Company First Sergeant, Kilo Company, Weapons Company, and Headquarters and Service Company, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines.

In February 2017, First Sergeant Bamba reported to Marine Corps Base Okinawa, Japan where he served as Company Senior Enlisted Leader for Ordnance Maintenance Company, 3d Maintenance Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3d Marines Logistics Group.

In December 2017, he was promoted to Sergeant Major and reported to Marine Wing Communications Squadron 18, Marine Air Control Group 18, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, where he served as Command Senior Enlisted Leader.

In November 2019, Sergeant Major Bamba reported to Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 1, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, where he served as Command Senior Enlisted Leader.

In February 2022, Sergeant Major Bamba reported to the 12th Marine Regiment, 3d Marine Division, where he served as Command Senior Enlisted Leader.

In November 2023, the 12th Marine Regiment transformed to the 12th Marine Littoral Regiment (MLR) where he served as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader.

In October 2024, Sergeant Major Bamba reported to Marine Corps Forces Korea (MARFORK) where he is currently serving as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader.

Sergeant Major Bamba has an Associate's Degree in Professional Studies, a Bachelor's Degree of Science in Leadership, a Master's Degree in Homeland Security, and a Master's of Business Administration. His personal awards include: the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars in lieu of third award, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with a silver star in lieu of sixth award, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with three gold stars in lieu of fourth award, and a Combat Action Ribbon.

Command Sergeant Major Gregory Betty

Command Sergeant Major of the Army Reserve
Fort Belvoir, VA

As the 15th Command Sergeant Major of the U.S. Army Reserve Command, Betty is the principal enlisted advisor to the Commanding General, U.S. Army Reserve Command, and other senior Army leaders on regulations, policies and quality of life issues related to nearly 178,000 Army Reserve Soldiers.

Prior to this selection, Betty served as the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Deputy Commanding General (U.S. Army Reserve).

Command Sergeant Major Gregory Betty began his career with the United States Army in April 1988. He completed Basic Training at Fort Dix, N.J., and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Lee, Va. Throughout his military career, Command Sergeant Major Betty has served in every enlisted leadership position, from Team Leader to Command Sergeant Major. He has also served as Senior Logistics NCO, First Sergeant, and Operations Sergeant.



Other previous assignments include Command Sergeant Major of the 88th Readiness Division; Command Sergeant Major of the 100th Training Division (Leader Development), 80th Training Command (Total Army Schools System); Command Sergeant Major of 1st Brigade (QM), 94th Training Division; and Command Sergeant Major of the 8th Battalion (PS) 98th Regiment. Also, 1st Brigade, 94th Training Division, Charleston, W.Va., 8th Battalion, 98th Regiment, Fort Dix; 411th Engineer Brigade, New Windsor, N.Y.; 1/309h Regiment, Fort Dix; 2/310th Regiment, Fort Dix; and 146th Quartermaster, Fort Totten, N.Y.

He earned a master's degree in organizational leadership from American Military University, VA, and earned his bachelor's degree in management information system from Iona College, NY. His military education includes Primary Leadership Developmental Course, Basic and Advance Noncommissioned Officer Courses, Total Army Instructor Training Course, Small Group Instructor Course, Unit Mobilization Course, First Sergeant Course and Battle Staff Course. Command Sergeant Major Betty is also a graduate Non-Resident Class 39, United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, and the Nominative Leader Course.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (2), Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2), Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (4), Army Achievement Medal (3), National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" device, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (with numeral 6), Army Commendation Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi) and Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait).

Command Sergeant Major Betty is currently employed with New York's Metropolitan Transportation Authority as a Senior Director within Construction and Development. He is a native of Kingston, Jamaica. He is married to Donna and has three wonderful children: Gregory Jr., Ryanne and Geordan. They reside in Valley Stream, N.Y.

SERGEANT MAJOR MICHAEL R. BROWN, USMC
Marine Corps Installations, National Capital Region,
Marine Corps Base Quantico SgtMaj

Sergeant Major Mike Brown assumed his current position as Marine Corps Installations, National Capital Region, Marine Corps Base Quantico Sergeant Major in November of 2023. A native of Jacksonville, Florida, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1999 where he attended Recruit Training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC. During that time, Private Brown was meritoriously promoted to Private First Class.

Following graduation, he attended the School of Infantry in Camp Geiger, NC and was assigned the Military Occupational Specialty of 0311 Infantryman. After graduation, he received orders to 1st Bn 1st Mar in Camp Pendleton, Ca. From 2001 to 2002, PFC Brown deployed to the Western Pacific with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, (MEU). Sadly, less than three weeks into deployment, tragedy struck on 9/11. The Ship quickly set sail for Jacobabad, Pakistan. As a Saw Gunner and Team Leader, he spent the next six months in Afghanistan as Task Force 58, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He was promoted to Lance Corporal and meritoriously promoted to Corporal during that time.

From 2003 to 2004, Corporal Brown deployed with the 13th MEU, 1st Expeditionary Strike Group to Iraq as a Squad Leader, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The last two months of that deployment were spent conducting security operations in Djibouti, Africa. He was meritoriously promoted to Sergeant during that time.

After returning from Iraq in July 2004, Sgt Brown received orders to Drill Instructor School, Parris Island, SC class 4-04. After graduation, he reported to Kilo Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion where he served four cycles as a green belt Drill Instructor, and four cycles as a Senior Drill Instructor. He was meritoriously promoted to Staff Sergeant during that time.

After a successful tour on the Drill Field, in 2007 SSgt Brown received orders to 1st Bn 3rd Mar, Kaneohe Bay, HI. From 2008 to 2009, he deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as a Platoon Commander. From 2009 to 2010, SSgt Brown, again deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as the Jump Commander, (personal security detachment) for the Battalion Commander. He was promoted to Gunnery Sergeant during that time.

In 2011, GySgt Brown received orders to Marine Security Guard School in Quantico, Va. Upon graduation, he received orders to US Embassies Singapore and Vilnius, Lithuania; each for 18 months. During these three years, GySgt Brown supported the visits of POTUS, VPOTUS, SecState, SecDef and many other dignitaries and Foreign Leaders.

In 2014, after a successful tour on MSG duty, GySgt Brown received orders to 2nd Bn 2nd Mar, Camp Lejeune, NC where he deployed with the Special Purpose MAGTF Crisis Response Black Sea



Rotational Force as the Assistant Operations Chief and the Company GySgt for H&S Company. He was promoted to 1stSgt during that time.

In 2016, 1stSgt Brown received orders to 2nd Law Enforcement Bn where he spent a year before being transferred to Security Company as the Company 1stSgt for PMO.

After one year at PMO, 1stSgt Brown received orders to 2d Recon Battalion where he spent the next two years. Once attached to the 22d MEU, 1stSgt Brown became the Maritime Raid Force 1stSgt with a collateral duty as the Command Element 1stSgt. Throughout this time with Recon, he attended Army Airborne & SERE School and later deployed to the Middle East. He was selected to Sergeant Major during that time.

In 2020, Sergeant Major Brown received orders to Parris Island, SC where he served as the Third Recruit Training Battalion SgtMaj, Support Battalion SgtMaj, and the RTR SgtMaj until October of 2023.

He has been married to the former Mrs. Melanie Vaillancourt of Oakland, Ca. for over 24yrs. They have two children; Drew Anthony, (24) who is a Marine Drill Instructor at Parris Island, SC and Aaliyah Rose, (19) who is currently attending college at Flagler University in St. Augustine, FL.

SgtMaj Brown is a graduate of the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, Class 70. His personal decorations include: Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon.



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JOHN-PAUL B. "BEAKER" BURKE

CMSgt John-Paul B. Burke is the Individual Mobilization Augmentee to the Command Senior Enlisted Leader USCYBERCOM and NSA/CSS, Ft. Meade, MD. He advises the Commander and staff on all matters influencing the readiness, health, welfare, morale, and effective utilization of more than 19,100 personnel as well as the U.S. defense and intelligence enterprise by informing national security policies, and positions NSA as an integrated mission partner to enable U.S. decision advantage and security against foreign threats to include cyberspace planning and operations to defend and advance national interests in collaboration with domestic and international partners.

CMSgt Burke enlisted in the active duty Air Force in 1996. In 2003, he transferred to the Air Force Reserves and cross-trained into the Intelligence career field, where his extensive intelligence skills led him to serve in multiple assignments at the squadron, wing, and major command levels. He has deployed in support of multiple named operations across the globe.

Prior to assuming his current position, he served as the Individual Mobilization Augmentee to the Command Chief Master Sergeant of Sixteenth Air Force, Air Forces Cyber at Joint Base San-Antonio-Lackland, Texas.



EDUCATION

- 2004 Airman Leadership School, Little Rock AFB, AR
- 2005 Associate of Applied Science in Information Management, Community College of the Air Force
- 2005 Associate of Applied Science in Communication Applications Technology, Community College of the Air Force
- 2005 Combat Targeting Course, Goodfellow AFB, TX
- 2007 Combat Noncommissioned Officer Course, Balad AB, Iraq
- 2008 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Robins AFB, GA
- 2009 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Correspondence Course
- 2013 Senior Enlisted ISR Master Skills Course, Goodfellow AFB, TX
- 2013 AFRC Chief Master Sergeant Orientation Course, Robins AFB, GA
- 2016 Continuous Process Improvement for Executives, Institute for Defense and Business, Robins AFB, GA
- 2017 AFRC Command Chief Master Sergeant Orientation Course, Robins AFB, GA
- 2017 USAF Command Chief Master Sergeant Training Course, Joint Base Andrews, MD
- 2017 Bachelor of Arts, General Studies, American Military University
- 2017 Professional Managers Certification, Community College of the Air Force
- 2017 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education I & II Correspondence Course
- 2020 Alan L. Freed Eurasia Update—Political-Economic Conflict Seminar, Washington, D.C.
- 2012 Masters of Science, Military Science, Air University
- 2022 USAF Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Institute for Defense and Business, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2022 AI & ML For National Security Leaders, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA
- 2023 Leading Effectively Through Change, Correspondence Course

ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. October 1996–December 1996, Student, Basic Aircrew Fundamentals Course, 362nd Training Squadron, Sheppard





AFB, TX

2. December 1996–August 1997, Student, Airborne Communications Course, 332nd Training Squadron, Kessler AFB, MS
3. August 1997–September 2000, E-8C Airborne Communications Technician, 12th Airborne Command and Control Squadron, Robins AFB, GA, (Deployed: OPERATION ALLIED FORCE, Mar – Jun 1999)
4. August 2003–January 2004, Student, Intelligence Analysis Course, 315th Training Squadron, Goodfellow AFB, TX
5. January 2004–December 2004, Intelligence Analysis, 457th Fighter Squadron, Joint Reserve Base Ft. Worth, TX
6. December 2004–February 2006, NCOIC Intelligence Flight, 457th Fighter Squadron, Joint Reserve Base Ft. Worth, TX (Deployed: OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Oct – Dec 2005)
7. October 1996–December 1996, Student, Basic Aircrew Fundamentals Course, 362nd Training Squadron, Sheppard AFB, TX
8. December 1996–August 1997, Student, Airborne Communications Course, 332nd Training Squadron, Kessler AFB, MS
9. August 1997–September 2000, E-8C Airborne Communications Technician, 12th Airborne Command and Control Squadron, Robins AFB, GA, (Deployed: OPERATION ALLIED FORCE, Mar – Jun 1999)
11. August 2003–January 2004, Student, Intelligence Analysis Course, 315th Training Squadron, Goodfellow AFB, TX
12. January 2004–December 2004, Intelligence Analysis, 457th Fighter Squadron, Joint Reserve Base Ft. Worth, TX
13. December 2004–February 2006, NCOIC Intelligence Flight, 457th Fighter Squadron, Joint Reserve Base Ft. Worth, TX, (Deployed: OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Oct – Dec 2005)
14. February 2006–September 2008, Intelligence Operations Superintendent, 301st Operations Group, Joint Reserve Base Ft. Worth, TX, (Deployed: OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, May – Aug 2007)
16. September 2008–June 2010, Intelligence Superintendent, 457th Fighter Squadron, Joint Reserve Base Ft. Worth, TX, (Deployed: OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Jan – May 2009)
17. June 2010–May 2013, Squadron Superintendent, 457th Fighter Squadron, Joint Reserve Base Ft. Worth, TX
18. May 2013–November 2015, Chief ISR Forces Branch, HQ AFRC A2 Directorate, Robins AFB, GA
19. November 2015–December 2018, IMA to the Command Chief Master Sergeant, 70th ISR Wing, Ft. Meade, MD
20. December 2018–February 2022, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 315th Airlift Wing, Joint Base Charleston, SC
21. Feb 2021–Jun 2024 IMA to the Command Chief Master Sergeant, 16th Air Force, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, TX
22. July 2024–present, IMA to the Command Senior Enlisted Leader, USCYBERCOM and NSA/CSS, Ft. Meade, MD

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with three bronze oak leaf clusters
Air Medal
Air and Space Commendation Medal
Air and Space Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster
NATO Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2004 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, LITTLE ROCK AFB AIRMEN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL
2008 NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR, STATE OF TEXAS AIRPOWER COUNCIL
2008 Commandants' Leadership Award, Robins AFB Noncommissioned Officer Academy

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant July 1, 2014

(Current as of November 2024)





CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT SHAUN E. CAMPBELL

Chief Master Sergeant Shaun E. Campbell is the Command Chief Master Sergeant, Fifth Air Force, Yokota Air Base, Japan. He is responsible to the commander for the operational utilization, readiness, assignment, morale and welfare of 15,000 combat-ready personnel across three main operating bases, delivering combat airpower, command and control, personnel recovery, surveillance and rapid mobility. This is accomplished through F-15, F-16, KC-135, HH-60, E-3, C-130J and DV lift mission design system platforms. CMSgt Campbell also provides senior enlisted leadership and oversight as Fifth Air Force conducts joint and bilateral planning and interoperability engagements to defend Japan and rapidly respond to regional contingencies, advancing the U.S.-Japan Security Alliance. Additionally, Fifth Air Force executes administrative authority over all U.S. Air Force forces in Japan.



Chief Campbell grew up in Atlantic City NJ, entered the Air Force in November 2000 as a Munitions Systems specialist before retraining to become a Chinese Language Analyst. Chief Campbell has been stationed at locations in the United Kingdom, Florida, California, Hawaii, Maryland, Nebraska, and the Pentagon. He also deployed in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

In his previous role, Chief Campbell served as the Command Chief Master Sergeant, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Arlington, Virginia.

EDUCATION

- 2005 Airman Leadership School, Eglin AFB, Fla.
- 2008 Associate degree, Chinese-Mandarin, Defense Language Institute, Presidio of Monterey, Calif.
- 2009 Professional Certificate in Chinese, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- 2009 Associate degree, Communications Applications Technology, Community College of the Air Force
- 2009 Associate degree, Munitions Systems Technology, Community College of the Air Force
- 2012 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, JBPH-H, Hawaii
- 2012 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, by correspondence
- 2012 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education, by correspondence
- 2014 Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies, Chinese-Mandarin, Magna cum Laude, Excelsior College, N.Y.
- 2014 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB Gunter Annex, Ala.
- 2016 Senior Enlisted Intelligence Master Skills Course, Goodfellow AFB, Texas
- 2018 Chief Leadership Course, Maxwell AFB Gunter Annex, Ala.
- 2019 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II, by correspondence
- 2019 Command Chief Master Sergeant Training Course, JB Andrews, Maryland
- 2020 Project Management Professional Certification, Project Management Institute
- 2020 Senior Enlisted Legal Orientation, The Judge Advocate General's School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2021 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill





2021 Eurasia Perspective Seminar, Alan L. Freed Associates, Washington D.C.
2021 Leading Strategically, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, Colo.
2021 Enterprise Perspective Seminar, Alan L. Freed Associates, Washington D.C.
2021 Summit Course, Joint Special Operations University (JSOU), MacDill AFB, Fla.
2023 Master of Arts in International Relations, University of Oklahoma, Norman
2024 Senior Leader Security Seminar, Special Investigations Academy, Montross, Va.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. February 2001 – February 2003, Munitions Storage Crew Member, 48th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, U.K.
2. February 2003 – April 2007, Missile Maintenance Crew Chief, 46th Munitions Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
3. May 2007 – August 2008, student, Defense Language Institute, Presidio of Monterey, Calif.
4. August 2008 – December 2008, student, Cryptologic Language Analysis, Goodfellow AFB, Texas
5. January 2009 – January 2013, Cryptologic Language Analyst, 324th Intelligence Squadron, JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
6. January 2013 – January 2014, First Sergeant (Acting), 324th Intelligence Squadron, JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
7. January 2014 – January 2015, J1 Superintendent, 324th Intelligence Squadron, JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
8. January 2015 – January 2016, Analysis & Reporting Superintendent, 34th Intelligence Squadron, Fort George G. Meade, Md.
9. January 2016 – March 2017, Enlisted Functional Manager, 70th Intelligence, Surveillance, & Reconnaissance Wing, Fort George G. Meade, Md.
10. April 2017 – December 2017, Squadron Superintendent, 41st Intelligence Squadron, Fort George G. Meade, Md.
11. December 2017 – January 2020, Squadron Superintendent, 324th Intelligence Squadron, JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
12. January 2020 – December 2020, Group Superintendent, 55th Operations Group, Offutt AFB, Nebraska
13. December 2020 – May 2022, Command Chief, 352d Special Operations Wing, RAF Mildenhall, U.K.
14. May 2022 – May 2023, Superintendent, SecAF/CSAF Executive Action Group, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
15. May 2023 – June 2024, Command Chief, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
16. June 2024 – Present, Command Chief, Fifth Air Force, Yokota Air Base, Japan

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

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

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2005 Distinguished Graduate & Academic Achievement Awards, Airman Leadership School
2008 John L. Stillwell Academic Achievement Award, Defense Language Institute
2010 Director of National Intelligence Meritorious Unit Citation
2012 John L. Levitow Award, NCO Academy, Eglin AFB Florida
2012 SNCO of the Year, 692d ISR Group
2013 Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award nominee, 480th ISR Wing
2014 John L. Levitow Award, SNCO Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB
2014 SNCO of the Year, 692d ISR Group
2015 Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award nominee, 707th ISR Group
2015 Military Performer of the Year, NSA-Washington





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EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic – 1 November 2000

Airman First Class – 15 December 2000

Senior Airman – 15 October 2002

Staff Sergeant – 1 November 2005

Technical Sergeant – 1 July 2009

Master Sergeant – 1 July 2012

Senior Master Sergeant – 1 March 2015

Chief Master Sergeant – 1 December 2017

(Current as of June 2024)



CMDCM JERRY CANTORNA, JR.

Command Master Chief Cantorna, a native of Earlimart, Calif., enlisted in the United States Navy in July 1997. After he completed recruit training, he graduated from Hospital Corps "A" School in Great Lakes, Ill., and Field Medical Service School at Camp Pendleton, Calif.



Master Chief Cantorna's assignments include 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines, 29 Palms, California (1998-2001); Naval Medical Center, San Diego (2001-2004, 2013-2017); National Naval Medical Center Bethesda, MD (2005-2009); USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) (2010-2013);

Master Chief Cantorna's operational and combat deployments include: UDP Okinawa, Japan (3rd Bn, 12th Marines); IA, in support of Operational Iraqi Freedom (OIF) with 1st Force Service Support Group (FSSG)/CSSB-10/Shock Trauma Platoon-1 (STP-1) in 2003; Global Support Assignment (GSA) via ECRC Norfolk, where he was forward deployed to Afghanistan with the Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (CSTC-A) in 2009; Pacific Partnerships 2010 and 2012 onboard the USNS Mercy (T-AH 19); and an IA as Senior Enlisted Leader for the Joint Medical Group (JMG), Joint Task Force (JTF) - Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in 2016.

CMC/CSEL assignments at Naval Health Clinic Lemoore, Calif., "Rough Raiders" of VFA-125 onboard NAS Lemoore, Naval Base San Diego and he assumed duties as Command Master Chief for Naval Medical Forces Pacific on April 17, 2024.

His military and professional development includes Basic and Advanced Radiology technologist "C" school; Command Career Counselor; Command Managed Equal Opportunity; Senior Enlisted Legal Course, CNIC Senior Shore Leadership Course. He also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Healthcare Administration from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. He is also a graduate of the Navy Senior Enlisted Academy (class 218 – Brown Group) and the Navy Leadership and Ethics Center's Command Master Chief/Chief of the Boat program (class 204).

Warfare qualifications and decorations include Enlisted Aviation, Fleet Marine Force (ribbon) and Surface Warfare Specialist. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (five awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards), and various unit, campaign and service awards.



**COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR
LENIN O. CASTILLO
U.S. Army
Senior Enlisted Leader
Joint Enabling Capabilities Command**

Command Sergeant Major Castillo is the Command Senior Enlisted Leader of the Joint Enabling Capabilities Command, United States Transportation Command. He is the principal advisor to the JECC Commander and senior staff on all matters concerning joint force integration, readiness, professional development and effective utilization of the enlisted corps.

CSM Castillo is a native of Los Angeles, California. He enlisted in the United States Army on the May 21, 1998.

His assignments include Radio Contingency Team member, Radio Contingency Team leader, and Liaison Net Operator Section Sergeant, A Company, 50th Signal Battalion (CORPS) (Force Entry) (Airborne); Transmission Section Sergeant, C Company, 304th Signal Battalion; Small Extension Node Team Leader, A Company 51st Signal Battalion (Airborne); Special Operations Communications Team Leader, Executive Communicator for the Joint Special Operations Command Deputy Commanding General, Network Control Section Sergeant, Future Operations Planner, and J37 NCOIC, Joint Communications Unit; Executive Communications Detachment Chief United States Special Operations Command; Theater Signal Support Company Sergeant Major, 112th Signal Battalion (Special Operations) (Airborne); Command Sergeant Major 50th Expeditionary Signal Battalion (Enhanced); Command Sergeant Major, 35th Corps Signal Brigade.

He has deployed seven times supporting Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, and NEW DAWN as well as other contingency operations.

His military education includes all levels of Army Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development System as well as Joint Special Operations Senior Enlisted Academy (Class 30), Brigade and Battalion Pre-Command Course, Basic Airborne Course, Static Line Jumpmaster Course, Military Free Fall Course, Special Operations Radio Operators Course, and Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape Course. He holds a B.S. Degree in Computer Information Science from University of Maryland University College.

CSM Castillo's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Joint Service Commendation Medal (three awards), Army Commendation Medal (three awards), Army Achievement Medal (two awards), and various service and campaign awards.

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR John “Mike” Contreras

Command Sergeant Major, Medical Readiness Command, Pacific

Command Sergeant Major John “Mike” Contreras assumed responsibility as the Command Sergeant Major for Medical Readiness Command, Pacific, based at Honolulu, Hawai'i on August 16, 2024.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army as a Combat Medic in 2002. CSM Contreras is a native of Holly, CO. He completed Basic Combat Training at Fort Benning, GA. and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sam Houston, TX.



His previous assignments include Command Sergeant Major, Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu, HI; Command Sergeant Major, Troop Command, Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Landstuhl, Germany; Chief Medical NCO/Division Surgeon Sergeant Major, 4th ID, Fort Carson, CO; First Sergeant, C Co 64th BSB, 4th ID, Fort Carson, CO; Division Senior Medical Operations NCO, 4th ID, Fort Carson, CO; Brigade Operations NCO, 2d Combat Aviation Brigade, Camp Humphreys, South Korea; Senior Operations Sergeant, Warrior Transition BN, Fort Carson, CO; Platoon Sergeant, 4th Brigade Support Battalion (BSB), 4th ID, Fort Carson, CO; Post Immunization Team and Medical Reception NCO, 43rd AG, Fort Leonard Wood, MO; Military Transition Team Medic, Fort Riley, KS; Allergy/Immunization Clinic NCOIC, General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital (GLWACH), Fort Leonard Wood, MO; Medic, 2-8 Infantry, Fort Hood, TX.

His awards and decorations include: Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (2), Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal (3), Army Commendation Medal (3), Army Achievement Medal (3), Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Award, Army Superior Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal (5th), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon (4), Armed Forces Service Medal, NATO medal, Driver's Badge w/ Wheel, Combat Medic Badge, and he is a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit (O2M3).

His military professional education includes Emergency Medical Technician Course; Primary Development Course-Commandant's List (PLDC); Brigade Combat Team Trauma Training (BCT3); Action Officer Developmental Course; Unit Prevention Leader; Advanced Leader Course-Commandant's List (ALC); Advanced Military Transition Team Training Course; Equal Opportunity Leader Course; Senior Leader Course-Commandant's List (SLC); Field Sanitation Team Course; Sexual Harassment Assault Response Prevention Course; Master Resiliency Trainer Level 1 and Level 2 Facilitator; Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Course; Master Fitness Trainer Course; Battle Staff; 1SG Course; Sergeant Major Academy - Class 69; Battalion Pre-command Course, CSM Development Course, Joint Medical Executive Skills Course and Capstone Course.



CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT ANTONIO L. COOPER

CMSgt Antonio L. Cooper is Command Chief at Kirtland Air Base, New Mexico. He is the senior enlisted leader and the primary advisor to the commander on all matter regarding readiness, training, operations, professional development and effective utilization of the installation 4,500 total force Airmen. Chief serves as the host wing for 108 mission partners at the fifth largest Air Force installation. His responsible includes installation operations, security, maintenance, medical care, and mission support for 25,000 military and civilian employees, 27,000 retirees, and 20,000 family members who live and work on Kirtland's 52,000 acres. The 377th Air Base Wing also operates the United States only dedicated Intercontinental Ballistic Missile test organization for current and future capabilities of the nation's force.



Chief Cooper grew up in Stapleton, GA, and entered the Air Force in 1999. He began his career as an Aircraft Armament Specialist training, evaluating, and certifying weapons load crews. He then retrained into Airfield Management overseeing day-to-day airfield operations at a variety of tri-service, joint and bilateral installations. His assignments include South Carolina, Republic of South Korea, Florida, New Jersey, Japan, North Carolina, and Mississippi. Chief Cooper has been involved in operations: SOUTHERN WATCH, NEW DAWN, ENDURING FREEDON FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, NOBLE EAGLE, and COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE – HORN OF AFRICA

Prior to his current position, the Chief was the Command Chief, 14th Flying Training Wing, Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.

EDUCATION

1999 Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas

1999 Aircraft Armament Systems, Sheppard AFB, Texas

2001 Airman Leadership School, Shaw AFB, S.C.

2005 Airfield Management Course, Keesler AFB, Miss.

2009 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Tyndall AFB, Fla

2010 Associate of Aviation Management Degree, Community College of the Air Force

2013 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education., by correspondence

2014 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala

2015 Bachelor of Arts in National Security Studies, Ashford University, Clinton Iowa

2017 Joint Transition Course, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk Naval Station, Va.

2017 JPME-II, Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk Naval Station, Va.

2018 Chief Orientation Course, Hickam AFB, Hawaii

2018 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II., by correspondence

2018 Master of Business Administration in Project Management, Columbus Southern University, Orange Beach, Ala

2020 Command Chief Master Sergeant Training Course, Joint Base Andrews, Md., by residence

2021 Global/Regional Course, Middle East and South Asia, Alan L. Freed Associates, Washington, D.C.

2022 Professional Certificate in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Workplace, University of South Florida





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- 2022 Enterprise Perspective Seminar, Alan L. Freed Associates, Washington, D.C.
- 2022 Resilient Leadership Course, Harvard Business School., by correspondence
- 2023 Senior Leader Nuclear Management (Nuc 400), Air Force Institute of Technology, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
- 2023 Air Force Strategic Leader Course, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala
- 2024 National and International Security Leadership Seminar, Alan L. Freed Associates, Washington, D.C.
- 2024 Leading Strategically, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, Co.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. February 1999 – April 1999, Trainee, 325th Basic Military Training Squadron, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. April 1999 – July 1999, Student, Aircraft Armament System Specialist, Sheppard AFB, Texas.
3. August 1999 – July 2001, Load Crew Member, 79th Fighter Squadron, Shaw AFB, S.C. (September 1999 – Dec 1999, Load Crew Member, 94th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, Southwest Asia)
4. August 2001 – July 2003, Wing Weapons Standardization Member, 20th Fighter Wing, Shaw AFB, S.C.
5. July 2003 – May 2004, Weapons Lead Crew Member, 25th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Osan AB, Korea
6. June 2004 – April 2005, Wing Weapons Standardization Member, 20th Fighter Wing, Shaw AFB, S.C.
7. April 2005 – December 2009, NCOIC, Airfield Management, 45th Operations Support Squadron, Patrick AFB, Fla., (September 2006 – March 2007, Deputy Airfield Manager, 379th EOSS, Al Udeid AB, Qatar)
8. December 2009 – August 2013, Deputy Airfield Manager, 4th OSS, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C. (February 2011 – September 2011, Deputy Airfield Manager, 332d EOSS, Balad Air Base, Iraq) (October 2012 – April 2013, Airfield Manager, 405th Expeditionary Group, Thumrait AB, Oman)
9. September 2013 – July 2014, Flight Chief, 422d Joint Tactical Squadron, U.S Air Force Expeditionary Center, Joint Base-McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.
10. July 2014 – December 2016, JB Superintendent of Airfields and Superintendent, 305th OSS, JB-MDL, N.J.
11. December 2016 – June 2019, Superintendent, 35th Operations Group and Airfield Manager, Misawa AB, Japan (October 2018, Senior Enlisted Leader, Joint International Exercise RED FLAG-Alaska 19-1, Eielson AFB, Alaska)
12. June 2019 – June 2021, Superintendent, 4th Operations Group, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C. (May 2020 – July 2020, Interim Command Chief, 4th Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.)
13. July 2021 – May 2023, Command Chief, 14th Flying Training Wing, Columbus AFB, Miss
14. May 2023 – Present, Command Chief, 377th Air Base Wing, Kirtland AFB, N.M.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- Legion of Merit
- Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
- Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
- Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
- Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters Air Force Recognition Medal

ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2001 Air Combat Command, Weapons Safety Award of Distinction
- 2007 Air Force Space Command, Airfield Manager NCO of the Year
- 2010 NCO of the Year, 4th Operations Group, Seymour Johnson AFB
- 2011 Air Combat Command, Airfield Manager NCO of the Year
- 2011 United States Air Force, Airfield Manager NCO of the Year
- 2014 Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award nominee, 422d Joint Tactical Squadron, JB-MDL, N.J.
- 2016 Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award nominee, 4th OSS, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
- 2017 Chief Master Sgt. Fred Archer Award nominee, Misawa AB, Japan
- 2017 Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award nominee, Misawa AB, Japan





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EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant Jun. 1, 2018

(CURRENT AS OF September 2024)





Augustine C. Cooper **Force Master Chief, Naval Information Forces**

Master Chief Cooper is a native of Oklahoma. He enlisted in the United States Navy in August 1992. Following completion of basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill., he reported to Naval Training Center, where he completed apprenticeship training.

Upon graduation, he reported for duty on board the USS Camden (AOE 2) as an undesignated Seaman. He completed two Western Pacific deployments and advanced to Yeoman Second Class.

His fleet assignments include Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron FOUR, Expeditionary Strike Group SEVEN, and Electronic Attack Squadron ONE THREE TWO. In addition, Master Chief Cooper completed shore assignments at Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps, Florida A&M University, and as the Washington D.C. / Millington, Tenn., Shore Special Programs Detailer.

In 2013, he was selected for the Command Senior Chief Program and advanced to Master Chief Petty Officer. His previous Command Master Chief tours were on board USS Hopper (DDG 70), Navy Information Operations Command Georgia, USS Essex (LHD 2), and 2D Marine Aircraft Wing, MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina. He is currently serving as the Force Master Chief at Naval Information Forces.

Master Chief Cooper holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in Psychology from Florida A&M University, Magna Cum Laude. He is also a graduate of the Senior Enlisted Academy (Class 159 Gold) and the Command Master Chief / Chief of the Boat Course (Class 130).

Master Chief Cooper's qualifications and awards include the Enlisted Surface Warfare, Enlisted Aviation Warfare, Enlisted Information Warfare, and Enlisted Fleet Marine Force; three Meritorious Service Medals, five Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, four Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and other various unit and campaign awards.

NAVIFOR



CSM Michael S. Cordery

Installation Command Sergeant Major
White Sands Missile Range, NM



Command Sergeant Major Michael S. Cordery entered the military in September 1998 as a Military Police Soldier. He attended both basic and advanced individual training at Fort McClellan, Alabama.

His positions and assignments include: Gunner, Driver, and Team Leader, 230th Military Police Company, 95th Military Police Battalion, Kaiserslautern, Germany; Team Leader, 212th Military Police Detachment, United States Army Garrison, Fort Belvoir, Virginia; Squad Leader, United States Army Garrison, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania; Squad Leader, 170th Military Police Company, 504th Military Police Battalion, Fort Lewis, Washington; Platoon Sergeant, 202nd Military Police Company, 71st Transportation Battalion, Fort Eustis, Virginia; Detachment Sergeant, 212th Military Police Detachment, United States Army Garrison, Fort Eustis, Virginia; Senior Operational Advisor, Able Squadron, Asymmetric Warfare Group, Fort Meade, Maryland; Troop Sergeant Major, Baker Squadron, Asymmetric Warfare Group, Fort Meade, Maryland; Provost Sergeant, United States Army Garrison, Fort Carson, Colorado; First Sergeant, 984th Military Police Company, 759th Military Police Battalion, Fort Carson, Colorado; Troop Sergeant Major, Charlie Squadron, Asymmetric Warfare Group, Fort Meade, Maryland, Operations Sergeant Major, 709th Military Police Battalion, 18th Military Police Brigade, Grafenwoehr/Vilseck, Germany, Battalion Command Sergeant Major, 97th Military Police Battalion, Fort Riley, Kansas, and most recently as Command Sergeant Major, 18th Military Police Brigade, Vilseck, Germany. He has two deployments in support of KFOR as a Gunner and Driver, 230th Military Police Company; two deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as a Squad Leader, 170th Military Police Company and Platoon Sergeant, 202nd Military Police Company; two deployments to Afghanistan with the Asymmetric Warfare Group in support of JSOC, 2/75 Ranger Regiment and 3/75 Ranger Regiment as the Senior Operational Advisor; five deployments in support of CENTCOM, PACOM, and AFRICOM while serving as a Senior Operational Advisor and Troop Sergeant Major for the Asymmetric Warfare Group; and one deployment to Kosovo in support of Operation Allies Refuge/Welcome as Brigade Command Sergeant Major.

He has graduated from numerous military schools including Combat Lifesaver Course; Basic Leaders Course; Inter Service Non-Lethal Weapons Instructor Course; Advance Leaders Course; Combatives Level 1; Senior Leaders Course; First Sergeant Course; Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Evasion Course (SERE-C High Risk); Counter-Surreptitious Entry School; Anti-Terrorism Evasive Driving Course; Battle Staff; the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy (Class 67); Master Resilience Training Course; Battalion Pre-Command Course; Battalion Command Sergeant Major Development Program; Brigade Pre-Command Course; and Brigade Command Sergeant Major Development Course. He holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Columbia Southern University graduating Magna Cum Laude.

Command Sergeant Major Cordery's awards include: Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (fourth award), Army Commendation Medal (sixth award), Army Achievement Medal (fourth award), Army Good Conduct Medal (eighth award), National Defense Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal (one bronze service star), Afghanistan Campaign Medal (two bronze service stars), Iraq Campaign Medal (with three bronze service stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (with numeral five), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (numeral three), Army Superior Unit Award (second award), Meritorious Unit Citation, Combat Action Badge, Air Force Security Forces Qualification Badge, and Driver's Badge with Wheel Device. He is also the recipient of the Military Police Corps Order of the Marchaussee in Bronze.

He is married to his wife Amanda. They have two sons, SGT Cameron Cordery and PFC Adam Cordery.



CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT AARON L. DENT

CMSgt Aaron L. Dent is the State Command Chief Master Sergeant of the Georgia Air National Guard, Clay National Guard Center, Georgia. In this capacity, he provides guidance and advocacy for the enlisted force, which comprises approximately 2,900 Airmen. Chief Dent serves as the principal advisor to the Air Guard Commander, the State Senior Enlisted Advisor, and other key leaders on issues critical to mission success, including professional development, military readiness, training, and personnel utilization. His leadership is instrumental in driving operational excellence and cultivating a culture of growth and resilience within the Georgia ANG.

CMSgt Dent entered the Regular Air Force in December 1999 as a Command and Control Battle manager. His first assignment was at Hill AFB, Utah, where he qualified as a Surveillance Technician in June of 2000. He has served in multiple locations overseas and stateside as a C2 Battle Manager. After several assignments, he was selected for a special duty assignment at the Joint Interagency Task Force South (JIATFS), Key West Florida. As a Tactical Action Officer with the Joint Task Force, CMSgt Dent participated in numerous named operations for the Counter Narcoterrorism mission. Furthermore, he trained and evaluated personal for the Air Bridge Denial counter Narco-terrorism program. In 2014, CMSgt Dent joined the Air National Guard and was selected for a development assignment as the ANG Readiness Center First Sergeant and the 201st MSS First Sergeant. There, he was responsible for all ANG Headquarters personnel and all Title Ten UCMJ actions in the ANG. He has extensive First Sergeant experience at the Wing and Major Command level and expertise in Joint, Regular Air Force, and Reserve component assignments. CMSgt Dent went on to serve as the 129th Rescue Wing Maintenance Group Superintendent and the 1AF, Chief Enlisted Manager, Operations Directorate, Tyndall AFB. He led a multitude of Defense Support of Civil Authorities missions and deployments at both assignments. Prior to his current position he served as the Command First Sergeant for the Air National Guard, Air National Guard Readiness Center, Joint Base Andrews, AFB, Md.



EDUCATION

- 2003 Airman Leadership School, Patrick AFB, Fla.
- 2007 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, by correspondence
- 2011 Personnel Recovery 300 Execution Course, Fredericksburg, Va.
- 2013 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education, by correspondence
- 2013 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, by correspondence
- 2014 USAF First Sergeant Academy, Maxwell, AFB, Ala.
- 2014 Army Equal Opportunity Advisor Course, NAS Key West, Fla.
- 2015 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy In-Residences Maxwell, AFB, Ala.
- 2016 Associate of Applied Science Degree, Air and Space Operations, Community College of the Air Force
- 2017 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education I, by correspondence
- 2018 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II, by correspondence





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2018 Defense Support of Civil Authorities Phase I, by correspondence
2019 Reserve Component National Security Course, National Defense University, Fort McNair, D.C.
2020 Chief Executive Course, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
2021 Bachelor of Science in Human Services, Colorado State University Global
2021 Defense Support of Civil Authorities Phase II, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
2022 Air National Guard Command Chief Master Sergeant Training Course, Joint Base Lackland AFB, Texas.
2024 Executive Leadership Program in Managing for Inclusion, Georgetown University Washington, D.C.
2024 General and Flag Officer Homeland Security Executive Seminar, Harvard Kennedy School, Ma.

ASSIGNMENTS

December 1999-February 2000, Basic Military Training, Joint Base Lackland AFB, Texas.
February 2000-June 2000, Command and Control Battle Manager, Keesler AFB, Miss.
June 2000-October 2003, Surveillance Technician 729 Air Control Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah.
October 2003-February 2005, Air Surveillance Technician DET 1 Joint Southern Surveillance Regional Operation Center, Key West NAS, Fla.
February 2005-February 2006, Mission Crew Commander Technician 621 Air Control Squadron, Osan AFB, Korea
February 2006-September 2014, Tactical Action Officer, Joint Interagency Task Force South, Key West NAS, Fla.
September 2014-March 2016, First Sergeant, Air National Guard Readiness Center, Joint Base Andrews, AFB, Md.
March 2016-March 2018 First Sergeant, ANGRC and 201st Mission Support Squadron, Joint Base Andrews, AFB, Md.
March 2018-March 2019, First Sergeant, 129th Rescue Wing, Moffett, ANGB, Calif.
March 2019-October 2020, Group Superintendent, 129th Maintenance Group, Moffett, ANGB, Calif.
October 2020-July 2022, Chief Enlisted Manager, CONR-1 AF (AFNORTH)/A3, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
July 2022-September 2024, ANG Command First Sergeant, Air National Guard Readiness Center, Joint Base Andrews, AFB, Md.
September 2024-Present, State Command Chief, Georgia Air National Guard, JFHQ Marietta, Ga.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with two devices
Joint Service Achievement Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal with two devices
Korean Defense Service Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2008 United States Southern Command Air Force Element Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the year
2009 Joint Interagency Task Force South Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the year
2012 United States Southern Command Lance P. Sijan USAF Leadership Award
2014 United States Southern Command, Command and Control Battle Management Operator of the year

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic December 29, 1999
Airman First Class February 18, 2000
Senior Airman June 18, 2002
Staff Sergeant April 01, 2004
Technical Sergeant December 04, 2006
Master Sergeant, March 04, 2009
Senior Master Sergeant, February 17, 2017
Chief Master Sergeant, June 01, 2019

(Current as of November 2024)





United States Army

Sergeant Major

Joseph M. Gaskin

US Forces Korea J3 Sergeant Major
Unit 15237

APO, AP 96271-52366

Since: August 2024



EDUCATIONAL DEGREES/CERTIFICATIONS

Excelsior University A A Business Management

MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED

All levels of the Noncommissioned Officer Education System, Sergeants Major Course, Inspector General Course, First Sergeant Course, Pathfinder School, Drill Sergeant School, Air Assault School, and Airborne School.

PROMOTIONS

SGT	Mar 1999
SSG	Dec 2001
SFC	Mar 2006

DATE OF PROMOTION

PROMOTIONS

MSG	Jun 2010
SGM	Nov 2017

DATE OF PROMOTION

FROM TO ASSIGNMENT

Aug 24	Present	US Forces Korea J3 Sergeant Major
Jun 22	Jun 24	1/11 IBCT, 11TH ABN DIV, Command Sergeant Major
Dec 19	Jun 22	2-12 IN, 2SBCT, 4ID, Command Sergeant Major
Feb 18	Sep 19	1ABCT, 3ID, Operations Sergeant Major
Jul 17	Feb 18	2-7 IN, 1ABCT, 3ID, Operations Sergeant Major
Jul 16	Jul 17	Sergeants Major Course Student
Mar 15	May 16	C 1-12 IN, 4IBCT, 4ID, First Sergeant
Feb 12	Mar 15	4ID, Assistant Inspector General
Jul 10	Jan 12	C 3/89 CAV, 4IBCT, 10 MTN DIV (LI), First Sergeant
Apr 09	Jul 10	C 2-30 IN, 4IBCT, 10 MTN DIV, First Sergeant
Sep 07	Apr 09	B 2-30 IN, 4IBCT, 10 MTN DIV, Platoon Sergeant
Jun 06	Sep 07	D 3-47 IN, 192D IN, USAIS, Senior Drill Sergeant
Oct 05	Jun 06	B 3-47 IN, 192D IN, USAIS, Drill Sergeant
Apr 04	Oct 05	HHC, 3-502 IN, 2IBCT, 101ST ABN DIV, Platoon Sergeant
Aug 02	Apr 04	C 3-502 IN, 2IBCT, 101ST ABN DIV, Platoon Sergeant
Mar 99	Aug 02	C 3-502 IN, 2IBCT, 101ST ABN DIV, Squad Leader
Dec 95	Mar 99	C 3RD US INFANTRY (TOG), Rifleman and Team Leader
Jul 95	Dec 95	Infantry OSUT, Basic Trainee

DECORATIONS AND BADGES

Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (2 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC), Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device, Army Commendation Medal (5 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (7 OLC), Naval Achievement Medal with "V" Device, Valorous Unit Award (2nd AWD), Meritorious Unit Commendation (2nd AWD), Army Good Conduct Medal (9th AWD), National Defense Service Medal (2nd AWD), Kosovo Campaign Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (2 CS), Iraq Campaign Medal (2 CS), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 4), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 3), NATO Medal (Numeral 2), Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Air Assault Badge, and the Parachutist Badge



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UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JEFFERY J. GRELA

CMSgt Jeffery J. Grela transferred from the U.S. Army as the Command Sergeant Major of the 53rd Signal Battalion (SATCON) in October of 2021. He currently serves as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader for U.S. Space Forces Central Command (SPACECENT), MacDill AFB, Florida, reporting in July 2023.

Chief Master Sergeant Grela has served in various leadership positions to include: Hawk Missile Systems C4I Systems Operator/Maintainer (A/N TSQ-73) Team Chief, Joint Tactical Ground Station (JTAGS) Team Chief, Strategic SATCOM Terminals Instructor/Writer, Theater Network Engineering NCOIC, Platoon Sergeant, J63 NCOIC, First Sergeant, DISA Teleport/Gateway DoDIN Quality Assurance Team Lead, NATO Battalion Sergeant Major, Theater Sustainment Command G6 Sergeant Major, Service Component Command G6 SGM, Battalion Command Sergeant Major, HQ USSF Pentagon Staff SEA, and Service Component Command Senior Enlisted Leader.



EDUCATION

- 1995 Hawk Missile Systems C4I Systems Operator/Maintainer (MOS 14L) Advanced Individual Training (AIT) Course, Fort Bliss, TX
- 1996 Basic Leaders Course, Grafenwohr Army Base, GE
- 1997 Air Defense C4I Tactical Operations Center Enhanced Operator (MOS 14J) AIT Course, Fort Bliss, TX
- 1998 Space and Missile Warning, Army Theater Missile Warning Course (JTAGS), Vandenberg AFB, CA
- 1999 Advanced Leadership Course, Fort Bliss, TX
- 2001 Satellite Communications Systems Operator-Maintainer (MOS 25S) AIT Course, Fort Gordon, GA
- 2001 Total Army Instructor Training Course, Fort Gordon, GA
- 2003 Senior Leaders Course, Fort Gordon, GA
- 2003 Milstar Comm Planner Course, Camp Doha, KU
- 2004 Basic Airborne School, Fort Benning, GA
- 2007 Jumpmaster Course, Fort Benning, GA
- 2008 First Sergeant Course, Fort Bliss, TX
- 2009 Combat Lifesaver Course, Macdill AFB, FL
- 2010 Army Combatives Level 1 Course, Macdill AFB, FL
- 2012 Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Course, Fort Meade, MD
- 2012 Bachelor of Science of Business Administration, Trident University International, CA
- 2015 Masters of Business Administration (Strategic Leadership), Trident University International, CA
- 2015 Master Resilience Training Instructor Course, Fort Bliss, TX
- 2015 United States Army Sergeants Major Course (Class 65), Fort Bliss, TX
- 2020 Command Sergeant Major Pre-Command Course Phase I/II, Fort Leavenworth, KS
- 2021 Army Space Cadre Course (Space 100) Phase I/II, Peterson AFB, CO
- 2022 Space 300 Course, Peterson AFB, CO
- 2022 USSF Pre-Command Team Training, Washington D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. December 1991-March 1994, 376th Combat Engineer Battalion (PAANG), Johnstown, PA.
2. March 1995-July 1995, Student, Hawk Missile Systems C4I Systems Operator/Maintainer (MOS 14L) Advanced Individual Training (AIT) Course, Fort Bliss, TX.
3. August 1995-July 1998, Hawk C4I Systems Crew Member, HHB 94th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Darmstadt, GE.
4. August 1998-August 2000, Joint Tactical Ground Station (JTAGS) Team Chief, 52nd Air Defense Detachment/U.S. Army Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, CO.
5. September 2000-June 2001, Student, Satellite Communications Systems Operator-Maintainer (MOS 25S) AIT Course, Fort Gordon, GA.
6. July 2001-September 2003, Instructor/Platoon Sergeant, Satellite Communications Systems Operator-Maintainer (MOS 25S) AIT Course, Fort Gordon, GA.
7. October 2003-October 2004, Network Engineering Section NCOIC, 335th Theater Signal Command, Camp Doha, KU.
8. November 2004-June 2006, Platoon Sergeant, Satcom Platoon, 2JCS/JCSE, Macdill, AFB, FL.
9. July 2006-January 2008, Sig Det NCOIC/J63 NCOIC, 112th Signal Det/SOCCENT, Macdill AFB, FL.
10. February 2008-July 2011, First Sergeant/Squadron Sergeant Major, 3JCS/JCSE, Macdill, AFB, FL.
11. July 2011-July 2014, DoDIN NETOPS Quality Assurance Team Leader, HQ DISA, Fort Meade, MD.
12. August 2014-June 2015, Student, U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, TX.
13. July 2015-September 2017, Battalion Sergeant Major, 2nd NATO Signal Battalion, Naples, IT.
14. October 2017-July 2018, G6 Sergeant Major, 1st Theater Sustainment Command (CENTCOM), Fort Knox, KY.
15. August 2018-April 2020, G6 Sergeant Major, USARCENT, Shaw AFB, SC.
16. May 2020-September 2021, Commander Sergeant Major, 53rd Signal Battalion, Fort Carson, CO.
17. October 2021-January 2022, 53^d SOPS/Delta 8, Fort Carson, CO.
18. February 2022-March 2022, DSG-O Information Management Directorate, SpOC, Peterson SFB, CO.
19. April 2022-July 2023 Office of the Chief of Human Capital Officer (S1), SEL, Pentagon, Arlington, VA.
20. July 2023 to Present SPACECENT CSEL, MacDill AFB, FL.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with 1 oak leaf cluster
Bronze Star Medal
Defense Meritorious Service Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters
Meritorious Service Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Army Commendation Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster
Army Achievement Medal
Joint Meritorious Unit Award with 1 silver oak leaf and 1 bronze oak leaf cluster
Army Superior Unit Award
Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal
Senior Parachutist Badge
Master Space Operations Badge

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Private March 2, 1995
Private 2 September 2, 1995
Private First-Class January 2, 1996
Specialist January 1, 1997
Sergeant February 6, 1998
Staff Sergeant June 1, 1999
Sergeant First-Class May 1, 2003
Master Sergeant/First Sergeant July 1, 2007
Sergeant Major/Command Sergeant Major July 1, 2016
Chief Master Sergeant (Lateral transfer) Oct 1, 2022

(Current as of Apr 2024)



CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT ADAM J. GUEST

Chief Master Sergeant Adam J. Guest is the Command Chief Master Sergeant, 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 mission. 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 nine tenant wings and wing equivalent units, and 37 other associate units, including the U.S. Army's 6th Ranger Training Battalion and the 20th Space Surveillance Squadron. As command chief, he interacts with local officials across a three- county, 11-city region with an annual military economic impact of \$10.8 billion.

Chief Guest grew up in Chamberlain, South Dakota, and entered the Air Force in June 1998 as a Munitions Systems Apprentice. Throughout his career, he has filled a myriad of roles including Wing Weapons Safety Manager, First Sergeant, Munitions Accountability Systems Officer, and at the squadron and group levels. Chief Guest has deployed in support of Operations NORTHERN WATCH, SOUTHERN WATCH, ALLIED FORCE, NEW DAWN, ENDURING FREEDOM, INHERENT RESOLVE and FREEDOM'S SENTINEL. Prior to his current role, he served as Command Chief, 1st Fighter Wing, Joint Base Langley-Eustis AFB, Va.



EDUCATION

- 2003 Airmen Leadership School, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.
- 2004 Munitions Craftsman Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas
- 2009 Non-commissioned Officer Academy, Sheppard AFB, Texas
- 2010 Associate of Applied Science, Munitions Systems, Community College of the Air Force
- 2012 Senior Non-commissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala., by distance learning
- 2013 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education I Course, by distance learning
- 2015 Professional Manager Certification, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2016 Senior Non-commissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
- 2017 Bachelor of Arts, Business Management, American Military University, Charles Town, W. Va.
- 2021 Master of Business Administration, Trident University International, Chandler, Ariz.
- 2021 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II Course, by distance learning
- 2021 Chief Leadership Course, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2021 Command Chief Master Sergeant Training Course, Joint Base Andrews, M.D.
- 2022 Contingency Wartime Planning Course, LeMay Center, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2023 Executive Continuous Process Improvement, Institute for Defense Business, Duke University, Durham, N.C.
- 2024 Executive Management for Inclusion, Georgetown University School of Continuing Studies, Washington D.C.
- 2024 Enterprise Perspective Seminar, Alan L. Freed Associates Inc., Washington D.C.





ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. Sep 1998 – May 2000, Munitions Storage Crew Member, 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.
2. May 2000 – May 2001, Munitions Storage Dispatcher, 8th Maintenance Squadron, Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea
3. May 2001 – Sep 2008, Multiple duties within the Munitions career field, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke AFB, Ariz.
4. *Nov 2001 – Jan 2002, OCN Duty, 332nd Air Expeditionary Group, Al Jaber AB, Kuwait (OSW/OEF)
5. *Mar 2008 – Jul 2008, Precision Guided Munitions Bay Chief, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Udeid AB, Qatar (OEF)
6. Sep 2008 – October 2011, Wing Weapons Safety Manager, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke AFB, Ariz.
7. *Aug 2010 – Feb 2011, Wing Weapons Safety Manager, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing, Bagram AB, Afghanistan (OEF/OND)
8. Oct 2011 – Aug 2016, Chief of Wing Weapons Safety, 412th Test Wing & Air Force Test Center, Edwards AFB, Calif.
9. *Jul 2014 – Feb 2015, Wing Weapons Safety Manager, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Udeid AB, Qatar (OEF/OIR)
10. August 2016 – May 2019, Production Flight Chief, 7th Munitions Squadron, Dyess AFB, Texas
11. *Aug 2018 – Feb 2019, Production Flight Chief, 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron, Al Udeid AB, Qatar (OIR/OFS)
12. February 2019 – November 2019, Superintendent, 7th Munitions Squadron, Dyess AFB, Texas
13. November 2019 – August 2020, Superintendent, 7th Operations Group, Dyess AFB, Texas
14. August 2020 – August 2021, Superintendent, 607th Materiel Maintenance Squadron, Daegu AB, Republic of Korea
15. August 2021 – June 2022, MAJCOM Functional Manager, HQ AFMC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
16. June 2022 – May 2024, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 1st Fighter Wing, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.
17. May 2024 – Present, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 96th Test Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with seven oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal with two bronze oak leaf clusters

Meritorious Unit Award with three bronze oak leaf clusters

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with eight bronze oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal

Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal with bronze star device

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border and two bronze oak leaf clusters

NATO International Security Assistance Force Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2004 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Maintenance Professional of the Year, Support Professional

2011 Distinguished Graduate, Noncommissioned Officer Academy

2011 AETC Explosive Safety Excellence Award

2012 AFMC Explosive Safety Outstanding Achievement Award

2013 AFTC Explosive Safety Outstanding Achievement Award

2015 AFTC Lance P. Sijan Nominee

2016 Distinguished Graduate, Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy

2018 7th Bomb Wing Lt Gen Lew Allen Trophy

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

CMSgt 01 Sep 2019

(Current as of May 2024)





Sergeant Major Geronimo Guzman

Sergeant Major, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit

Sergeant Major Guzman enlisted in the Marine Corps in November 1998 and attended recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, California. After completing recruit training, he went through Marine Combat Training and then reported to Camp Johnson, Camp Lejeune, for the Defense Basic Preservation and Packing Course, graduating in April 1999.

In May 1999, Private First Class Guzman transferred to the Material Readiness Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group in Okinawa, Japan. During his time with the 3rd Force Service Support Group, he served as the Administrative Chief of the Supply Company, a Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of the Wooden Fabrication Section, and as a Platoon Sergeant for the Preservation, Packaging, and Packing Section.

In July 2005, Sergeant Guzman reported to Drill Instructor School at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, and was assigned to Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion. While in Company K, he served both as a Drill Instructor and Senior Drill Instructor. In November 2007, he transferred to Company M as the Chief Drill Instructor.

In September 2008, Staff Sergeant Guzman reported to Combat Logistics Regiment 15 (CLR-15) in Camp Pendleton, California. During this assignment, he augmented Combat Logistics Battalion 7, Headquarters and Service Company, in Twenty-Nine Palms, California. He served as the Staff Noncommissioned Officer in Charge (SNCOIC) of the Preservation, Packaging, and Packing Section, deploying to Iraq from February to September 2009 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Upon returning to CLR-15, he deployed from September 2010 to April 2011 to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, fulfilling the role of SNCOIC for the Preservation, Packaging, and Packing Section.

In May 2011, Staff Sergeant Guzman reported to Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Virginia, where he served as a Sergeant Instructor for Companies K and I. In August 2011, he was assigned to the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of California, Berkeley, as the Assistant Marine Officer Instructor. In May 2012, Gunnery Sergeant Guzman was augmented to Officer Candidate School, Company G, as a Sergeant Instructor in support of the 1st Increment.

In August 2014, Gunnery Sergeant Guzman joined Supply Company, 3rd Supply Battalion, where he served as the Receiving SNCOIC for the Preservation, Packaging, and Packaging Section and as Company Gunnery Sergeant. From January 2016 to July 2017, he held the position of Company First Sergeant with 7th Communication Battalion. From August 2017 to November 2019, he held the position of Detachment First Sergeant for Bravo and Headquarters Detachments, Marine Wing Communications Squadron 38.

In November 2019, Sergeant Major Guzman was promoted to his current rank and reported to Recruiting Station Sacramento, serving as the Recruiting Station Sergeant Major. Upon completing this tour, he reported to 1st Maintenance Battalion in July 2022, serving as the battalion Sergeant Major. In May 2024, he reported to the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, where he is currently serving as the 11th MEU Sergeant Major.

Sergeant Major Guzman's personal awards include the (3) Meritorious Service Medal, (3) Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals and (3) Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals.



WO1 Simon Hanson RN Warrant Officer of the Royal Navy

As Warrant Officer of the Royal Navy, Hanson brings a decade of Executive experience from 6 Executive roles serving in Carriers to Frigates, Squadrons to Flotilla, Battle-Staffs and Joint HQs. He has 32 years of maritime experience across front line, serving in 6 different Ships including serving on HMS WESTMINSTER in every rank as a Warfare Specialist, a Weapon Engineer, and as Executive Warrant Officer. He is passionate about people, continuous improvement, and the pursuit of success on Operations. Hanson was born in Halifax, but he was made in the Royal Navy.

Joining the Royal Navy in 1992 as a Seaman Operator, his first ship was HMS ILLUSTRIOUS. His early service involved multiple deployments across the globe in T23 Frigates and Aircraft Carriers. Promoted to Leading Hand (1999), in HMS WESTMINSTER he was extracted to conduct a foundation degree as a Weapon Engineer, and rapidly found a passion for the technical, earning a degree distinction, specialising in weapons, he was promoted to Petty Officer (2004) as a result of his success as a Seawolf Maintainer and subsequently promoted Chief Petty Officer (2007).

Serving nearly exclusively at sea in a number of Ships, highlights have included; Missile Group Head in HMS IRON DUKE (2010), including Op ELLAMY; serving as Warrant Officer Weapons in HMS WESTMINSTER (2013) on Op KIPION; Executive Warrant Officer in HMS IRON DUKE (2016) as one of the first 'Adaptive Force' ships and HMS WESTMINSTER (2018) working to NATO on anti-submarine missions; and most recently serving as Executive Warrant Officer in HMS PRINCE OF WALES (2022), deploying to the USA on novel F35 Trials, generating her for Very High Readiness tasking and conducting the major NATO Ex STEADFAST DEFENDER.

Service elsewhere has included; as an MCTA Missile Trials Officer (2008), developing the first of class Seawolf Mid-Life Update and live firings; Flotilla Executive Warrant Officer (2019) delivering Guidance Leadership, assurance and Direction to every class of Naval Ship; as Warrant Officer of the Surface Flotilla, where he primarily focused on the moral component of operational capability across the Surface Flotilla to all ranks and rates, departments and branches, often working with organisations outside the Royal Navy to improve the lived experience of our people; Hanson has also served in a Joint Inter Agency Task Force (2022) as the EWO working with a wide cross section of government departments, military and civilian personnel.

Promoted WO 2nd Class (2012), WO 1st Class (2014), he received the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) for his service (2017), Hanson loves the outdoors, is passionate about running, mental and physical fitness and empowering people to be the best versions of themselves.



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Command Sgt. Maj. Jebin R. Heyse Command Sergeant Major



Command Sgt. Maj. Jebin R. Heyse assumed duties as Command Sergeant Major, U.S. Army Cyber Command, in September 2024.

Heyse is a native of Avon, Maine. He enlisted in the Army in June 1997 and was awarded Military Occupational Specialty 96B (All Source Intelligence Analyst) upon completion of Advanced Individual Training at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

Heyse has since served in leadership positions at the section, team, troop, squadron, battalion, brigade, and command levels. His assignments include Intelligence Analyst, 1st Armored Division; Intelligence Sergeant and Team Leader, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment; Squadron Intelligence Section Sergeant and NCO-In-Charge, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment; Senior Afghanistan Ground Analyst, U.S. Central Command; Senior Enlisted Reports Officer, Defense Intelligence Agency; Chief Intelligence Sergeant, Security and Support Troop Sergeant Major, and Intelligence Squadron Sergeant Major, U.S. Army Special Operations Command; Battalion Command Sergeant Major, 513th Military Intelligence Brigade; Brigade Command Sergeant Major, XVIII Airborne Corps; and Command Senior Enlisted Leader, Cyber National Mission Force. Prior to arriving at ARCYBER, he served as Intelligence (G2) Sergeant Major, U.S. Army Forces Command.

Heyse has deployed in support of NATO's Kosovo Force, twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, once in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and on multiple additional missions in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan.

His awards, decorations, and badges include the Defense Superior Service Medal; Legion of Merit; Bronze Star Medal (four oak leaf clusters); Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal (two oak leaf clusters); Joint Service Commendation Medal; Army Commendation Medal (one oak leaf cluster); Joint Service Achievement Medal; Army Achievement Medal (one oak leaf cluster); Good Conduct Medal (eighth award); National Defense Service Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Afghanistan Campaign Medal (one campaign star); Iraqi Campaign Medal (five campaign stars); Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Armed Forces Service Medal; NATO Medal (two campaign stars); Joint Meritorious Unit Award; Valorous Unit Award; Combat Action Badge; and Basic Parachutist Badge.

Heyse was inducted into the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club in 2004.

ASSUMED POSITION:

September 2024

LINEAGE:

6th Command Sergeant Major

HEADQUARTERS:

Fort Eisenhower, Ga.

WORKFORCE STATS:

- 6,500 Soldiers
- 10,000 Civilians and Contractors

CYBER OPERATIONS:

24/7

ARCYBER ESTABLISHED:

October 1, 2010

FORTITUDE HALL DEDICATION CEREMONY:

September 3, 2020

**CMDCM (AW/SW/EXW) VIRGINIA L. HORTON
COMMAND MASTER CHIEF
STRIKE FIGHTER SQUADRON ONE ZERO TWO**



A Native of Vacaville, CA, Command Master Chief Virginia L. Horton graduated from Will C. Wood High School and joined the U.S. Navy in September 1999. Following Basic Training at Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, she graduated Aviation Boatswain Mate “A” School and received orders to Aircraft Firefighting School at Naval Air Station Lemoore.

Her shore tours include Aircraft Firefighting School at Naval Air Station Lemoore. In January 2002, she converted to the Master-at-Arms rate and subsequently received orders to Naval Station San Diego and served as a patrolman and a Command Investigator. Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton as the Security Department Head and Senior Enlisted Adviser.

Her Sea tours include Naval Station Bahrain as a Water Survival Instructor and Coxswain Instructor. Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron SIX/FOUR in Portsmouth, VA where she deployed to Arabian Gulf oil platforms in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Strategic Weapons Facility Pacific, Bangor, WA as the Leading Chief Petty Officer of Alpha Company 2nd Platoon. Coastal Riverine Squadron ONE DET Guam as the Senior Enlisted Adviser, where she was selected into the Command Master/Senior Chief program.

Her command tours include Command Senior Chief of Littoral Combat Ship, Crew 217 in San Diego where she commissioned the USS KANSAS CITY (LCS-22) and deployed onboard USS TULSA (LCS 16) to SEVENTH and THIRD Fleets. The Command Master Chief of Strike Fighter Squadron One Zero, forward deployed in Iwakuni, Japan where is deployed twice on board the USS Ronald Reagan.

In November 2023, she reported as the Command Master Chief of Carrier Air Wing SEVENTEEN and continues to proudly serve Sailors in this role today.

Her decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal (four awards), and the Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal. She is a graduate of the Senior Enlisted Academy Class 213 (Grey), the CMC/COB, and Advanced CMC/COB courses. Master Chief Horton proudly wears the Air Warfare, Surface Warfare, and Expeditionary Warfare devices, in addition to the Nuclear Weapons Specialist and Small Boat Craft insignias. Her personal awards the Master Chief

Anna Der-Vartanian Leadership award, the Allen G. Odgen award, and the George H.W. Bush Daily Points of Light Awards.

BIOGRAPHY

WARRANT OFFICER AARON JEFFRIES

Command Warrant Officer to the Air Component Commander

Warrant Officer Aaron (Jethro) Jeffries serves as the Command Warrant Officer to the Air Component Commander, acting as a principal member of the Commander's personal staff and as the senior enlisted aviator within the Air Component. In this capacity, he advises the Commander, representing both aviator and broader organisational perspectives to ensure leadership decisions are balanced, well-considered, and appropriate. Drawing on his extensive experience and networks, Warrant Officer Jeffries influences across single-service and joint environments to support Air Force outputs and the effective delivery of air power.

Born in Taihape, New Zealand, Warrant Officer Jeffries graduated from Otorohanga College in 1991. He joined the Army in January 1993 as an Infantryman and transitioned to the Royal New Zealand Air Force in January 1997 as an Armament Technician. Promoted to Warrant Officer in August 2016, he has held roles within the Directorate of Continued Airworthiness Management, the New Zealand Defence College, as the Command Warrant Officer for RNZAF Base Ohakea, and as Warrant Officer Career Management. He began his current position in December 2024.

Warrant Officer Jeffries has held a wide variety of tactical and operational positions throughout his career, and has deployed operationally in support of UNITED NATIONS PROTECTION FORCE in Bosnia and Herzegovina, UNITED NATIONS TRANSITIONAL ADMINISTRATION in Timor-Leste and ARIKI in the United Arab Emirates.

Academically, Warrant Officer Jeffries has earned a Bachelor of Arts with a double major in Defence and Security Studies in 2016. A National Diploma in Business in 2017, a Bachelor of Applied Management in 2023, and a Master in Strategic Studies in 2024. He is also a graduate of



the New Zealand Defence Force Advanced Command and Staff Course.

Warrant Officer Jeffries has undertaken international professional military development, completing the USAF Pacific Air Force Chief's Leadership Course in 2017, and graduating from the NATO/PfP NCO Advanced Leadership Course in a Multinational Environment Course in 2018.

Warrant Officer Jeffries is married to Wanda and has three adult children. He is competitive in nature and enjoys target shooting, Krav Maga and social sports. He has a sense of adventure and loves exploring New Zealand, and travelling overseas to experience different cultures. In his downtime, he relishes peaceful moments with his wife, embracing life together.

Command Master Chief (AW/SW/FMF/IW)

U.S. Naval Forces Central / 5th Fleet

Christopher B. King

Command Master Chief King is a native of Nashville, Tennessee. In March 1994, he enlisted in the United States Navy Reserve and completed Basic Training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois. One year later he converted to active duty and attended Aviation Electrician's Mate "A" School in Millington, Tennessee.



His first tour was with Fighter Squadron 31 in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He completed deployments onboard USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70) and USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) prior to transferring to Instructor Duty at NATTC Pensacola AE "A" School. His following tours include Helicopter Anti-Submarine Light FOUR FOUR, Helicopter Anti-Submarine Light FOUR TWO, and Helicopter Anti-Submarine Light FOUR EIGHT in Mayport, Florida deploying onboard USS UNDERWOOD (FFG 36), USS CAPE ST GEORGE (CG 71), and USS MONTEREY (CG 61). In 2013, he reported to the Senior Enlisted Academy (SEA) as a Faculty Advisor, becoming the SEA's Deputy Director in 2015. His previous Command Master Chief tours include USS LAKE ERIE (CG 70), Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet Staff, USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76), and 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. Presently, he serves as the Command Master Chief for U.S. Naval Forces Central Command / U.S. FIFTH Fleet.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in General Studies from Excelsior University and is a qualified Master Training Specialist. He is a graduate of Senior Enlisted Academy Class 174 (Gold) and recipient of the Peter Tomich Award for military excellence.

His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and numerous unit, campaign and service awards.



CSM Willie L. Langes

Joint Modernization Command CSM

Fort Bliss, TX

CSM Willie L. Langes was born on April 18, 1976, in Arlington, Georgia, and was raised in Edison, Georgia. He enlisted as an Armor Crewman in the U.S. Army and attended One Station Unit Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky and was awarded the MOS 19K.

CSM Langes has held numerous duty and leadership positions within Armor and Cavalry, to include M1A1 Tank Commander, Gunner and Driver, Section Sergeant, Platoon Sergeant, Drill Sergeant, First Sergeant, Operations Sergeant Major, and Command Sergeant Major.

His last assignment was as the Command Sergeant Major for 5th Security Force Assistance Brigade at Joint Base Lewis McCord. His previous assignments include 3-37 Armor at Fort Riley, Kansas, 4-7 Cavalry at Camp Geary Owens, Korea, 1-13 Armor at Fort Riley, Kansas, 1/11 ACR at Fort Irwin, California, and 2-70 Armor at Fort Riley, Kansas. He deployed to Kuwait for Operation Desert Spring, to Iraq for OIF 1 and OIF 3, and to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He served as a 1SG in 2-81 Armor at Fort Knox, Kentucky, 1-34 Armor at Fort Riley, Kansas, and 4-4 Cavalry at Fort Riley, Kansas. CSM Langes served as the Operations Sergeant Major for 5-1 Cavalry at Fort Wainwright Alaska and as the Command Sergeant Major for 8-1 Cavalry at JBLM, Command Sergeant Major for the Grizzly Observer Controller Team in Hohenfels, Germany, Command Sergeant Major for 1-2 SBCT at Joint Base Lewis McCord.

CSM Langes military education includes the Primary Leadership Course (1998), the Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course (1999), the Advanced Non-Commissioned Officer Course (2004), Drill Sergeant School (2006), First Sergeant Course (2007), and graduate of class 63 Sergeant Major Course (2013). CSM Langes is a graduate of Columbia Southern University with an Associate's in business management.

CSM Langes' awards and decorations include the Legion Of Merit (1 OLC), Bronze Star Medal (2 OLC), Meritorious Service Medals (4 OLC), Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device (2), Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), Army Achievement Medals (2 OLC), National Defense Service Medal w/ Bronze Star Device, Korean Defense Service medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary medal, Afghanistan Campaign medal, Iraqi Campaign medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary medal, Global War on Terrorism Service medal, Army Service Ribbon, and NATO medal. He is a member of the Order of the Spur (Silver and Gold) and a bronze member of the Order of Saint George.

CSM Langes is married to the former Jennifer Hayes of San Antonio, TX and has one daughter, Morgan.



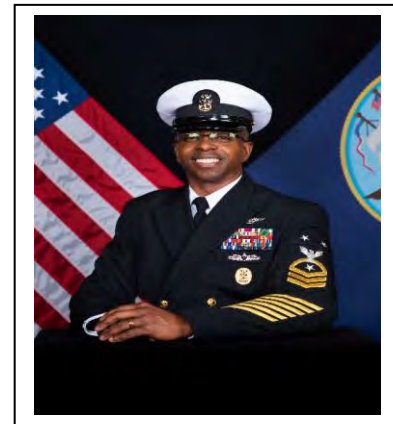
United States Navy Biography

COMMAND MASTER CHIEF CMDCM(AW/SW/EXW/IW) KELVIN B. LEE CARRIER AIR WING SEVEN (CVW-7)

Command Master Chief Kelvin B. Lee assumed the duties as Command Master Chief of Carrier Air Wing Seven (CVW-7) in January of 2024.

Lee was born and raised in Alma, Georgia. He graduated from Bacon County High School in May 1997 and enlisted in the Navy in August that same year. He attended Recruit Training at RTC Great Lakes, Illinois followed by Seaman Apprentice "A" School at NTC Great Lakes, Illinois.

Lee's sea tours consist of the USS INCHON (MCS-12) serving as Deck Department Leading Seaman, USS BARRY (DDG 52) serving as Independent Duty Master-at-Arms, Kabul, Afghanistan serving as a Force Protection Advisor and Lead Convoy Commander, and Coastal Riverine Squadron 2 as acting Command Master Chief (3 months), Training Department LCPO and Alpha Company SEL.



Lee's shore duties consist of Endodontics Dept. LPO and Dental Training Department ALPO at National Naval Dental Center, Bethesda, MD, Lead Investigator and Patrol Supervisor at Naval Security Force Detachment Guam, Security Department LPO at NSA Wallops Island Security Detachment, and Security Department LCPO at Naval Weapons Station Yorktown.

Lee was selected for the Command Senior Enlisted Leader (CSEL) program as a Command Senior Chief (CMDCS) in February of 2018. His CSEL tours include Naval Support Facility Redzikowo Poland, LCS Crew 124 PCD COOPERSTOWN, HSM-46, and VAW-120.

Lee holds an Associate of Science Degree in Exercise Science, with a concentration in Personal Training, is a graduate of the Navy's Senior Enlisted Academy, (Class 204), the Command Leadership CMC/COB Course (Class 197), and the Advanced Major Command CMC Leadership Course.

Lee is a qualified Aviation Warfare, Surface Warfare, Expeditionary Warfare, and Information Warfare Specialist.

Lee's decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (six awards), along with numerous service and campaign awards.



AUSTRALIAN ARMY

WARRANT OFFICER CLASS ONE MICHAEL J LOBB, DSM

Warrant Officer Class One Michael Lobb enlisted in the Australian Regular Army in 1991. Following his initial employment training, he was posted to the 5th/7th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment (Mechanized) as a rifleman. In 1995, he posted to the newly formed 4th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment.

During the conversion of the 4th Battalion to a full-time commando capability as part of Special Operations Command, Warrant Officer Lobb successfully completed the Commando Selection and Training Course in 1997, becoming a foundation member of the regiment. Over the years, he served as Section Commander and Platoon Sergeant in two Commando Companies providing tactical leadership.



In 2006, upon promotion to Warrant Officer Class Two, he was posted to the Special Forces Training Centre as the Wing Sergeant Major, where he oversaw commando reinforcement training. He subsequently returned to the newly designated 2nd Commando Regiment as a Company Sergeant Major, further shaping special operations capabilities.

Promoted to Warrant Officer Class One in 2012, Warrant Officer Lobb held several significant appointments within the 2nd Commando Regiment. His subsequent postings include Regimental Sergeant Major of the ADF School of Special Operations, Regimental Sergeant Major of the Australian Amphibious Task Group, Career Manager Special Forces, and Regimental Sergeant Major of the 8th Brigade.

In 2025, Warrant Officer Lobb will adopt the role of Regimental Sergeant Major of the Defence Special Operations Training and Education Centre, responsible for the generation of Special Operations Forces capable of executing full-spectrum operations.

Operationally, Warrant Officer Lobb has deployed extensively across the Asia Pacific and the Greater Middle East Region. His notable appointments include serving as the Regimental Sergeant Major for the Special Operations Task Groups in Afghanistan and Iraq as part of a broader coalition effort. In recognition of his distinguished leadership in action, Warrant Officer Lobb was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

Regionally Warrant Officer Lobb was the Regimental Sergeant Major for the Joint Task Group during APEC ASSIST in Papua New Guinea, contributing to the success of the mission in a complex, multinational environment. Domestically, he held the role of Regimental Sergeant Major for the Joint Counter-Terrorism Task Force, where he played a key role in enhancing national security.

Warrant Officer Lobb has completed formal education at the US Joint Special Operations University. Outside his military duties, he is passionate about Australian military history, contributing to projects at the Australian War Memorial and authoring several research articles.

Warrant Officer Lobb is married to Johanne and has two adult children. Warrant Officer Lobb values the unwavering support of his family throughout his distinguished career.



CSM Matthew Marks
Georgia National Guard CSEL

CSM Marks was born and raised in Miami, Florida and entered the Army in July of 1987. He attended One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Georgia and graduated as an 11B Infantryman. He served on active duty with the 1st Ranger Battalion, participated in the airborne assault during Operation Just Cause, and deployed in support of Operation Desert Storm. CSM Marks joined the 53rd IBCT where he served as a Recon Platoon Sergeant, and later a Rifle Company First Sergeant. In 2002, CSM Marks joined Co H 121st IN (ABN) (LRS) where he served as the Operations Sergeant, and later the First Sergeant. In 2007, CSM Marks assumed responsibilities as the Command Sergeant Major for the newly formed 3-108th R&S Squadron, and deployed in support of KFOR 15. In 2013, CSM Marks assumed responsibilities as the Command Sergeant Major for the 221st MI Battalion. In 2015, CSM Marks assumed responsibilities as the Brigade Command Sergeant Major for the 48th IBCT, and deployed in support of ongoing combat operations in Afghanistan. In January 2021, CSM Marks assumed responsibilities as the Georgia National Guard's Senior Enlisted Leader.

CSM Marks is a graduate of the Florida International University (BA Criminal Justice), Infantry School, US Army Airborne School, Ranger Indoctrination Program, Pre-Ranger Program, US Army Ranger School, US Army Jumpmaster Course, Jungle Warfare School, the US Army Pathfinder Course, as well as numerous other schools. CSM Marks has attended all levels of the Noncommissioned Officers PME culminating with the US Army Sergeant's Major Academy, NR Class 36 and NLC. He is a veteran of Operation Just Cause, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Joint Guardian (Kosovo), and Operation Resolute Support (Afghanistan).

CSM Marks' awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (1 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (3rd OLC), Army Commendation Medal (1st OLC), Army Achievement Medal, Georgia Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Medal (1 OLC), Noncommissioned Officer Professional Service Ribbon (Numeral 5), Expeditionary Medal with Arrowhead Device, Iraq Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal (with two Bronze Service Stars), NATO Kosovo Medal, NATO Afghanistan Medal, Saudi Arabia Liberation of Kuwait Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Reserve Component Achievement Medal (6th Award), Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 20 Year Silver Hourglass Device, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Humanitarian Service Medal, Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, Ranger Tab, Pathfinder Badge, Master Parachutist Badge (with Combat Bronze Service Star), the Expert Infantry Badge, the Combat Infantry Badge (2nd Award), the Jordanian Parachutist Badge, Canadian Parachutist Badge, the Royal Australian Army Parachutist Badge, the French National Defense Medal (Silver), Polish Army Medal (Bronze), German Sports Badge (Gold), and the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (Gold), and the Order of Saint Maurice (Primicerius).

CSM Marks currently resides in West Palm Beach, Florida with his wife Amy, and his two daughters Mae and Emma. CSM Marks is a Sergeant with the Broward County Sheriff's Office where he served as a Robbery Detective, a Violent Crimes Detective, VIPER Team Sergeant, a member of the SWAT Team and the Burglary Apprehension Team Sergeant.



United States Navy Biography

Command Master Chief (FMF/EXW/SW/AW/IW) Mark G. Marzella

4TH MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP

Command Master Chief Marzella, a native of New York enlisted in the United States Navy on 13 Sep 2000 and attended Recruit Training Command at Great Lakes, Illinois. He successfully completed Electrician's Mate (EM) "A" School at Service School Command Great Lakes, IL in 2001 and joined the fleet.

CMDCM Marzella's duty assignments listed in chronological order: USS Defender (MCM 2), Naval Station Ingleside, TX; Navy Reserve Center Erie, PA; USS Curts (FFG 38) San Diego, CA; Navy Reserve Center San Diego, CA; USS Makin Island (LHD 8) Naval Station San Diego, CA; Maritime Expeditionary Security Group One (MESG 1) Naval Outline Field, Imperial Beach, CA; Command Master Chief Tours: Navy Reserve Center Great Lakes, IL; Navy Reserve Region Readiness and Mobilization Command (REDCOM) San Diego, San Diego, CA and is currently serving as the Command Master Chief for 4TH Marine Logistics Group (4th MLG), New Orleans LA.



4th MLG comprises a Headquarters and Service Battalion along with two Combat Logistics Regiments (CLR), each CLR contains two Combat Logistics Battalions. 4th MLG also contains an Engineer Support Battalion, a Medical Battalion, and a Dental Battalion providing general and direct support and sustained combat service support above the organic capabilities of the support element of the Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) encompassing 8,250 Sailors and Marines.

CMDCM Marzella was selected to the rank of Chief Petty Officer in 2010 and Command Master Chief in 2019. He is a graduate of the Senior Enlisted Propulsion Engineer Course, Navy Senior Enlisted Academy (Class 211), Command Master Chief/ Chief of the Boat course (May 2018) and Executive Leadership Symposium (Jun 2021). He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Administrative Leadership from the University of Oklahoma (OU) and an Associate's Degree in Applied Electronics from the University of Thomas Edison.

CMDCM Marzella is designated Master Training Specialist, Fleet Marine Forces Warfare Specialist (FMF), Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist (SW), Expeditionary Warfare Specialist (EXW), Aviation Warfare Specialist (AW), Information Warfare Specialist (IW) and earned his Small Craft Insignia (SCI). His personal awards include: Meritorious Service Medal (2), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals (6), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals (6) and various campaign and service medals.



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UTAH ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR KEVIN L. MAYES

Command Sergeant Major Kevin Mayes is the Regimental CSM for the 640th Regiment (RTI). He is the Commander's principal advisor on personnel, training, leader development, and operations.

CSM Kevin Mayes was born in Kingston, Missouri. He enlisted in the United States Army in October 1997 and attended One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Benning, Georgia. Following OSUT, CSM Mayes served three years on active duty with 3-325 Airborne Infantry Regiment (AIR), 82nd Division. Upon completing his initial enlistment, he became a member of the Missouri Army National Guard, serving eight years. In 2010, he became T-10 AGR, where he would serve the next 10 years. In 2018, he transferred to become a Utah Army National Guard member.



CSM Mayes' key assignments include Senior Operations NCO, Task Force Falcon Kosovo; Senior Operations NCO, Regional Support Command North NATO Training Mission Afghanistan; Reserve Component Overseas Deployment Training NCO, US Army Africa; 1SG, 1st Warrant Officer Company; ARNG G3 Senior Operations NCO, ARNG; Assignments NCO, Human Capital Management; ARNG Training Division SGM, ARNG TR; Intuitional Training Division SGM, HQ Department of the Army; CSM, Group Support BN, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne). Appointed duties of significance include The Army School System Advisory Council National Chair and Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States Professional Development Lead on behalf of the CSM of the ARNG.

CSM Mayes' military training includes Basic Airborne, Air Assault, Ranger School, Jump Master, ARNG Force Management Course, Security Cooperation Action Officer Management Course, Force Integration Course for Senior Leaders, Red Team Member, Distributed Leaders Course Level 6, and Reserve Component National Security Course. Additionally, CSM Mayes has completed all levels of Non-Commissioned Officer Education through the Nominative Leader Course. CSM Mayes' civilian education includes a Bachelor of Business Administration 2012 (CUM Laude) and Master of Human Performance Technologies (w/ honors) 2018, Auburn Lean Six Sigma Certification Program, and General and Flag Officer Homeland Security Executive Seminar Harvard Kenedy School Executive Education.

CSM Mayes' awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (8 oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal (5 oak leaf clusters), Army Achievement Medal (6 oak leaf clusters), Army Good Conduct Medal (6th award), Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (3rd Award), National Defense Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Non-Commissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 6), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 2), NATO Medal (2nd Award), Expert Infantry Badge, Basic Parachutist Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Ranger Tab, Army Staff Identification Badge, German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge, Joint Meritorious Unit Citation, Order of Saint Maurice.

CSM Mayes is married to the former Darlene Dietrich and resides in Eagle Mountain, UT. They have three children: Ashley, Madison, and Chase.



CMC Daniel Morales FORCECOM (FC-Cmc)



Master Chief Daniel Morales assumed duties as Command Master Chief (CMC) for Force Readiness Command (FORCECOM) on June 2023. His primary responsibility is to advise the Commander on issues and initiatives pertaining to all Coast Guard members and their families throughout the FORCECOM enterprise. Additionally, CMC Morales assists with strategic initiatives that shape the training and readiness of the Coast Guard's workforce. Most recently, he served as CMC of Coast Guard Sector Northern New England, advising the Sector Commander in issues, policies and initiatives for 20 field units and cutters over a four-state area that included Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York. He also served as the Maritime Enforcement Specialist (ME) Rating Force Master Chief (RFMC). As the ME RFMC, Master Chief Morales was the Coast Guard's organizational subject matter expert for more than 2200 Active and Reserve MEs. As the conduit between Head Quarter-level programs, operational and training commands, he ensured an optimal ME work force to meet current and future law enforcement, security, and force protection mission demands.

CMC Morales entered military service in May of 1995, as a United States Marine, and served at 4th Reconnaissance Battalion as an assistant recon team leader. After fulfilling his tour, he enlisted in the United States Coast Guard. His Coast Guard assignments include Station Umpqua River, Oregon; the USCGC Vigorous, Cape May New Jersey; Tactical Law Enforcement Team-North, Yorktown, Virginia; Advanced Tactical Operator at Maritime Security Response Team-East, Chesapeake, Virginia; non-compliant boarding instructor at Patrol Forces South West Asia's Maritime Engagement Team, Manama, Bahrain; MSST Galveston Maritime Law Enforcement/Force Protection Deployable Team Leader, Galveston, Texas; Direct Action Section Team Chief and Precision Marksman Observer Team Chief at MSRT-East, Chesapeake, Virginia; High Risk Training Supervisor at Special Missions Training Detachment-West, San Diego, California; ME RFMC, Washington, D.C. and CMC, Sector Northern New England, South Portland, Maine. Over his two plus decade career, CMC Morales has participated in two deployments in Iraq and conducted numerous worldwide deployments in support of counter narcotics, anti-piracy, living marine resources, United Nations sanctions and counter terrorism operations.

CMC Morales is a graduate of the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer's Academy, the Coast Guard Senior Enlisted Leadership Course and US Army Sergeants Major Academy, Class 67. His other professional education accomplishments include the Naval Special Warfare Communications Course, the Special Operations Forces Senior Enlisted Leadership Course 12D, and the Special Operations Forces Site Exploitation-Technical Exploitation Course.

CMC Morales's personal awards include two Meritorious Service Medals, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, six Coast Guard Achievement Medals, three Commandant's Letters of Commendations, and the Coast Guard Combat Action Ribbon. His other awards include the Iraq Campaign Medal with two stars, the Global War on Terror Campaign Medal with one star, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and various others. He also wears the Tactical Law Enforcement Insignia, Permanent Cutterman's Insignia, Boat Forces Insignia, Response Operations Ashore Insignia, US Army Air Assault Badge and German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge.

Master Chief Morales is a native of San Antonio, TX and is married to Dr. Jessica Hope Morales. They have three daughters: Emmaline, Annabelle and Natalia.



Master Chief Christopher E. Mullins

Command Master Chief
Ninth Coast Guard District



Master Chief Christopher Mullins assumed the duties as Command Master Chief for the Ninth Coast Guard District in May 2024. He serves as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader for all U.S. Coast Guard personnel assigned to the Ninth Coast Guard District enterprise and is the senior enlisted advisor to the District Commander on all personnel matters. The Ninth Coast Guard District includes the entire Great Lakes Region and Saint Lawrence Seaway, an area that encompasses eight states, a 1,500-mile international border, and a workforce of over 6,000 Coast Guard active duty, reserve, civilian, and auxiliary men and women. Most recently, Master Chief Mullins served as the Command Master Chief for Coast Guard Sector Puget Sound in Seattle, WA.



Master Chief Mullins' previous assignments include Senior Enlisted Congressional Liaison to the U.S. House of Representatives, Coast Guard Congressional Affairs, Washington, DC; Executive Assistant to the 12th and 13th Master Chief Petty Officers of the Coast Guard, Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC; Administration Chief, Eleventh Coast Guard District, Alameda, CA; Command Yeoman, Eleventh Coast Guard District, Alameda, CA; Independent Duty Legal Technician, Training Center Cape May, NJ; Recruit Company Commander, Training Center Cape May, NJ; Personnel Services Division, Base Portsmouth, VA; and USCGC FORWARD (WMEC 911), Portsmouth, VA.

Master Chief Mullins is a graduate of the Coast Guard Senior Enlisted Leadership Course, Class 82, and the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Academy, Class CCVII. Originally from Blacksburg, VA, Master Chief Mullins enlisted in the United States Coast Guard in 2003. His personal awards include three Meritorious Service Medals with operational distinguishing device, four Coast Guard Commendation Medals, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals, Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon Bar with operational distinguishing device. In addition to various other personal and unit level awards, he has earned a permanent Company Commander Insignia, permanent Commandant's Staff Badge, and both the Gold Badge and Silver Badge Command Master Chief insignias.

Master Chief Mullins is married to the former Morgan Sutherin of Chagrin Falls, OH. Together they are the very proud parents of their daughter, Ellory.



WO1 Jon O'Neill
Command Sergeant Major Field Army

WO1 Jon O'Neill was born in December 1982 in Portsmouth and joined the Army in November 1999. O'Neill conducted recruit training at the Army Training Regiment Basingbourn and the Combat Infantry Course at the Infantry Training Centre Catterick. On completion of recruit training in June 2000 he joined the Second Battalion the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment in Tidworth.

O'Neill has served at the Infantry Training Centre as a Corporal Instructor and at the Infantry Battle School on the Platoon Commanders Division. O'Neill has completed the Section Commanders and Platoon Sergeants Battle courses and has served for the majority of his career within light role rifle companies, holding every appointment from Signaller to Company Sergeant Major. His senior Warrant Officer appointments include two separate tours as a Regimental Sergeant Major. The first with the Second Battalion the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment and then with the Mission Ready Training Centre. O'Neill assumed the role of Field Army Sergeant Major in July 24 after two rewarding years as the Command Sergeant Major of Army Recruiting and Initial Training Command.

O'Neill has served operationally in the Balkans, Northern Ireland, Iraq, and Afghanistan and has experience throughout Africa from his time with the Specialised Infantry group. He has exercised across the Middle East, Americas, Africa, and Europe.

O'Neill is supported by his wife of 17 years and their three children. O'Neill spends his spare time working on his family home, various DIY projects, keeping fit, reading, and watching the kids compete in sports.



Master Chief Petty Officer, Matthew R. Paul

COMMAND MASTER CHIEF

FOURTH MARINE DIVISION

Command Master Chief Matthew R. Paul enlisted in the US Navy in 1993, attending Basic Training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, IL, and Hospital Corpsmen “A” School in San Diego, CA. His first assignment was with Naval Hospital Corpus Christi, TX. In 1995 he reported to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division following the completion of Field Medical Service School, deploying in 1996 with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit Special Operations Capable (MEU-SOC). He received an Honorable Discharge from the Navy in 1998.

Master Chief Paul entered Selected Reserve service in November 2000, reporting to 4th Reconnaissance Battalion in San Antonio, TX. He deployed in 2003 in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, attached to 2d Force Reconnaissance Company as part of Task Force Tarawa. Master Chief Paul returned to Iraq in 2005, attached to 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, where he served as Lead Platoon Corpsman and Assistant

Team Leader. In 2010 Master Chief Paul deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM with Special Operations Task Force 82. He was selected for Chief Petty Officer and initiated in Camp Leatherneck. He was assigned to Marine Special Operations Team (MSOT) 8133, serving as a Combat Advisor to the 7th Kandak Afghan Commandos. He returned to 4th Reconnaissance Battalion where he served as the Battalion Medical Chief and Enlisted Technical Leader for the Reserve Recon HM pipeline. In 2016 Master Chief Paul deployed to Lebanon in support of Counter Narcotics/ Terror Operations with 2nd Marine Raider Battalion, MSOT 8234. He was selected and advanced to Senior Chief Petty Officer during this deployment. Master Chief Paul reported to The Joint Staff in 2017, serving as the Joint Reserves Senior Enlisted Advisor for Regional Operations and Force Management (J-35), Joint Operations Directorate. In December 2018 he was designated as the Navy Reserve Command Senior Enlisted Leader for Joint Staff South. He promoted to Master Chief in 2020 and was selected for the Command Master Chief program later that year. He served Command Master Chief of Navy Cargo Handling Battalion FIVE 2020-2023.

Master Chief Paul assumed his current assignment as the Division Command Master Chief for 4th Marine Division in April 2023.

Master Chief Paul holds a Bachelor of Science from the George Washington University, majoring in Health Intervention and Disaster Response. He is a graduate of the US Navy Senior Enlisted Academy Class 217 (Orange), Reserve Component National Security Course 19-1, and CMC/COB Course Class 20110. Other schools include the USMC Basic Reconnaissance Course, US Army Basic Airborne School, and the Special Operations Combat Medic Course.

Master Chief Paul is designated as a Fleet Marine Force Warfare Specialist, Expeditionary Warfare Specialist, and qualified Navy Expert Parachutist. He is a recipient of the Purple Heart. Personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (4), Combat Action Ribbon (2), as well as multiple unit and campaign awards.



Command Sergeant Major Oracio Peña, JRTC and Fort Johnson

CSM Oracio Peña Jr. is a native of Hillsboro, Texas. He enlisted into the Army in September 1998. He attended One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Benning, Georgia, as a 11C Indirect Fire Infantryman and was assigned to 3-66 AR, 4ID at Fort Hood, Texas. He re-classed to 11B Infantryman, while assigned to 1st Armor Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas in June 2005.

His assignments include Fort Hood, Texas; Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Fort Benning Georgia; Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska; Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort Irwin, California; and Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

CSM Peña has served in every leadership position to include 60mm-120mm Mortar Gunner, Team Leader, Squad Leader, Platoon Sergeant, First Sergeant, Battalion and Brigade Command Sergeant Major.

He has deployed to Iraq in Support of Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation New Dawn twice, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom once, and Poland in support of Atlantic Resolve.

CSM Peña's military education includes all Noncommissioned Officers Professional Development System (NCOPDS) Courses. He is a graduate USASMA Class 67. He is a graduate of Drill Sergeant School, Ranger School, Jumpmaster Course, Airborne School, Air Assault School, Pathfinder School, Master Combative Course, Master Resilience Trainer Course, 1SG Course, and BN/BDE Precommand course.

CSM Peña holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Management from Excelsior University.

CSM Peña's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (2nd award), Meritorious Service Medal (6th award), Army Commendation Medal (6th award), Army Achievement Medal (11th award), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation (3rd award), and Army Superior Unit Award along with various other awards, and ribbons for service and dedication to the Army.

He has been awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Drill Sergeant Badge, Senior Parachutist Wings, Japanese Foreign Jump Wings, Air Assault Wings, Pathfinder Torch, Ranger Tab, Silver & Gold Spurs, The Order of Saint Maurice Medallion (Centurion), Order of Saint George Medallion (Bronze). He is a member of the prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.

CSM Peña is married to the former MSG (Ret.) Mistie Garrett. They have 5 children; Jeremy 23, Kristofer 13, Adan 6, Aurelia 4, and Adelyn 4 m/o.



CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT MICHAEL J. RAKAUCKAS

Chief Master Sgt. Michael J. Rakauckas is the Special Assistant to the Adjutant General, New Jersey National Guard and is responsible for providing special project management leadership and organizational support to New Jersey Army National Guard Major Subordinate Commands, New Jersey Air National Guard Wings and Joint Staff comprised of more than 8,200 Soldiers and Airmen.

Chief Rakauckas entered the Air Force in March of 1992 and graduated the Air Force Security Police Academy as a law enforcement specialist. His background includes extensive service in security forces, homeland defense and mobility aircrew operations at the squadron, group, wing, joint and command levels. Chief Rakauckas deployed to various forward operating bases in support of Operations Southern Watch, Northern Watch, Vigilant Warrior, Provide Comfort, Restore Hope and Bright Star. In 1998, Chief Rakauckas transferred to the New Jersey Air National Guard. Directly after the 2001 terrorist attacks, he was mobilized as a Security Forces Raven, assigned to C-17, C-130 and dignitary aircraft operations, and led force protection teams, coordinated ground security and conducted multiple airfield assessments in Afghanistan, Iraq and the area of operations in direct support of Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, Fundamental Justice, Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn and Coronet Oak. Chief Rakauckas was instrumental during the COVID-19 pandemic response and provided operational guidance to the New Jersey dual status commander. He served as Course Facilitator, ANG Command Chief Training Course and the primary representative, ANG Enlisted Field Advisory Council, Northeast, Region 1, representing over 15,560 Airmen on concerns effecting the morale and welfare of the enlisted force. Prior to his current assignment, he served as the 10th State Command Chief, New Jersey Air National Guard.



In his civilian career, Chief Rakauckas served over 20 years with the Mount Laurel Police Department, Burlington County, New Jersey. In September 2019, he honorably retired as a Lieutenant assigned as Operations Division Commander where he was responsible for managing and leading patrol, traffic and special operations.

EDUCATION

- 1992 Ground Combat Skills School, U.S. Army Training Center, 5th Training Brigade, Fort Dix, N.J.
- 1997 Airman Leadership School, Honor Graduate, McGuire AFB, N.J.
- 1998 Phoenix Raven Qualification Course, Raven 293, Air Mobility Warfare Center, Fort Dix, N.J.
- 2001 NCO Academy, Flight Leader, McGhee Tyson ANG Base, Tenn.
- 2005 Senior NCO Academy, Honor Graduate and Academic Award, Maxwell-Gunter Annex, Ala.
- 2007 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education, National Defense University
- 2012 Associate in Applied Science, Criminal Justice, Community College of the Air Force
- 2013 Professional Manager Certification, Community College of the Air Force
- 2013 Bachelor of Science in Human Services, Administration of Justice, Thomas Edison State University, Trenton, N.J.
- 2015 Master of Science in Management, Organizational Leadership, Thomas Edison State University, Trenton, N.J.
- 2016 Air National Guard Chief Executive Course, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
- 2016 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II, Joint Forces Staff College
- 2017 Chief Leadership Course, Chief Master Sergeant Academy, Maxwell-Gunter Annex, Ala.
- 2018 Air National Guard Command Chief Master Sergeant Orientation Course, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas
- 2019 Air Force Command Chief Master Sergeant Training Course, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
- 2020 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of NC, Chapel Hill
- 2020 Strategic Mindset Seminar, Stimson Associates, Arlington Va.
- 2021 Gettysburg Leadership Experience, Lincoln Institute, Gettysburg, Pa.
- 2021 Leading Strategically, Center of Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 2021 Enterprise Perspective Seminar, Alan L. Freed Associates, Washington, D.C.
- 2022 Leadership in Homeland Security Executive Seminar, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Mass.
- 2023 Artificial Intelligence for National Security Leaders, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, Mass.
- 2024 Doctorate in Business Administration (DBA), Thomas Edison State University, Trenton, N.J.
- 2024 Georgetown University's Executive Leadership Program in Managing for Inclusion, Washington D.C.





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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1992–January 1996, Law Enforcement Specialist, 722nd Security Police Squadron, March AFB, Calif.
(December 1993–March 1994, Fire Team Leader, Operation Southern Watch, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia)
(June 1994–October 1994, Rwandan massacre, Fire Team Member, Data Masked)
2. February 1996–February 1998, Patrolman and Trainer, 305th Security Forces Squadron, McGuire AFB, N.J.
(December 1996–March 1997, Fire Team Leader, Data Masked, Saudi Arabia)
3. March 1998–September 2001, Security Forces Raven, 108th Security Forces Squadron, McGuire AFB, N.J.
4. September 2001–December 2001, Raven Team Leader, C-17 Afghanistan Stage, Sigonella NAS, Sicily
5. December 2001–June 2002, Raven Team Leader, C-17 Afghanistan Stage, Rhein-Main AB, Germany
6. June 2002–November 2002, Staff Action Officer, Contingency Detainee Cell, AMC Headquarters, Scott AFB, Ill.
7. November 2002–June 2007, Training Manager, 108th Security Forces Squadron, McGuire AFB, N.J.
(January 2003–June 2003, Seeb AB, Operation Iraq Freedom, C-130 Stage, Oman)
(August 2005–September 2005, Squad Leader, St. Johns Sheriff's Office, Hurricane Katrina JTF, New Orleans, La.)
8. July 2007–March 2008, Operations Superintendent and CAB 3rd ID Liaison, Sather AB, 447th ESFS, Baghdad, Iraq
9. March 2008–August 2015, Operations Superintendent, 108th Security Forces Squadron, JB MDL, N.J.
(January 2010–January 2011, Functional Area Manager, NGB/A7S, Security Forces, ANGRC, JB Andrews, Md.)
(August 2011–December 2011, NCOIC, IZOD Center Shelter, Hurricane Irene JTF Meadowlands, N.J.)
(July 2012–March 2013, Raven Stage Manager, 12th AF, AEF 35 EAS, Muñiz ANGB, San Juan, Puerto Rico)
(March 2012 – March 2014, ANG Senior Enlisted Leader, FEMA Region II Joint Homeland Response Force)
10. August 2015–February 2018, Group Superintendent, 108th Mission Support Group, JB MDL, N.J.
11. February 2018–January 2020, Command Chief, 108th Wing, JB MDL, N.J.
12. January 2020–March 2024, State Command Chief, New Jersey Air National Guard, Trenton, N.J.
13. March 2024–Present, Special Assistant to the TAG, New Jersey National Guard, Trenton, N.J.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit
Meritorious Service Medal with three bronze oak leaf clusters
Aerial Achievement Medal
Air Force and Space Commendation Medal with three bronze oak leaf clusters
Army Commendation Medal
Air Force and Space Achievement Medal with four bronze oak leaf clusters

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1997 Airman of the Year, 305th Mission Support Group, McGuire AFB, N.J.
1997 Distinguished Graduate, Airman Leadership School, Class 97-B
1999 NCO of the Year, State of New Jersey Air National Guard and New Jersey Enlisted Association
2000 Distinguished Graduate, Security Forces Craftsman Supervisor Course, Lackland AFB, Texas
2005 SNCO of the Year, Air National Guard Security Forces Career Field, NGB/ANG HQ/A7S
2005 Distinguished Graduate and CMSAF James McCoy Academic Achievement Award, SNCO Academy, Class 05-D
2008 Awarded 3rd Infantry Division Combat Sleeve Insignia
2009 Police Officer of the Year, Mount Laurel Police Department
2010 Awarded the German Armed Forces Troop Duty Proficiency Badge (Gold), German HQ, Reston, Va.
2011 Knights of Columbus Community Service Officer of the Year Award, Council 7755, Trenton, N.J.

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic March 3, 1992
Airman Sep. 3, 1992
Airman First Class July 3, 1993
Senior Airman March 3, 1995
Staff Sergeant Jun. 28, 1998
Technical Sergeant Feb. 12, 2001
Master Sergeant July 24, 2003
Senior Master Sergeant May 3, 2007
Chief Master Sergeant Oct. 26, 2015

(Current as of Nov 2024)





United States Navy Biography

ERIC F. RALSTON

COMMAND MASTER CHIEF, AMPHIBIOUS SQUADRON EIGHT



Master Chief Petty Officer Eric F. Ralston is the Navy's first PHIBRON Command Master Chief (CMC), onboard Amphibious Squadron EIGHT based out of Norfolk, Virginia. Hailing from Northglenn, Colorado, he started his naval career in June of 1995, attending Navy basic training in Great Lakes, IL, Hospital Corpsman "A" school in San Diego, CA, and Field Medical Service School in Camp Johnson, NC.

Beginning with his assignment to the 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment (3/8), 2d MARDIV - where he deployed with SPMAGTF 26 to Liberia, Africa. Master Chief Ralston's career includes varied and distinct operational assignments. These include 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines (3/6), USS Frank Cable (AS 40), USS Ponce (LPD 15), and Fleet Surgical Team FOUR (FST 4), where he served as the Senior Enlisted Leader (SEL). Ashore, he served at Branch Medical Clinic, Ingleside, Texas, DoD Biomedical Repair School, Wichita Falls, Texas where he earned the Advanced Biomedical Repair Technician (BMET)

Navy Enlisted Classification (NEC), and Naval Hospital Pensacola which included a deployment with Fleet Hospital Three in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He returned to the DoD Biomedical Repair course in 2008 as the Advanced Course senior instructor, the BMET Enlisted Technical Leader, and the Navy Program Director.

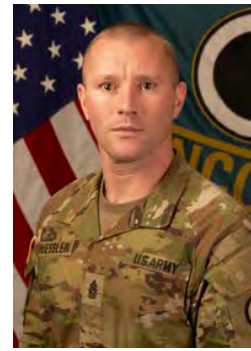
In February of 2017, after three years at Naval Branch Health Clinic, Parris Island, SC as SEL, he was accepted into the Command Senior Enlisted Leader program and reported to Milwaukee Military Entrance Processing Station as the Senior Enlisted Advisor. While there, he advanced to Command Master Chief before serving as CMC onboard Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron TWO SIX (HSC 26), followed by USS VELLA GULF (CG 72), both homeported in Norfolk, Virginia.

In addition to graduating from the Navy Senior Enlisted Academy and the Command Master Chief course, Master Chief Ralston's academic achievements include associate's degrees in Biomedical Equipment Repair and Instructor of Technology and Military Science through the Community College of the Air Force.

His awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (five awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (seven awards), Master Training Specialist qualification, and various unit and campaign and service awards.

Sergeant Major Adam B. Schuessler

CENTCOM J6 Sergeant Major



Sergeant Major Adam B. Schuessler is a native of Wellston, Michigan. He enlisted in the Army in October, 2002 as a 31S, Satellite Communications Operator/Maintainer.

SGM Schuessler's previous positions and duty assignments include TACSAT RTO and Division Staff RTO in the Assault Command Post, 82nd Signal Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division, Ft. Bragg, NC; Network Operations NCOIC, JNN Platoon Sergeant, and Executive Officer in Charlie Co, 3rd BSTB, 3rd BCT, 82nd ABN DIV; Battalion S6 NCOIC in 3rd BSTB, 3rd BCT, 82nd ABN DIV; XVIII ABN CORPS CG IMO, XVIII ABN CORPS HQs, Ft. Bragg, NC; Military Science Instructor at Michigan State University, Lansing, MI; Earth Terminal Complex NCOIC in 56th Signal Company, 160th Signal BDE, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait; First Sergeant of USASA-K DSCS, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait; First Sergeant of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 160th Signal Brigade; S3 Operations Sergeant Major, 160th Signal Brigade, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait; Command Sergeant Major, 62nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion, Fort Cavazos, TX; and Commandant, Henry H. Lind NCO Academy, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.

SGM Schuessler's military education includes all levels of professional military education, Basic Airborne Course, Jumpmaster Course, and the Army Instructor Course. His civilian education includes a Bachelor's Degree in Information Technology Security from Western Governors University and a Master's Degree in Cybersecurity from Western Governors University. SGM Schuessler holds Certifications as a Cisco Certified Networking Professional, Cisco Certified Networking Associate – Security, COMPTIA Advanced Security Practitioner, Security+, Network+, A+, Linux+, Project+, Linux Professional Institute System Administrator, Certified Ethical Hacker, Certified Hacking Forensics Investigator.

SGM Schuessler's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3rd award), Army Commendation Medal (4th award), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (4th award) and Humanitarian Service Medal. He has been awarded the Combat Action Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge and various foreign Parachutist Badges.

SGM Schuessler is married to the former Julianne Steurer and has a 21-year old son, Camden, a 1-year old daughter, Allayna, and is expecting another daughter in April, 2025.



CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT ANDREW R. “DREW” SMALL

CMSgt Andrew R. Small is the Command Chief Master Sergeant, 55th Wing, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. As the commander’s principle advisor, he gives guidance and helps lead an organization of 7,700 personnel in six groups and 30 squadrons across nine garrison and abroad locations. He ensures commander’s intent is understood and executed, while having responsibility for the readiness, morale and welfare, training, personal and professional development within the largest and most diverse wing in Air Combat Command. He provides senior enlisted leadership as the wing conducts worldwide intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance; electronic attack, command and control; presidential support; and treaty verification missions. He also has a responsibility to more than 50 partner units, including U.S. Strategic Command, 557th Weather Wing and 45,000 active-duty, civilians, family members and retirees.

Chief Small grew up in Brooklyn, New York and entered the Air Force in 1998. His background includes various positions within the Communications career field, the Cyberspace Warfare Operations career field, and the Enlisted Professional Military Education developmental special duty as the Commandant of the Robert D. Gaylor Noncommissioned Officer Academy. His assignments include Maxwell AFB Ala., Kadena AB Japan, Fort George G. Meade Md., Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Hawaii, and Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Texas.



Prior to assuming his current position, Chief Small was the Command Chief of the 557th Weather Wing, Offutt AFB, Neb.

EDUCATION

- 2002 Airman Leadership School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2009 Associates in Information Systems Technology, CCAF
- 2010 Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Gunter Annex, Ala.
- 2012 Associates in Cybersecurity Operations, CCAF
- 2013 Cyber 200, Cyberspace Professional Development Prgm, AFIT, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
- 2013 Senior Enlisted Joint PME, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
- 2014 Cyber 300, Cyberspace Professional Development Prgm, AFIT, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
- 2015 B.S. in Information Technology, Western Governors University, Salt Lake City, Utah
- 2015 Professional Manager Certification, CCAF
- 2016 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Gunter Annex, Ala.
- 2018 Senior Enlisted Joint PME II, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
- 2019 M.S. in Cybersecurity & Information Assurance, Western Governors University, Salt Lake City, Utah
- 2020 CMSgt Leadership Course, CMSgt Leadership Academy, Maxwell AFB, Gunter Annex, Ala.
- 2021 Senior Enlisted Legal Orientation, AF JAG School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2021 Command CMSgt Training Course, AF Chief’s Group, JB Andrews, Md.





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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

2023 Enterprise Perspective Seminar, Alan L. Freed Associates, Washington D.C.

2024 Senior Leader Security Seminar, AFOSI, Montross, Va.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1998 - August 1998, Trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. August 1998 - November 1998, Student, Comms-Computer Sys Operator Technical School, Keesler AFB, Miss.
3. November 1998 - January 2003, Network Control Center Technician, 42 CS, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
4. January 2003 - January 2007, Wing Information Assurance Manager, 18 CS, Kadena AB, Japan
5. January 2007 - January 2012, NCOIC, Production Ops Div/Cyber Attack Opr, 315 NWS, Fort Meade, Md.
6. January 2012 - December 2014, Det Superintendent, Det 1, 315 NWS, JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
7. December 2014 - June 2015, Ops Superintendent, 352 NWS, JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
8. June 2015 - June 2016, Squadron Superintendent, 315 COS, Fort Meade, Md.
9. June 2016 - August 2018, Superintendent, Air Forces Cyber Forward, 24 AF, Fort Meade, Md.
10. August 2018 - April 2019, Ops Superintendent/SEL Cyber Tactical Ops Ctr, 624 OC, JBSA-Lackland, Texas
11. April 2019 - July 2021, Group Superintendent, 67th Cyberspace Ops Group, JBSA-Lackland, Texas
(November 2020 - February 2021 & May 2021 - July 2021, Interim Command Chief, 67 CW, JBSA-Lackland, Texas)
12. July 2021 - July 2022, Commandant, Robert D. Gaylor NCO Academy, JBSA-Lackland, Texas
13. July 2022 - July 2024, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 557th Weather Wing, Offutt AFB, Neb.
14. July 2024 - Present, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 55th Wing, Offutt AFB, Neb.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal two oak leaf cluster

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one silver leaf cluster (with Valor Device)

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2006 18th Wing Information Assurance Professional of the Year, Kadena AB, Japan

2006 PACAF Communications and Information Team of the Year, Kadena AB, Japan

2010 National Security Agency Labyrinth Team Award, NSA-Washington, Fort Meade, Md.

2012 Air Force Space Command Outstanding Information Operations Active Duty NCOY

2013 67th Cyberspace Operations Group SNCOY, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas

2014 Air Force Space Command AF ISR Enlisted Contributor of the Year

2015 Team Hickam Gen Jumper Warfighter & Integration SNCOY, JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii

2015 United States Air Force Lt Gen Grant Information Dominance Small Unit of the Year

2016 Distinguished Graduate, Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant October 1, 2019

(Current as of August 2024)





Sergeant Major Daniel A. Soto

Command Senior Enlisted Leader, Marine Corps Base Camp Blaz

Sergeant Major Soto enlisted in the Marine Corps in January 2003 and graduated from Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina in April 2003. Upon graduation from Recruit Training, Private First Class Soto reported to The School of Infantry, Infantry Training Battalion at Camp Geiger, North Carolina where he earned the Military Occupational Specialty of 0311, Rifleman.

In June 2003, Sergeant Major Soto reported to his first duty station, 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines (2/6), Fox Company aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C. where he served as a squad automatic weapon gunner, team leader, and squad leader. While assigned to 2/6, he was promoted to the rank of Corporal meritoriously in 2004 while deployed to Okinawa, Japan as part of a Unit Deployment Program. Corporal Soto deployed July 2004 to Kabul, Afghanistan in support of Embassy Security. In 2005, he deployed in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM to Fallujah, Iraq where he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.



Upon returning from deployment, Sergeant Soto received orders for Marine Combat Instructor, Camp Geiger, N.C., where in January 2008 was meritoriously promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant. In 2009, Staff Sergeant Soto received orders to 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines aboard Kaneohe Bay, HI. In November 2009, Staff Sergeant Soto joined Echo Company and served as Platoon Commander. He then deployed in October 2010 in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. While deployed, Staff Sergeant Soto was promoted combat meritoriously to the rank of Gunnery Sergeant in June 2011. He then transferred to Weapons Company and served as Platoon Sergeant for the Combined Anti-Armor Platoon. With Weapons Company, Gunnery Sergeant Soto deployed to Okinawa, Japan as part of the Unit Deployment Program. Upon returning from deployment, Gunnery Sergeant Soto was ordered to Expeditionary Warfare Training Group Atlantic, Virginia Beach, VA in March of 2013.

While at Expeditionary Warfare Training Group Atlantic, Gunnery Sergeant Soto was assigned as Course Manager/Supervisor for the Visit Board Search and Seizure training group which trained Sailors in Maritime boarding actions and tasks. Gunnery Sergeant Soto was selected to the rank of First Sergeant and received orders to 1st Transportation Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, Camp Pendleton California.

In February 2015, Gunnery Sergeant Soto was promoted to the rank of First Sergeant and served as the First Sergeant for Bravo Company. In April 2016, First Sergeant Soto transferred to Landing Support Company where he served until September 2016 before being selected to serve as the Senior Enlisted Advisor for the Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force-CR-CC Logistics Combat Element. Upon completion of the deployment in November 2017, First Sergeant Soto was assigned to Headquarters and Service Company as the company First Sergeant.

In March 2018, First Sergeant Soto executed orders to 3d Intelligence Battalion aboard Okinawa Japan and served as the First Sergeant for Counterintelligence/Human Intelligence Company. In April 2019, First Sergeant Soto was promoted to the rank of Sergeant Major and assigned to serve as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader for Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Marine Corps Air Station Futenma. Sergeant Major Soto was then assigned orders in July 2021 to Camp Pendleton, CA where he served as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader for 1st Battalion, 11th Marines.

In January 2023, Sergeant Major Soto was assigned orders to Guam where he currently serves as the Marine Corps Base Camp Blaz Command Senior Enlisted Leader.

Sergeant Major Soto earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education Studies, and his personal decorations include the Purple Heart Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Award), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (6th Award with Valor x2), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2nd Award), Combat Action Ribbon (2nd Award), and the Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.



Sergeant Major Christopher Taylor

26th Marine Expeditionary Unit



SgtMaj Taylor was born and raised in Choctaw, OK. His Marine Corps career started on 12 June 2000 when he reported for recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, CA. He attended Marine Combat Training at Camp Pendleton, CA. After graduation, he went on to Aberdeen Proving Grounds and earned the MOS of 1161 Basic Refrigeration Mechanic. After graduation, he reported to 3rd MRB, Engineer Maintenance Company, Camp Foster, Okinawa. He spent two years on the island from Jan 2001 to Dec 2002 earning a meritorious promotion to Corporal. From Okinawa, he was sent to 2D MAW, MWSG-27, MWSS-271 and immediately deployed ISO OIF 1. In Oct 2004, he was assigned as the Enlisted Aide for the 2D MAW Commanding General and deployed with him ISO OIF 4 as his personal security and driver. He was then assigned to MASS-1 and deployed with them ISO OIF on two separate occasions. During his last tour in Iraq, he was promoted to Staff Sergeant. He remained with MASS-1 until receiving orders to MSG School with class 1-09 where he was the Honor Graduate. SSgt Taylor's first post was American Embassy Detachment Athens, Greece. During his time there he was meritoriously promoted to the rank of Gunnery Sergeant which also earned him the MOS of 1169 Utilities Chief. GySgt Taylor's second assignment was as the Detachment Commander for American Consulate Chengdu, China. During his tour in China, Det Chengdu was named the Region 3 Detachment of the Year. GySgt Taylor's third and final assignment on Embassy duty was the Detachment Commander for American Embassy Baghdad, Iraq. GySgt Taylor then returned to Okinawa and was assigned as the Utilities Chief for MWCS-18 for a period of only 8 months. He was then selected to First Sergeant and frocked in Feb 2013, earning him the MOS of 8999. He then checked into 12th Marines, HQ Btry as the HQ Btry 1stSgt, deploying with them to CATC Fuji and Korea. In May 2015, he was given orders to 3d Reconnaissance BN and assigned to Bravo Company. Shortly after, he was assigned as a voting member for the FY15 Staff Sergeant selection board. In April 2016, he was assigned to Alpha Company where he earned his Navy and Marine Corps Parachutist Insignia. In January of 2017, 1stSgt Taylor was moved to Force Reconnaissance Company where he stayed until his promotion to Sergeant Major in April 2018. During his time with Force Company he served as instructor for Career Course seminar class 1-18. In June 2018 he checked into 2d Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, worked alongside multiple NATO partners, deployed ISO Trident Juncture, and hosted multiple partners during exercise Burmese Chase culminating in a Mess Night strengthening our ties. From August 2020-February 2022 he served with MARSOC at 3D Raider Bn. Spiritus Invictus. For the past two years he has served with Marine Corps Training Mission-United Arab Emirates, a Foreign Military Sales case as an advisor to the SgtMaj for the Presidential Guard. In April 2024 he was appointed to his current position as SgtMaj for the 26th MEU.

SgtMaj Taylor married his wife Kristy in 2003.

SgtMaj Taylor earned his Bachelor's Degree from Liberty University in 2022.

SgtMaj Taylor's personal awards and decorations include: Navy and Marine Corps Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (w/two gold stars), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (w/ three gold stars), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (w/ one gold star), Humanitarian Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (w/two silver stars).



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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JASON K. TRICKEY

Chief Master Sergeant Jason K. Trickey is the Command Chief, 57th Wing, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. He serves as the principal advisor to the Wing Commander on all matters concerning readiness and utilization of more than 3,200 Airmen across 37 squadrons on 11 installations. The wing provides advanced, realistic, and multi-domain training focused on ensuring dominance through air, space, and cyberspace. It is comprised of the United States Air Force Weapons School, 57th Operations Group, 57th Maintenance Group, USAF Aerial Demonstration Squadron (Thunderbirds), and the USAF Advanced Maintenance and Munitions Operations School.

Chief Trickey enlisted in the Air Force in June of 1999. His background includes various duties in the air traffic control career field including tower, radar, terminal instrument procedures, and airspace management. The Chief has also served as in-garrison and deployed Senior Enlisted Leader at the squadron, group, and wing levels. He has served in Texas, Mississippi, Arkansas, California, South Korea, Guam, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Arizona, Florida, and Nevada and has deployed in direct support of Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, NEW DAWN, and INHERENT RESOLVE.

Prior to his current assignment, Chief Trickey served as the Command Chief, 53d Wing, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida.



EDUCATION

2003 Airman Leadership School, Beale AFB, California
2007 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Lackland AFB, Texas
2009 Associates of Applied Science in Airway Science, Community College of the Air Force, Montgomery, Alabama
2010 Bachelor of Science in Air Traffic Management, Thomas Edison State University, Trenton, New Jersey
2011 Professional Manager Certification, Community College of the Air Force, Montgomery, Alabama
2011 Senior Enlisted Joint PME Course I, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.
2014 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, Alabama
2016 Senior Enlisted Joint PME Course II, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.
2018 Chief Leadership Course, Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, Alabama
2020 Certificate in Executive Leadership, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
2020 Certificate in High Performance Leadership, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
2021 Master of Arts in Executive Leadership, Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia
2021 Senior Enlisted Legal Orientation Course, The Judge Advocate General's School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2021 Command Chief Master Sergeant Training Course, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland
2022 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, N.C.
2024 Enterprise Perspective Seminar, Alan L. Freed Associates, The Capitol Hill Club, Washington D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1999 – July 1999, Trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. July 1999 – October 1999, Student, Air Traffic Control Apprentice Course, Keesler AFB, Mississippi
3. October 1999 – June 2001, Air Traffic Controller, 314th Operations Support Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Arkansas
4. June 2001 – September 2003, ATC Watch Supervisor, 9th Operations Support Squadron, Beale AFB, California
(June 2002 – November 2002, ATC Liaison Officer, 405th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron, Southwest Asia)
5. September 2003 – November 2004, ATC Watch Supervisor, 51st Operations Support Squadron, Osan AB, South Korea
6. November 2004 – August 2007, ATC Watch Supervisor, 80th Operations Support Squadron, Sheppard AFB, Texas
7. August 2007 – August 2011, Assistant Chief Controller, 36th Operations Support Squadron, Andersen AFB, Guam
(June 2010 – December 2010, Assistant Chief Controller, 407th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron, Ali AB, Iraq)
8. August 2011 – January 2015, Chief Controller, 71st Operations Support Squadron, Vance AFB, Oklahoma
(May 2013 – January 2014, Superintendent, 386th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron, Ali Al Salem AB, Kuwait)
9. January 2015 – June 2017, Superintendent, 51st Operations Support Squadron, Osan AB, Republic of South Korea
10. June 2017 – September 2018, Superintendent, 28th Operations Support Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota
11. September 2018 – February 2021, Superintendent, 28th Operations Group, Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota
(October 2019 – June 2020, Superintendent, 1st Expeditionary Rescue Group, Al Asad AB, Iraq)
12. February 2021 – June 2022, Senior Enlisted Leader, 355th Operations Group, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona
13. June 2022 – October 2023, Command Chief, 53d Wing, Eglin AFB, Florida
14. October 2023 – Present, Command Chief, 57th Wing, Nellis AFB, Nevada

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit
Bronze Star Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Outstanding Airman of the Year Ribbon

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2007 Commandant's Award for Leadership, Gaylor NCO Academy
2012 SNCO of the Year, 71st Flying Training Wing
2014 Distinguished Graduate, USAF SNCO Academy
2014 AETC Lance P. Sijan Senior Enlisted Leadership Award
2014 AETC Outstanding Airman of the Year

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant December 1, 2017

(Current as of June 2024)



United States Army Forces Command

SGM Sandra A. Vargas
DCofS, G-4 Sergeant Major

Sergeant Major Sandra A. Vargas was born in Fort Stewart, Georgia. She enlisted into the United States Army on October 17, 2001, and attended Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. She attended Advanced Individual Training at Fort Gregg-Adams (formerly Fort Lee), Virginia, as a Unit Supply Specialist (92Y).

Prior Assignments: Unit Supply Specialist and Unit Armorer, 331st Transportation Company, Joint Base Langley-Eustis (formerly Fort Eustis), Virginia; Unit Supply Specialist, Unit Armorer, and Ammunition Manager, 4th Quartermaster Detachment (Airborne), Camp Hialeah, Korea; Supply Sergeant, Group Support Company, 3rd Special Forces Group, Fort Liberty (formerly Fort Bragg), North Carolina; Property Book NCO, USASOC Headquarters, Fort Liberty, North Carolina; Supply Sergeant, C Company, 98th Civil Affairs Battalion, Fort Liberty, North Carolina; Battalion S-4 NCOIC, 98th Civil Affairs Battalion, Fort Liberty, North Carolina; Battalion S-4 NCOIC, Group Support Battalion Senior Supply Sergeant, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Liberty, North Carolina; Group Support Battalion S-3 NCOIC, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Eglin Air Force Base, Florida; First Sergeant, 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Eglin Air Force Base, Florida; Camp Commandant, Special Operations Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait; J-4 Sergeant Major, Special Operations Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait; G-4 Sergeant Major, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Liberty, North Carolina; Battalion Command Sergeant Major for the Group Support Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne). She previously served as the Brigade Command Sergeant Major for the 528th Sustainment Brigade (Special Operations) (Airborne), Fort Liberty, North Carolina.



Deployments: Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Iraq, Operation Inherent Resolve and to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

Military Education: All levels of the Noncommissioned Officer Education System including Nominative Leaders Course, Joint Special Operations Forces Senior Enlisted Academy (JSOFSEA), Joint Special Operations Forces Pre-Command Course, Army Special Operations Forces Pre-Command Course, Summit Course, Battle Staff Course, United States Special Operations Forces Static Line Jumpmaster Course, Mobility Force Protection Course, Sexual Harassment Assault Response Prevention Course, Contracting Officer Representative Course, Surveillance & Detection Course, and the Combat Development Course.

Awards and Decorations: Master Parachutist Badge, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon, NATO Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Army Superior Unit Award, and numerous Foreign Parachutist Badges. SGM Vargas is also the recipient of the Distinguished Order of Saint Martin.



Phillip N. Waldron

Command Master Chief

U.S. Coast Guard Personnel Service Center



Master Chief Phil Waldron assumed the duties of Command Master Chief for the U.S. Coast Guard Personnel Service Center (PSC) in June 2024. As the Command Senior Enlisted Leader, his primary duties are to assist and advise the PSC Commander on the effects of policy, procedures, and initiatives as they pertain to the total Coast Guard workforce of over 55,000 active duty, reserve, and civilian employees, along with an additional 30,000 Auxiliary volunteers. “The People Command”, PSC supports mission execution by recruiting, accessing, assigning and developing careers, maintaining well-being, compensating, separating and retiring all Coast Guard military personnel.



In his most recent assignment, he served as Command Master Chief for the 17th Coast Guard District, where his primary responsibilities were to assist and advise the 17th District Commander on the impact of existing or proposed policy pertinent to the morale and general well-being of all Coast Guard members and their families in Alaska. He also previously served as Command Master Chief at Base Kodiak, AK, the service’s largest base and the senior mission support touchpoint for the Alaskan maritime region.

Previous afloat assignments include Engineer Petty Officer, USCGC BUCKTHORN in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and aboard USCGCs ADAK and WRANGELL, both deployed to Patrol Forces Southwest Asia in Al Manama, Bahrain. His previous ashore assignments include Assistant Engineer Officer of Sector Mobile, Alabama and Station Belle Isle, Michigan, and as a Recruit Company Commander at Training Center Cape May, New Jersey.

Master Chief Waldron is a proud graduate of the Coast Guard Senior Enlisted Leadership Course, the Chief Petty Officer Academy, and numerous other service schools. Additionally, he graduated *summa cum laude* from Columbia Southern University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Leadership.

A native of Plant City, Florida and a second-generation Coast Guardsman, Master Chief Waldron enlisted in the United States Coast Guard in August 1999. His military decorations include two Meritorious Service Medals, four Coast Guard Commendation Medals, four Coast Guard Achievement Medals, two Commandant’s Letters of Commendation, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and numerous other personal and unit awards. He has earned the privilege of wearing permanent Cutterman, Coxswain, Boat Forces Operations, Company Commander, and Command Master Chief (Gold and Silver Badge) insignias. Additionally, he was the recipient of the Chief Petty Officer Academy Class CCI “Spirit of the Chief” award and was selected as the 2008 USO Coast Guardsman of the Year.



United States Navy Biography

CMDCM (SW/AW) Jarmin Hakim Westmoreland

Command Master Chief Expeditionary Strike Group Two



A native of Philadelphia, PA who enlisted on January 31, 2002. He completed basic training at Recruit Training Command and Engineman "A" school at Navy Training Command in Chicago, IL.

He was assigned to USS CARTER HALL (LSD 50) from September 2002 to December 2007. He served as Work Center Supervisor and Leading Petty Officer in Auxiliary Division. He qualified Engineering Officer of the Watch and served as a member of the Engineering Training Team.

He was assigned to Naval Consolidated Brig Charleston from February 2008 to September 2010. He served as a Correctional Specialist, Command Duty Officer, and Security Section LCPO. In September 2008, he was promoted to the rank of Chief Petty Officer and also qualified Master Correctional Specialist.

He was assigned to USS OAK HILL (LSD 51) from December 2010 to December 2014. He served as the Auxiliary Division LCPO, Machinery Division LCPO, and Engineering Department LCPO.

He was assigned to Afloat Training Group Norfolk from February 2015 to July 2017. There he served as Diesel Team LCPO and Engineering Departmental LCPO. He qualified Afloat Training Specialist and Master Training Specialist. In February 2017 he was selected for the Command Master Chief Program.

His personal awards include; Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (five awards), Good Conduct Service Medal (seven awards) and various unit and campaign awards. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Public Service – Military Leadership from Excelsior College.

He is a graduate of the United States Navy Senior Enlisted Academy Class 181 (khaki) and a graduate of the Command Master Chief and Chief of the Boat Capstone Course. He has served as Command Master Chief aboard USS TORTUGA (LSD 46), Assault Craft Unit FOUR and USS BATAAN (LHD 5).

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS T.L. WHITE, MMM, CD



Chief Petty Officer White's illustrious career in the Canadian Armed Forces began in March 1996 when she enrolled as a Boatswain from Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. Over the years, she has demonstrated exceptional leadership and dedication, serving with distinction both at sea and onshore.

At sea, Chief Petty Officer White served on various His Majesty Canadian Ships, including IROQUOIS, MONTREAL, PROVIDER, PRESERVER, HALIFAX, FREDERICTON, and culminating her sea service as Chief Boatswain Mate on CHARLOTTETOWN. She participated in numerous operational deployments such as Operation MEGAPHONE, APOLLO, LAMA, PERSISTENCE, and also served with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, showcasing her versatility and expertise in maritime operations.

During her shore postings, Chief Petty Officer White contributed significantly to the training and development of future naval leaders. She served as a Primary Leadership Qualification instructor at the Canadian Forces Naval Operations School and later as the Boatswain and Clearance Diver Training Manager with Naval Personnel Training Group Headquarters. Her commitment to excellence led her to the nation's capital, where she held various positions, including at Chief of Naval Staff and Director of Naval Personnel & Training, where she played a vital role in personnel policy development.

Recognized for her outstanding service, Chief Petty Officer White was appointed as a member of the Order of Military Merit in 2014. She also holds a diploma in the Defense and Security Program from Algonquin College in Ontario, further enhancing her professional qualifications.

In 2020, Chief Petty Officer White assumed the role of Occupation Manager Boatswain & Clearance Diver within the Director Naval Personnel directorate, eventually rising to the level of Senior Appointment. Currently, she serves as the Formation Chief Petty Officer Central/ Deputy Command Chief and Naval Succession Management Chief Petty Officer, while also holding the position of Chief of Director Strategic Readiness.

Beyond her military duties, Chief Petty Officer White finds joy in spending time with her husband and two children, cherishing family moments, camping adventures, and actively participating in community events. Her exemplary leadership, dedication, and commitment to service make her a true asset to the Canadian Armed Forces and a role model for aspiring military professionals.



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JOSHUA J. WIENER

Chief Master Sergeant Joshua J. Wiener is the Command Chief for Ninth Air Force (Air Forces Central), Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina. As the command chief, he is the senior enlisted advisor to the commander on all matters affecting the readiness, training, professional development, and effective utilization of all assigned and attached personnel. Additionally, he coordinates with the headquarters staff, commanders, and senior personnel on the development and implementation of command policy and direction. As the air component senior enlisted leader to both Ninth Air Force and Air Forces Central, he champions and directs enlisted efforts in direct support of air operations (unilaterally or in concert with coalition partners) and the development of contingency plans in support of national objectives for USCENTCOM's 21-nation area of responsibility in the Arabian Peninsula and Central and South Asia.

Chief Wiener enlisted in the Air Force in September 1998 as an Aerospace Propulsion Apprentice. During his tenure in the Air Force, he has worked, followed, and led at the section, flight, squadron, group, wing and MAJCOM levels, always focused on taking care of Airmen, growing future leaders and executing full-spectrum maintenance and operations on fifteen different airframes, including the C-141B, C-17A, C-5B, F-15C/D, F-22, B-52H, HH-60, HC-130J, F-16, F-35A, E-3G, E/RQ-4, KC-10, E-11B, and EC-130 aircraft. Chief Wiener has deployed three times in his career, to Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia during Operation SOUTHERN WATCH, to Al Asad Air Base, Iraq during Operation INHERENT RESOLVE and FREEDOM SENTINEL, and finally to Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates during Operation INHERENT RESOLVE and SPARTAN SHIELD.



EDUCATION

- 2001 Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Ground Radio Operator License
- 2003 Airman Leadership School, Kapaun Air Station, Germany
- 2004 Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Airframe and Power Plant License
- 2008 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Tyndall AFB, FL
- 2009 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy Distance Course, Maxwell-Gunther AFB, AL
- 2010 Associates Degree in Aviation Technology, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell-Gunther AFB, AL
- 2011 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Course, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA
- 2012 Logistics 262 Course, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright Patterson AFB, OH
- 2012 Professional Managers Certificate, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell-Gunther AFB, AL
- 2013 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunther AFB, AL
- 2013 Project Manager Course, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright Patterson AFB, OH
- 2014 Jet Engine Mishap Investigation Course, Sheppard AFB, TX
- 2015 Advanced Maintenance and Munitions Operations School (AMMOS), Nellis AFB, NV
- 2016 B.S. Degree in Aeronautics with Minors in Safety and Management, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, FL
- 2017 Advanced Nuclear Concepts (Nuc 300), Air Force Institute of Technology, Kirtland AFB, NM
- 2018 Chiefs Leadership Course, Maxwell-Gunther AFB, AL
- 2019 Strategic Deterrence Basic Course for Executives, Center for Strategic Deterrence Studies, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2020 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II Course, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA
- 2020 Command Chief's Orientation Course, Joint Base Andrews AFB, MD
- 2020 Middle East and South Asia Political-Economic Conflict Seminar, Alan L. Freed Associates, Washington D.C.
- 2020 Senior Executive Legal Orientation, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2022 Air Force Strategic Leaders Course, Maxwell-Gunther AFB, AL
- 2022 Senior Leader Security Seminar, AFOSI, King George, VA
- 2023 Executive Leadership Program in Managing for Inclusion, Georgetown University, Washington D.C.
- 2023 Leading Strategically, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, CO
- 2023 Command Senior Enlisted Leaders Course, Baltic Defence College, Tartu Estonia

ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1998–November 1998, Trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, TX
2. November 1998–January 1999, Student, Aerospace Propulsion Course, Sheppard AFB, TX
3. February 1999–June 2002, C-17 Home Station Check Team Member, 62 MXS, McChord AFB, WA (July 2001–September 2001, Force Protection Augmentee, 363 AEW, Prince Sultan AB, Saudi Arabia)
4. June 2002–April 2004, En-Route Aircraft Maintenance Craftsman, 723 AMS, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
5. April 2004–June 2005, Aircraft Maintenance Expediter, 723 AMS, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
6. June 2005–December 2008, F119/F100 Engine Test Cell Shift Lead, 325 MXS, Tyndall AFB, FL
7. December 2008–May 2009, F100/TF34 Engine Test Cell Production Supervisor, 18 CMS, Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan
8. May 2009–October 2009, Assistant NCOIC, Engine Test Cell, 18 CMS, Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan
9. October 2009–May 2010, NCOIC, Engine Test Cell, 18 CMS, Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan
10. May 2010–March 2012, Quality Assurance Chief Inspector, 18 MXG, Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan
11. March 2012–December 2012, Quality Assurance Superintendent, 18 MXG, Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan
12. January 2013–October 2013, Aerospace Propulsion Section Chief, 5 MXS, Minot AFB, ND
13. October 2013–February 2014, B-52 Phase Inspection Section Chief, 5 MXS, Minot AFB, ND
14. February 2014–January 2015, Maintenance Flight Chief, 5 MXS, Minot AFB, ND
15. January 2015–September 2015, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent, 5 MXS, Minot AFB, ND
16. September 2015–January 2017, Quality Assurance Superintendent, 5 MXG, Minot AFB, ND
17. January 2017–September 2017, Squadron Superintendent, 5 MXS, Minot AFB, ND
18. September 2017–May 2019, Group Superintendent, 5 MXG, Minot AFB, ND (April 2018–October 2018, Chief Enlisted Manager, 1st Expeditionary Rescue Group, Al Asad AB, Iraq)
19. May 2019–June 2020, Group Superintendent, 56 MXG, Luke AFB, AZ
20. June 2020–June 2021, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 380th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Dhafra AB, UAE
21. July 2021–July 2022, Senior Enlisted Leader, Office of the Inspector General, AFGSC, Barksdale AFB, LA
22. August 2022–May 2023, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 435th Air Ground Operations Wing and the 435th Air Expeditionary Wing, Ramstein AB, Germany
23. May 2023–July 2024, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 435th Air Ground Operations Wing, Ramstein AB, Germany
24. July 2024–Present, Command Chief, 9th Air Force (Air Force Central Command) Shaw Air Force Base, SC

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters

Air and Space Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air and Space Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Operation Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal with service star

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2003 Distinguished Graduate, Airmen Leadership School

2008 Distinguished Graduate, Noncommissioned Officer Academy

2009 NCO of the Year, 18th Wing, Kadena AB Okinawa, Japan

2010 Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award (NCO), 18th Wing, Kadena AB Okinawa, Japan

2012 Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award (SNCO), 18th Maintenance Operations Squadron, Kadena AB Okinawa, Japan

2013 Distinguished Graduate, Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy

2014 Aircraft Mechanic of the Year (SNCO), 5th Maintenance Group, Minot AFB, ND

2015 Academic Excellence Award, Air Force Advanced Maintenance Superintendents Course, Advanced Maintenance and Munitions Operations School (AMMOS), Nellis AFB, NV

2016 Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award (SNCO), 5th Bomb Wing, Minot AFB, ND

2023 Selected as the CSEL Course Class Leader, Baltic Defence College, Tartu Estonia

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic September 28, 1998

Airman March 28, 1999

Airman First Class January 28, 2000

Senior Airman September 28, 2001

Staff Sergeant June 1, 2003

Technical Sergeant June 1, 2007

Master Sergeant June 1, 2010

Senior Master Sergeant February 1, 2014

Chief Master Sergeant August 1, 2017

(Current as of August 2024)

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.

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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.