

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA BOOK



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MASTER CHIEF (SS/IW) ANTHONY A. AMATO
COMMAND MASTER CHIEF
SUBMARINE SQUADRON ONE

Master Chief Amato is a native of Beacon, New York and enlisted in the United States Navy in July 2001. Following Basic Training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL, he attended Basic Enlisted Submarine School and Submarine Machinist's Mate "A" school in Groton, CT.

Upon graduation, he reported for duty onboard Submarines as an Auxiliary Machinist's Mate. He deployed Six times on his first three submarines: USS OKLAHOMA CITY (SSN 723), He also served on the USS SAN FRANCISCO (SSN 711), and USS NORFOLK (SSN 714). Ashore, Master Chief Amato served at Naval Recruiting District New England and SPAWAR Atlantic.



He has his Bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership from the University of Charleston and holds a Master's Degree from University of Massachusetts Global.

Master Chief Amato served as the Chief of the Boat onboard USS JOHN WARNER (SSN 785), homeported in Norfolk, VA, from July 2018 to May 2021. During his tour, he conducted extensive operations in the Atlantic, deployed to the northern Atlantic, and selected for Command Master Chief. Master Chief Amato's first CMC posting was to Ocean Processing Facility, Whidbey Island. As the CMC for Submarine Squadron ONE Master Chief Amato is the senior enlisted leader for the staff as well as the seven assigned Virginia class submarines.

His decorations include Two Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4 awards), and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (8 awards), as well as various unit and campaign awards.

Master Chief Amato is married to Joy Amato of New York, and resides in Pearl Harbor, HI with his three boys, Mason, Landon, and Jordan.



Sergeant Major Robert W. Ashby Jr.

Sergeant Major Ashby assumed his current post as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader for Marine Aircraft Group 26 on November 26, 2024. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on June 26, 2000, from Kansas City, Missouri, attended recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, completed Marine Combat Training at Camp Pendleton, California, and completed military occupational training at Marine Corps Communication Electronic School in Twentynine Palms, California, where he earned the Military Occupational Specialty 5942, Aviation Radar Repairer. In October 2005, he earned the Military Occupational Specialty 5948, Aviation Radar Technician.

Sergeant Major Ashby's Fleet Marine Force assignments include: Aviation Radar Repairer, Marine Air Control Squadron 2 (MACS-2); AN/TPS-63B Crew Chief, Marine Air Control Squadron 4; Maintenance Chief, Maintenance OIC, and Detachment SNCOIC, Early Warning and Control Detachment, MACS-2; Unit Senior Enlisted Leader, 3d Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion; Command Senior Enlisted Leader, 3d Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion; Command Senior Enlisted Leader 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines; Command Senior Enlisted Leader, Marine Aircraft Group 26.

Sergeant Major Ashby's supporting establishment assignments include: Chief Instructor, Curriculum Developer and received recognition as basic instructor of the year for 2006, Marine Corps Communication Electronic School; Inspector-Instructor, Maintenance Chief, S-6 SNCOIC and Squadron Gunnery Sergeant, Marine Air Control Squadron 23; AN/TPS-63B Chief Instructor and Unit Senior Enlisted Leader, Marine Corps Communication Electronic School; Inspector-Instructor, Unit Senior Enlisted Leader, Bridge Company C, 6th Engineer Support Battalion.

Sergeant Major Ashby's deployments include: Operation Enduring Freedom, Uzbekistan; Operation Enduring Freedom 11.2, Afghanistan; Operation Enduring Freedom 13.2, Afghanistan; Unit Deployment Program, Okinawa; Marine Rotational Force-Darwin 24.3, Australia.

Sergeant Major Ashby is PME complete and attended the United States Marine Corps Senior Enlisted Professional Military Education Course 1-17. His personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (two gold stars in lieu of third award), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two gold stars in lieu of third award), Navy, Marine Corps Achievement Medal (one silver star in lieu of sixth award), and Basic Parachutist Insignia. He graduated from American Military University with an associate's (general studies) and bachelor's (management) degree.



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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT SEVIN BALKUVVAR

CMSgt Sevin Balkuvvar is the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of War for Energy, Installations & Environment's Barracks Task Force at Headquarters Department of War, Pentagon, Washington D.C.. She oversees the development, planning, and execution of the Barracks Task Force mission to develop a department-wide barracks investment plan to address poor living conditions, ensuring all barracks meet clean, comfortable, and safe living standards. Additionally, Chief Balkuvvar serves as the Air Force First Sergeant Special Duty Manager and is responsible for the overall policy and guidance for the training, development, and management of more than 2,600 Total Force first sergeants supporting missions around the world.

Chief Balkuvvar was born in Istanbul, Turkey. She entered the Air Force in April 2002. Upon completion of basic military training, she attended technical school at Lackland AFB, Texas in preparation for duties as a Supply Management Specialist. Throughout her career, she has performed many diverse leadership roles supporting F-16, F-22, F-35, C-5, C-17, C-130, MQ-1, MQ-9, and HH-60 weapon system platforms. Additionally, Chief Balkuvvar has deployed in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa, NEW DAWN, INHERENT RESOLVE, FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, and SPARTAN SHIELD.

Prior to this assignment, she served as the Senior Advisor to the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, Washington D.C..



EDUCATION

2006 Airman Leadership Course, Kapaun Village, Germany

2007 Associate Degree in Logistics Management, Community College of the Air Force 2008 Ninth House Blended Leadership Course, Germersheim, Germany

2011 USAF Senior NCO Academy, Course 14, Non-Residence 2012 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Gunter AFB, AL 2012 USAF First Sergeant Academy, Gunter AFB, AL

2012 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA 2013 Professional Management Certificate, Community College of the Air Force

2013 Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, University of Maryland University College 2013 Associate Degree in Human Resource Management, Community College of the Air Force

2015 USAF Senior NCO Academy, Gunter AFB, AL

2015 AFSO21 Green Belt Certification Course, Andrews AFB, MD

2017 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA 2018 Certified Manager Certificate, Institute of Certified Professional Managers

2019 AFPC Squadron Superintendent Course, Lackland AFB, TX 2019 Chief Leadership Course, Gunter AFB, AL

2020 Senior Enlisted Legal Orientation Course, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, AL, by correspondence

2021 Command Chief Orientation Course, Andrews AFB, MD, by correspondence





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2021 USSF Pre Command Team Training, Colorado Springs, CO
2022 Leading Strategically, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, CO
2022 Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership, University of Massachusetts Global, CA
2022 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC
2022 Space Executive Course, National Security Space Institute, Peterson SFB, Colorado Springs, CO
2023 Enterprise Perspective Seminar, Alan L. Freed Associates, Inc., Chapel Hill Club, Washington, DC
2024 Senior Leader Security Seminar, Tappahannock, Virginia
2024 Leading Data and AI Enabled Organizations, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MA
2024 ASCENT Course, Pentagon, Washington D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 2002 – June 2002, Student, Basic Military Training School, Lackland AFB, TX
2. June 2002 – July 2002, Student, Supply Management Technical School, Lackland AFB, TX
3. July 2002 – May 2004, Receiving Clerk, 27th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Cannon AFB, NM (December 2002 – February 2003, Force Protection Escort, Al Udeid AB, Qatar)
4. May 2004 – June 2005, Materiel Control Clerk, 27th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Cannon AFB, NM
5. June 2005 – July 2007, Warehouse Inventory Clerk, DLA Defense Distribution Mapping Activity, Germany
6. July 2007 – July 2009, NCOIC, Customer Service, DLA Defense Distribution Mapping Activity, Germany
7. July 2009 – July 2012, NCOIC, Procedures & Accountability, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, District of Columbia (April 2011 – November 2011, NCOIC, Customer Support Section, Thumrait AB, Oman)
8. July 2012 – July 2017, First Sergeant, 707th Force Support Squadron, 22nd Intelligence Squadron, 707th Communications Squadron, 94th Intelligence Squadron, Fort Meade, MD (May – October 2014, 563th Air Expeditionary Group First Sergeant, Trapani AB, Italy)
9. July 2017 – September 2018, Materiel Management Flight Superintendent, 60th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Travis AFB, CA (January 2018 – August 2018, Materiel Management Flight Superintendent, Ali Al Salem AB, Kuwait)
10. September 2018 – May 2019, Chief, Materiel Management Flight, 96th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Eglin AFB, FL
11. May 2019 – December 2019, Squadron Superintendent, 96th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Eglin AFB, FL
12. December 2019 – June 2021, 96th Mission Support Group Superintendent, Eglin AFB, FL (September 2020 – April 2021, 378th Expeditionary Mission Support Group Superintendent, Interim Command Chief, 378th Air Expeditionary Wing, Prince Sultan AB, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)
13. July 2021 – July 2023 Command Chief, Peterson-Schriever Garrison, Peterson SFB, CO
14. July 2023 – March 2024, Command Chief, 96th Test Wing, Eglin AFB, FL
15. March 2024 – November 2025, Senior Advisor to the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
16. July 2024 – Present, Air Force First Sergeant Special Duty Manager, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
17. November 2025 – Present, Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of War for Energy, Installations & Environment Barracks Task Force, Pentagon, Washington D.C. (Concurrent Duty)

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

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





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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2006 Distinguished Graduate, Kapaun Airmen Leadership School
2008 Defense Distribution Center CMSgt Doolin AF Materiel Management Staff Enlisted Manager of the Year
2009 Materiel Management Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Air Force District of Washington
2011 Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling
2012 John L. Levitow, Gunter Noncommissioned Officer Academy
2013 First Sergeant of the Year Award, Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic April 2, 2002
Airman October 2, 2002
Airman 1st Class August 2, 2003
Senior Airman October 2, 2004
Staff Sergeant July 1, 2006
Technical Sergeant July 1, 2009
Master Sergeant July 1, 2012
Senior Master Sergeant March 1, 2016
Chief Master Sergeant December 1, 2018

(Current as of November 2025)





United States Navy Biography

Command Master Chief Petty Officer (Surface Warfare/Aviation Warfare/Fleet Marine Force Warfare) Rafael Barney II

Master Chief Petty Officer Barney was born in Queens, New York. He joined the Navy on August 3, 2000 upon graduating from Southridge Senior High School in Miami, Florida. After completion of basic training and Fireman Apprentice "A" School at Great Lakes, IL, he reported to the USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) where he was assigned to the Electronics Division of the Engineering Department.

Master Chief Barney went on to attend Religious Program Specialist (RP) "A" school from September to October 2001, graduating at the top of his class and selected as the Honor Graduate. He returned to the STENNIS to work for the Command Religious Ministries Department and deployed shortly after 11 September 2001 in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

Master Chief then went on to serve with the Marine Corps as he successfully completed Marine Corps Expeditionary Skills Training at Camp Lejeune, NC and was sent to the 1st Marine Logistics Group in Camp Pendleton, CA where he became the "Battalion RP" for the 7th Engineer Support Battalion. Master Chief deployed to Iraq in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM under the First Regimental Combat Team, First Marine Expeditionary Force assigned to Camp Fallujah, Iraq in 2004.



Upon completion of his tour of duty in Iraq, Master Chief Barney transferred to Naval Air Station Sigonella (Sicily, Italy) and served as the Leading Petty Officer of the Religious Ministries Department and was selected as Sigonella's 2007 Senior Sailor of the Year. Master Chief Barney then reported to the Office of the Chief of Navy Chaplains in the Pentagon in 2008 where he was promoted to Chief Petty Officer in September 2008. Master Chief then went on to become the Religious Program Manager for Commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia based out of Naples, Italy where he was promoted to Senior Chief Petty Officer in July of 2013. He followed that overseas tour with one in Jacksonville, Florida where he served as the manager of the religious programs for all naval installations across Navy Region Southeast from December 2014 to February 2018.

Master Chief was promoted to the last paygrade of the enlisted ranks in the summer of 2017. He reported to Navy Personnel Command in 2018 as the lead detailer for the Religious Program Specialist rating. While serving as the PERS-405 DLCPO he was selected to the Command Senior Enlisted Leader program in February of 2020 and reported in October of 2020 as the Command Master Chief (CMDCM) of "America's Lead Destroyer", the USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG-51). Master Chief went on to serve as the CMDCM of Naval Support Activity Souda Bay Greece from August of 2023 to 2025 before reporting to be the CMDCM for Naval Supply Systems Command, Fleet Logistics Center Bahrain in August 2025.

Master Chief Barney's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), the Navy Commendation Medal (four awards), the Navy Achievement Medal (seven awards), the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, various unit awards, and campaign and service medals. He has earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and a Master of Divinity degree from Liberty University in Chaplaincy. He is an honor graduate of the Navy's Senior Enlisted Academy as well as a graduate of the Command Master Chief Course.



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UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT ALEX BIRKLE

CMSgt Alex Birkle serves as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader for U.S. Space Forces in Europe and U.S. Space Forces Africa (SPACEFOREUR-AF), Ramstein, AB, Germany, reporting in on 17 July 2024. As the Command Senior Enlisted Leader, he is responsible for leading Guardians and Airmen in multiple Space Force Specialty Codes and Air Force Specialty Codes. As the principal advisor to the Commanding General, he oversees all matters impacting health, welfare, morale, utilization, education and progression of the command's military and civilian personnel as well as their families. Additionally, he is charged to distill Commander's intent into executable guidance for the SPACEFOREUR-AF Team.

Chief Birkle enlisted in the Army in 2000, during his junior year of high school. In his early career, he served as Team Sergeant, Section Sergeant, Platoon Sergeant, Operations Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, and Division Cyberspace Electromagnetic Activities Noncommissioned Officer in Charge. Chief Birkle's experience includes 5 combat deployments in Iraq, Africa, Europe, and Afghanistan. Prior to his transfer to U.S. Space Force, Chief Birkle was the Cyberspace Electromagnetic Activities Noncommissioned Officer in Charge for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Carson, Colorado. In this position Chief Birkle performed and supervised military actions involving security of the electromagnetic spectrum to maintain friendly use, while identifying, attributing, exploiting, and mitigating hostile use.

EDUCATION

- 2001 Basic Military Training, Fort Benning, GA
- 2002 Advanced Individual Training, Fort Lee, VA
- 2005 Preliminary Leadership Development Course, Schofield Barracks, HI
- 2010 Associates of Arts in General Studies, Central Texas College, Killeen, TX
- 2010 Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Schofield Barracks, HI
- 2012 Airborne School, Fort Benning, GA 2012 Army Electronic Warfare Course, Fort Sill, OK
- 2015 Senior Leader Course, Fort Sill, OK
- 2018 Battle Staff Course, Fort Campbell, KY 2018 Master Leader Course, Fort Campbell, KY
- 2018 Joint Electronic Warfare Course, Lackland AFB, TX
- 2022 Bachelor of Arts in Business, American Military University, Charles Town, WV
- 2025 Africa 25-A Senior Leaders Course, Washington, D.C.





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UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE

ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. Nov 2000-Jan 2004, Petroleum Supply Specialist, Headquarters and Headquarters' Company, 380th Quartermaster Battalion, Evansville, IN
2. Jan 2004-Oct 2005, Petroleum Heavy Vehicle Operator, 82nd Engineer Company, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Edwards, Korea
3. Oct 2005-Aug 2010, Team Sergeant, 82nd Engineer Company, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, HI
4. Aug 2010-Jun 2012, Squad Leader, Alpha Company, 101st Forward Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, KS
5. Jun 2012-Jan 2017, Electronic Warfare Sergeant, 2nd Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Carson, CO
6. Jan 2017-Oct 2018, S3 NCOIC, 2-327 Infantry Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Infantry Division (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY
7. Oct 2018-Apr 2020, Division Electronic Warfare NCOIC, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, CO
8. Apr 2020-May 2022, Special Operations Electronic Warfare NCOIC, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Carson, CO
9. May 2022-Jun 2023, Senior Enlisted Leader, 16th Electromagnetic Warfare Squadron, Peterson SFB, CO
10. Jun 2023-Jul 2024, Senior Enlisted leader, Space Delta 3, Peterson SFB, CO
11. Jul 2024-Present, Command Senior Enlisted Leader, U.S. Space Forces in Europe and U.S. Space Forces Africa, Ramstein, AB, Germany

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Army Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster and one "C" device

Army Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Private (E1) November 7, 2000

Private First Class (E3) September 1, 2002

Specialist (E4) January 1, 2004

Sergeant (E5) June 1, 2007

Staff Sergeant (E6) June 1, 2011

Sergeant First Class (E7) May 1, 2014

Master Sergeant (E8) January 1, 2019

Chief Master Sergeant (E9) February 1, 2023

(Current as of December 2025)





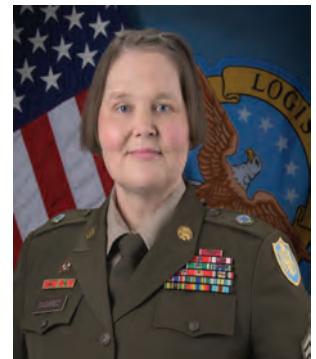
United States Army

Command Sergeant Major Petra M. Casarez

Command Senior Enlisted Leader
Defense Logistics Agency

8725 John J. Kingman Road, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060

Since: September 2025



EDUCATIONAL DEGREES/CERTIFICATIONS

University of Texas –MA –Leadership Studies
Wayland Baptist University –BS –Management Studies
Central Texas College–AA –General Studies

MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED

Nominative Leader Course, Sergeants Major Academy, Senior Leader Course, Advanced Leader Course, Basic Leader Course, Master Fitness Trainer Course, Drill Sergeant School, Basic Instructor Training Course, Lean Six Sigma-Green Belt Course, Combat Lifesaver Course.

PROMOTIONS

	<u>DATE OF PROMOTION</u>
SGT	Nov 1997
SSG	Nov 1999
SFC	Sep 2003

PROMOTIONS

	<u>DATE OF PROMOTION</u>
MSG	Jan 2007
SGM	Oct 2014

FROM TO ASSIGNMENT

Sep 25	Present	Assignment #1 Command Senior Enlisted Leader, Defense Logistics Agency, Fort Belvoir, VA
Feb 23	Sep 25	Assignment #2 Sergeant Major, Headquarters Department of the Army G-4, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
Aug 21	Feb 23	Assignment #3 Command Sergeant Major, U.S. Army Joint Munitions Command, Rock Island Arsenal, IL
Sep 19	Jul 21	Assignment #4 Command Sergeant Major, U.S. Army Ordnance School, Fort Lee, VA
Oct 18	Sep 19	Assignment #5 G3 Sergeant Major, Headquarters U.S. Army Materiel Command, Redstone Arsenal, AL
May 17	Oct 18	Assignment #6 Command Sergeant Major, 403d AFSB; Camp Henry, Korea
Jul 15	May 17	Assignment #7 Command Sergeant Major, DHBB, 3ID, Fort Stewart, GA
Jul 13	Jul 15	Assignment #8 Division Maintenance Sergeant Major, 2ID, Camp Red Cloud, Korea
Jun 12	Jul 13	Assignment #9 Student, USASMA, Fort Bliss, TX
Apr 10	Jun 12	Assignment #10 Senior Enlisted Advisor, AFSBn-Korea, Camp Casey, Korea
Mar 08	Apr 10	Assignment #11 First Sergeant, B CO, 172d SPT BN, Conn Barracks, Germany
Nov 07	Mar 08	Assignment #12 First Sergeant, B CO, 299th FSB, Conn Barracks, Germany
Mar 06	Nov 07	Assignment #13 Battalion Maintenance Supervisor, 299th FSB, Conn Barracks, Germany
Jan 05	Mar 06	Senior Drill Sergeant Leader, A CO, 143d ORD BN, Edgewood Arsenal, MD
Oct 03	Dec 04	Assignment #15 Drill Sergeant Leader, A CO, 143d ORD BN, Edgewood Arsenal, MD
Apr 00	Oct 03	Assignment #16 Instructor/Writer, HHC, 187th ORD BN, Fort Jackson, SC
Mar 99	Apr 00	Assignment #17 Motor Sergeant, HHD, 208th FIN BN, Spinelli Barracks, Germany
Feb 97	Mar 98	Assignment #18 Light Wheel Vehicle Mechanic, HHC 122d SIG BN, 2ID, Camp Casey, Korea

DECORATIONS AND BADGES

Legion of Merit (3 OLC), Bronze Star Medal (1 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (5 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (1 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (8 OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal (9th AWD), National Defense Service Medal (2nd AWD), Iraq Campaign Medal (3 CS), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 6), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 8), Meritorious Unit Award(1OLC), Army Superior Unit Award (1 OLC), Drill Sergeant Badge, Honorable Order of Samuel Sharpe, Order of Saint Martin, Order of Saint Christopher, General Brehon B. Somerwell Medallion Of Excellence.



Master Chief Malia Chasteen

Command Senior Enlisted Leader
to Deputy Commandant for Personnel

Master Chief Malia Chasteen assumed the duties as Deputy Commandant for Personnel Command Master Chief (DCP-CMC) in July 2025. As the principal senior enlisted advisor, she collaborates with the Office of the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard (MCPOCG) and other service Command Senior Enlisted Leaders to advise the Deputy Commandant for Personnel, who is responsible for personnel, training, medical, work-life, safety, and security areas for the Coast Guard enterprise and exercises technical control over the Coast Guard Academy and the CG Force Readiness Command.

Prior to this assignment, Master Chief Chasteen was the Command Senior Enlisted Leader, for Base Los Angeles Long Beach. Primary responsibility to advise the Commanding Officer of Base Los Angeles Long Beach on all issues and initiatives pertaining to all Coast Guard members and their families within the Los Angeles Long Beach area of responsibility.



Master Chief's previous assignments include Officer in Charge Coast Guard Station Maui, Hawaii; Officer in Charge, CGC TACKLE, Rockland, ME; Executive Petty Officer, Station Port Angeles, Port Angeles, WA; Sector Los Angeles/Long Beach, San Pedro, CA; Operations Petty Officer, Executive Petty Officer, CGC HALIBUT, Marina Del Rey, CA; First Lieutenant, Station Channel Islands Harbor, Oxnard, CA; CGC PIKE, Yerba Buena Island, CA; CGC RUSH, Honolulu, HI; CGC WASHINGTON, Honolulu, HI. Originally from Cape Cod, MA, Master Chief Chasteen enlisted in the United States Coast Guard in April 2003.

Master Chief Chasteen is a graduate of Senior Enlisted Leadership Course class 88, Chief Petty Officer's Academy Class 232 and completed CCTI in 2017. She is an active member of the Coast Guard mentoring program and a certified empowerment Coach. She is a graduate of various service schools including Boat Forces Command Cadre, National Aids to Navigation Schools, and the STAR Maritime Institute. Master Chief has earned an associate degree in Communications and is currently pursuing her BA in Strategic Communication through American Military University. Master Chief is a member of the Chief Petty Officer's Association and the Sea Service Leadership Association.

Master Chief's awards include Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medals, and Coast Guard Achievement Medals. In addition to various personal and unit level awards, she wears the Officer in Charge Afloat and Ashore device for the Multi Mission specialty, the Permanent Cutterman insignia, and the Advanced Boat Forces insignia.



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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT KARIE A. CONTRERAS

Chief Karie A. Contreras is the Command Chief, 482d Fighter Wing, Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla. As the key enlisted advocate, she advises the commander on operational effectiveness and the organization, training, and equipping of more than 2,000 total force personnel. She is responsible for the professional development and proper utilization of the enlisted force, working in concert with Group Senior Enlisted Leaders, Squadron SELs and First Sergeants to oversee the readiness, training, health, morale, welfare, quality of life, and force development of assigned personnel. She also provides leadership and guidance as the commander's representative to numerous committees, councils, and boards, and at military functions throughout the command.

Chief Contreras enlisted in the Air Force in January of 1999. Throughout her career, she has served in Active Duty, Air Reserve Technician and Traditional Reservist roles supporting C-130 E/H airlift and F-16 C/D tactical missions. She has experience in joint service operations and has participated in multiple joint interoperability exercises. Chief Contreras has deployed in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Noble Eagle, Inherent Resolve and Freedom's Sentinel.



EDUCATION

- 1999 Aerospace Maintenance Apprentice Course, Shepperd Air Force Base, Texas
- 2002 Airman Leadership School, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
- 2007 Associate of Applied Science, Aircraft Maintenance Technology, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2007 Airframe & Powerplant License, Federal Aviation Authority Certificate, Washington, D.C., by correspondence
- 2008 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Keesler AFB, Miss.
- 2008 Bachelor of Science, Professional Aeronautics, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.
- 2008 Aviation Safety Certificate, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.
- 2014 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education (SEJPME I) course, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2015 Senior NCO Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2016 Human Factors Incident Investigation Course, Delta Air Lines, Atlanta, Ga.
- 2017 Master of Science, Aeronautics/Aviation Safety Systems, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.
- 2020 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education (SEJPME II) course, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2019 Chief Master Sergeant Orientation Course, Robins AFB, Ga.
- 2021 Group Senior Enlisted Leader Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2022 Chief Master Sergeant Leadership Course, Chief Master Sergeant Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2023 Reserve Component National Security Course, National Defense University, Washington D.C.
- 2024 Eurasia Seminar, Alan L. Freed Associates, Capitol Hill Club, Washington, D.C.
- 2024 Enterprise Perspective Seminar, Alan L. Freed Associates, Capitol Hill Club, Washington, D.C.
- 2025 Senior Leader Security Seminar, Office of Special Investigations, Alton, Va.



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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. August 1999 – December 2001, Crew Chief, C-130 AWADS, 37th Airlift Squadron, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
2. January 2002 – February 2004, Flying Crew Chief, 61st Airlift Squadron, Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.
3. March 2004 – November 2007, Dedicated Crew Chief, 314th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
4. December 2007 – December 2008, Squadron Programs Manager, 314th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
5. January 2009 – September 2012, AMXS Craftsman, 94th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Dobbins ARB, Ga.
6. October 2012 – December 2016, Aero Repair NCOIC, 94th Maintenance Squadron, Dobbins ARB, Ga.
7. January 2017 – July 2017, Interim First Sergeant, 94th Maintenance Squadron, Dobbins ARB, Ga.
8. August 2017 – September 2018, Aero Repair NCOIC, 94th Maintenance Squadron, Dobbins ARB, Ga.
9. October 2018 – September 2021, Superintendent, 94th Maintenance Squadron, Dobbins ARB, Ga.
10. October 2021 – June 2023, Senior Enlisted Leader, 482d Maintenance Group, Homestead ARB, Fla.
11. June 2023 – June 2025, Command Chief, 944th Fighter Wing, Luke AFB, Ariz.
12. July 2025 – Present, Command Chief, 482d Fighter Wing, Homestead ARB, Fla.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic Jan. 13, 1999

Airman First Class Feb. 26, 1999

Senior Airman Dec. 26, 2000

Staff Sergeant Aug. 1, 2002

Technical Sergeant July 1, 2006

Master Sergeant Oct. 1, 2015

Senior Master Sergeant Oct. 1, 2018

Chief Master Sergeant Jan. 1, 2021

(Current as of August 2025)





Sergeant Major Michael C. Croft

Command Senior Enlisted Leader, H&S Bn, HQMC, HH



Sergeant Major Croft enlisted in the Marine Corps in March of 2007 and began Recruit Training at Parris Island, SC on 2 July 2007. Upon graduation from Recruit Training, Private First Class Croft attended Marine Combat Training at Camp Geiger, NC. Graduating in December 2007, Private First Class Croft then attended the Basic Landing Support Specialist Course at Camp Johnson, NC. After graduating in December 2007 as the honor graduate, he was meritoriously promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal and received orders to Landing Support Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, Camp Pendleton, California.

In February 2008, Lance Corporal Croft reported to Combat Logistics Battalion 13 and began workups for the 13th MEU. In June of 2008, Lance Corporal Croft deployed to Aqaba, Jordan in support of Exercise Native Fury 08. In December 2008, he was promoted to the rank of Corporal. In January 2009, Corporal Croft deployed with the 13th MEU during which he participated in Exercise Sea Soldier with the Oman Army and Exercise Eastern Maverick with the Qatar Army. In May of 2009, Corporal Croft attended the Corporal's Course aboard the USS Comstock graduating as the honor graduate, Gung-ho recipient, and recipient of the Master Gunnery Sergeant Diamond award for excellence in writing. Upon returning from deployment in August 2009, he was meritoriously promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Sergeant Croft deployed to Bahrain in April 2010 and successfully led his team through Exercise Native Fury 10. In October 2010, Sergeant Croft attended the Sergeant's Course graduating in December as a distinguished graduate. Sergeant Croft deployed in February 2011 with the 13th MEU as the Landing Support SNCOIC for the USS Comstock. He was forward deployed to Djibouti, Africa to establish a logistical node and set up an alert Evacuation Control Center team. Sergeant Croft and his team controlled all movement of personnel and cargo from air and sea through Djibouti for the duration of the 13th MEU's CENTCOM deployment.

Upon return in September 2011, Sergeant Croft remained with Combat Logistics Battalion 13 as an enabler. During the next several months, he advised the new command on lessons learned and assisted with planning for the upcoming deployment. He also acted as an advisor/evaluator for the Black Sea Rotational Force for their upcoming MARFOREUROPE deployment. On 2 April 2012, he was meritoriously promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Staff Sergeant Croft reported to Drill Instructor School on 03 April 2012. After successfully completing Drill Instructor School as the Honor Graduate and Leadership Award recipient, he was assigned to India Company, Third Recruit Training Battalion. During this time he held billets as a Drill Instructor, Experienced Drill Instructor, Senior Drill Instructor, Battalion Logistics Chief, and Chief Drill Instructor. He was promoted to Gunnery Sergeant in January of 2015. Gunnery Sergeant Croft successfully completed his tour in July 2015 and received orders to 1st Marine Raider Support Battalion, Camp Pendleton, California.

In August 2015 Gunnery Sergeant Croft reported to Logistics Company, 1st Marine Raider Support Battalion filling the billet of Company Gunnery Sergeant until January 2016. He was then assigned to Delta Company, 1st Marine Raider Battalion as the Logistic Chief. From January to July Gunnery Sergeant Croft led the Logistics Support Team in support of Delta Company's pre-deployment training. Due to reorganization of the company, Gunnery Sergeant Croft did not deploy with Delta Company and was reassigned to and deployed with Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force - Iraq filling the billet of Support Center - Iraq Senior Enlisted Advisor. After returning from deployment Gunnery Sergeant Croft served again as the Logistics Company Gunnery Sergeant from July to November 2017. In November 2017 he took over as the Logistics Company First Sergeant. On 30 May 2018 he was frocked to the rank of First Sergeant and in June 2018 executed orders to Marine Detachment, Keesler Air Force Base as the Detachment First Sergeant.

In July 2020 First Sergeant Croft reported to Combat Logistics Regiment 27 to serve in the billet as the Headquarters Company First Sergeant. Upon selection to Sergeant Major, he received orders to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 363 and assumed the duties of the Command Senior Enlisted Leader on 3 March 2023. From April to October 2023, he deployed as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader for the Air Combat Element in support of Marine Rotational Force - Darwin 23.3.

In March 2025, Sergeant Major Croft reported to Headquarters and Service Battalion, Headquarters Marine Corps, Henderson Hall and assumed his duties as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader on 27 March 2025.

Sergeant Major Croft holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Park University. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with gold star in lieu of third award, Joint Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with gold star in lieu of third award, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with gold star in lieu of second award. He is married to the former Nicole Brunner. They have two children, Caroline and Landon.



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CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT MARTINA J. CROUSE

CMSgt Martina J. Crouse is the Senior Executive Assistant to the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chief of the National Guard Bureau at the Pentagon, Washington D.C. She is the primary advisor and spokesperson of the Senior Enlisted Advisor regarding issues related to the analysis and enforcement of policy and standards for 355,000 assigned enlisted National Guardsmen. She ensures the implementation of the Senior Enlisted Advisor's intent and guidance, and unity of effort across the joint staff, and synchronizes efforts with service staffs. Chief Crouse assumes the Senior Enlisted Advisor's duties in the principle's absence and is an advisor to many Department of War level councils.

CMSgt Crouse enlisted in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard in April 2002 with the 193rd Special Operations Wing. Her background includes four years of service in Supply Management and Operations Management with the 201st RED HORSE Squadron. In April 2006, she transitioned into Recruiting and Retention. Prior to assuming her current position, she served as the Senior Enlisted Leader for the Senior Leader Management Office at Herbert R. Temple Army National Guard Readiness Center in Arlington, Virginia.



EDUCATION

2006 Airman Leadership School, McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Tenn., by correspondence
2010 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, McGhee Tyson ANG Base, Tenn., by correspondence
2010 Bachelor of Arts, Organizational Leadership, Eastern University, St. David's, Pa.
2013 Master of Business Administration, Eastern University, St. David's, Pa.
2014 National Guard Bureau Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Course, Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa.
2015 Defense Support of Civil Authorities Phase I Certification, National Defense University, Washington, D.C., by correspondence
2015 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Course I, National Defense University, Washington, D.C., by correspondence
2016 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, Ala.
2016 International Senior Noncommissioned Officer Leadership Program, McGhee Tyson ANG Base, Tenn.
2018 United States Air Force Contemporary Base Issues, Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa.
2019 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Course II, National Defense University, Washington, D.C., by correspondence
2020 Reserve Component National Security Course, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.
2020 Associate of Applied Science, Human Resources Management, Community College of the Air Force, Montgomery, Ala., by correspondence
2022 Leadership Team Awareness Seminar, Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute, Fla., by correspondence
2022 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Enhancement Course, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
2022 Comprehensive Health and Wellness Executive Leaders Course, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Va.



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2023 Purple Resolve, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Va.
2023 BetterUp Coaching Program, Career Coaching for Senior Leaders, Department of the Air Force
2024 Impact Immersive Experience, Impact Human Performance, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
2024 Chief's Leadership Academy Strategic Leader Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2024 Enterprise Perspective Seminar, Alan L. Freed Associates, Capitol Hill Club, Washington, D.C
2024 Leadership in Homeland Security, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
2025 Air National Guard Chief Master Sergeant Orientation Course, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
2025 Leading Strategically, Center of Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, Colo.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 2002 - July 2004, Supply Management, 201st RED HORSE Squadron, Ft Indiantown Gap, Pa.
2. August 2004 - April 2006, Operations Management, 201st RED HORSE Squadron, Ft Indiantown Gap, Pa.
3. May 2006 - January 2014, Production Recruiter, 193rd Special Operations Wing, Middletown, Pa.
4. February 2014 - May 2016, Recruiting Office Supervisor, 193rd Special Operations Wing, Middletown, Pa.
5. June 2016 - November 2020, Recruiting and Retention Senior Enlisted Leader, Joint Force HQ, Ft Indiantown Gap, Pa.
6. December 2020 – November 2024, Senior Enlisted Leader, Senior Leader Management, NGB, TARC, Arlington, Va.
7. December 2024 – Present, Senior Executive Assistant to the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with two leaf clusters

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2006 Distinguished Graduate Award, Operations Management Apprentice Course
2007 Outstanding Noncommissioned Officer of the Year
2010 National Honor Society, Alpha Sigma Lambda
2011 National Top Battlefield Airmen Recruiting Office of the Year
2011 Region IV Top Production Recruiter of the Year
2014 Pennsylvania Patriot Team of the Year
2014 Region IV Patriot Team of the Year
2015 Distinguished Graduate Award, Recruiting and Retention Management Course
2015 National Century Club Award (Over 400 Career Accessions)
2015 Pennsylvania Recruiting Officer Supervisor of the Year
2015 Region IV Recruiting Office Supervisor of the Year
2015 Pennsylvania Patriot Team of the Year
2015 Region IV Patriot Team of the Year
2015 National Patriot Team of the Year
2016 Distinguished Graduate Award, Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy
2016 Region IV Golden Eagle State Award
2016 Region IV Recruiting and Retention Superintendent of the Year
2018 Region IV Golden Eagle State Award
2018 Region IV Recruiting and Retention Superintendent of the Year
2019 Region IV Golden Eagle State Award

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Air Force Sergeants Association
American Veterans Association
Command Enlisted Leader Advisory Committee





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Enlisted Associations of the National Guard of the United States
Pennsylvania National Guard Association
Pennsylvania National Guard Enlisted Association

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman First Class April 30, 2002
Senior Airman July 15, 2003
Staff Sergeant May 15, 2006
Technical Sergeant June 17, 2008
Master Sergeant July 21, 2014
Senior Master Sergeant November 15, 2016
Chief Master Sergeant November 03, 2023

(Current as of December 2025)





United States Navy Biography

CMDCM(SW/AW) Jerry E. Dotson Command Master Chief, Commander Naval Information Force Reserve

Master Chief Dotson was born in Garden Grove, CA and raised in Sacramento, CA. He enlisted in the Navy on July 29, 2002, and attended recruit training and Electricians Mate “A” School in Great Lakes, IL.

Upon graduating “A” school, he received orders to Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity (SIMA), Ingleside, TX. During this tour, he worked for 51-A motor rewind shop. Upon his transfer, he advanced to EM2. In March 2004, he was transferred to USS RODNEY M. DAVIS (FFG-60), stationed in Everett, WA. While onboard he attained his Enlisted Surface Warfare designation and Engineering Officer of the Watch. While onboard, he deployed to Southern Pacific in support of Counter-Narcotics Terrorism Operations. During the 2007 deployment, the Coast guard credited RODNEY M. DAVIS with the first liquid cocaine seizures in the Eastern Pacific. He was promoted to EM1 under the Command Advancement Program.



In December 2009, he transferred to Navy Reserve Center, Everett, WA where he started serving as the Command Career Counselor. After his selection to Chief Petty Officer, he was appointed as the Senior Enlisted Leader for NOSC Everett. He then transferred to USS SIMPSON (FFG-56) home ported in Mayport, FL as the Electrical Division LCPO, in July 2013. While onboard, he was selected to Senior Chief and completed two AFRICOM Deployments.

In November 2015, he reported to Navy Reserve Center Phoenix as the Command Senior Chief. He was selected for Master Chief during this tour. In December 2018, he reported to VP-69 as the Command Master Chief. VP-69 was the recipient of the 2019 CNAFR CAPT David McCampbell Trophy and Squadron of the Year. At VP-69, he deployed in the squadron's first-ever self-mobilization to the 7th Fleet Area of Responsibility in 2019 and 2020. He also qualified for the Enlisted Air Warfare Specialist (EAWS) during this tour.

In February 2022, he assumed the duties as the Command Master Chief for Navy Reserve Region Readiness and Mobilization Command Everett serving 16 Navy Reserve Centers. Currently, he is the Command Master Chief for Commander, Naval Information Force Reserve (CNIFR) the first CNIFR CMC to be chosen from the TAR (Training and Administration of the Reserve) community.

He earned an Associate’s Degree in General Studies from Columbia College of Missouri and is a graduate of the United States Navy Senior Enlisted Academy, Class 190 (Brown) and Command Master Chief Course, Class 149.

His Decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (3 awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2 awards) Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (6 awards) and various service and campaign awards. He attributes all of his personal awards and successes to his family, mentors and the Sailors with whom he had proudly served exemplifying the Navy's Core Values.

Chief Warrant Officer Marc Y. Drolet

Chief Warrant Officer Marc Drolet was born in Val D'Or, Quebec and joined the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) as a Primary Army Reserve Combat Engineer, in 1992. In February 1993, CWO Drolet transferred to the Regular Force as a Combat Engineer. After completion of his trade training, he was initially transferred to 2 Combat Engineer Regiment (CER) in Petawawa, Ontario.

CWO Drolet served in several engineer units across Canada. During his career, he served with 2 CER (1993-99), 1 CER (1999-2004), 5 Regiment du Genie de Combat (2007-12 and 2016-18) and 1 Engineer Equipment Troop (2013-14). CWO Drolet also broadened his breadth of experience by serving in other Canadian Armed Forces units. He served with the Canadian Forces Recruitment Centre in Vancouver, British Columbia (2004-07), Quebec Area Standards Warrant Officer (2012-13), and the Canadian Manoeuvre Training Center (CMT), in Wainwright, Alberta (2014-16 and 2018-21). In 2021, CWO Drolet was appointed as the 1 CER RSM.

CWO Drolet has deployed on numerous expeditionary and domestic operations, including multiple rotations to Latvia with CMT, where he supported the delivery of the Integrated Capstone Exercise to the enhanced Forward Presence Battle Groups. Following his deployment as the Task Force Sergeant-Major on Operation UNIFIER in 2023, he was appointed as the 3rd Canadian Division Support Group Sergeant-Major. In August 2025, CWO Drolet assumed the appointment of Canadian Army Doctrine and Training Centre Sergeant-Major in Kingston, Ontario.

CWO Drolet is married to Natacha. They have three children, Xavier, Jakob, and Ray.





CSM Eckelberg enlisted in the Army in 2000 with an initial assignment at HHC, 732nd Maintenance Battalion in Tomah, WI as an 88M. In 2003 he obtained E5 with the 1158th Transportation Company, assigned as a Senior HET Driver, and mobilized in 2003 in support of Operation Noble Eagle and then deployed in 2004-2005 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with that unit.

After returning from mobilization in 2003, he was selected for the AGR Training NCO position with the 829th Engineer Company, in Richland Center, WI, a separate company of the 724th Engineer Battalion. During his time in the 724th Engineer Battalion he held leadership positions from Team Leader to Command Sergeant Major and held AGR positions as Operations NCO at the Company, Battalion, and Group (BDE) levels. He obtained the 12B, 12K, 12G, and 12N MOSSs.

In 2011 he was selected for an instructor and BN S1 position with 2nd Battalion, 426th Regiment. He then deployed to Afghanistan with the 229th Engineer Company in 2012-2013 as a Platoon Sergeant. After returning from Afghanistan, he resumed duty with the 426th Regiment (RTI) at the Wisconsin Military Academy, where he held positions as BN S1, BN S3, instructor, OCS Platoon Trainer, and RTI Assistant Operations NCO.

In 2016 he completed Warrant Officer Candidate School as the honor graduate of his class and declined his commission to remain an enlisted leader. In 2017, he was selected as the Training NCO for WI-JFHQ-G3 in Madison, Wisconsin. Later in that year, he was selected for promotion as the Battalion Operations NCO with the 724th Engineer Battalion and the First Sergeant with the 950th Engineer Company (Route Clearance). In 2019, CSM Eckelberg was selected to be the Quota Source Manager for the State of Wisconsin in the WI-JFHQ-G3 section. In 2022, CSM Eckelberg was selected to be the Quality Assurance NCO, and later that year, the Command Sergeant Major/Commandant for the 426th Regiment (RTI). In 2024 CSM Eckelberg was selected to be the 724th Engineer Battalion CSM and performed in that role for both organizations until his eventual deployment in October 2024 as the 724th Engineer Battalion CSM in support of U.S. Border Patrol along the U.S. Southern Border. During that deployment, CSM Eckelberg was nominated and selected for a bench position as the Enlisted Legislative Liaison for the National Guard Bureau, with duty at the Pentagon, where he currently serves in a critical role focusing on Army authorizations. He holds a Master of Science degree in Management and Organizational Leadership from Excelsior University in Albany, New York.

CSM Eckelberg lives in Arlington, VA with his loving wife Kelli of 23 years and daughter Lauren (17). He has two grown sons, Jared (25) who lives in Tomah, WI and Carson (22) who is active-duty Army as a 15C and is stationed at Fort Hood, TX.

Sergeant Major Michael T. Escobar Command Senior Enlisted Leader, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division



Sergeant Major Michael T. Escobar is a native of Berea, South Carolina and began service in the United States Marine Corps in March 2000 at Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) Parris Island, South Carolina. He assumed his current duties as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader of 1st Marine Regiment in July of 2024.

He has served in the Fleet Marine Forces with 1st, 2d, and 3d Marine Divisions, 1st Marine Logistics Group, and 3d Marine Aircraft Wing in the following units: 2d Battalion 10th Marines (November 2000 – January 2004); 1st Battalion 12th Marines (September 2006 – September 2009); 1st Maintenance Battalion (October 2012 – August 2015); 1st Tank Battalion (March 2016–November 2016); 2d Battalion 7th Marines (December 2016– March 2019); 3d Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion (April 2019 – April 2021).

His service outside the Fleet Marine Force includes: Marine Security Guard, United States Embassies Tegucigalpa, Honduras and San Jose, Costa Rica (January 2004 - August 2006). Marine Corps Recruiters RS Sacramento, RSS Clovis, CA and Station Commander RSS Fresno, CA (October 2009 - October 2012). Faculty Advisor Enlisted Professional Military Education Academy Camp Pendleton, CA (August 2015 - March 2016).

He was promoted to his current rank in September 2021 where he has served with Recruiting Station Ft Lauderdale and Basic Recruiters Course School MCRD, San Diego.

Sergeant Major Escobar's personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with four Gold Stars, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with two Gold Stars, and various other Service and Campaign medals.



Master Chief Joshua D. Ewing

Command Master Chief Coast Guard Base Honolulu



Master Chief Joshua D. Ewing assumed the duties of Command Master Chief for Base Honolulu in July 2023. His primary responsibility is to advise the Base Commander on issues and initiatives pertaining to all Coast Guard Members and their families throughout Base Honolulu's area of responsibility. Prior to this assignment, Master Chief Ewing served as the Aviation Maintenance Technician Rating Force Master Chief.

Originally from Santa Cruz, CA, CMC Ewing enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard on September 22, 1997. His previous assignments after graduation from recruit training at Cape May, NJ, include CGC CHASE in San Pedro, CA, CGAS Barbers Point, HI, CGAS Borinquen, PR, CGAS Barbers Point, CGAS Los Angeles, CA, Aviation Technical Training Center, NC, and CGAS Elizabeth City, NC, and CGAS Sitka, AK.



CMC Ewing holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Professional Aeronautics, a Master of Aeronautical Science Degree with an emphasis in Aviation Safety from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and is a Private Pilot. He is a graduate of the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer's Academy Class 185, the Coast Guard Senior Enlisted Leadership Course Class 51.

CMC Ewing's personal awards include two Meritorious Service Medals, three Commendation Medals with Operational Distinguishing Devices, a Coast Guard Achievement Medal with Operational Distinguishing Device, two Commandant's Letters of Commendation with Operation Devices, eight Coast Guard Good Conduct Medals, a National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, two Humanitarian Service Medals, and 17 additional unit and team awards.

He has been married to the former Abby Prather of Coos Bay, OR since 2010. They are the very proud parents of their daughter Ella, who is attending elementary school.



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CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT CESAR FLORES

CMSgt Cesar Flores is the Senior Enlisted Leader, Competitive Activities, The Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. In this role, he provides enlisted perspective on the formulation, review, and execution of strategic plans and assessments, and ensures the synchronization, integration, and oversight of sensitive activities and special access programs, to bolster the department's competitive posture.

Chief Flores entered the military in July 1999. His career began with a three-year enlistment in the U.S. Army as an Infantryman in the 82nd Airborne Division. After an 18-month break in service, Chief Flores joined the Air Force in January 2004. His background as an Airman includes 5 years in Security Forces and more than nine years as an Instructor and Evaluator Boom Operator on the KC-135R/T before cross-flowing to the Remote Piloted Aircraft Sensor Operator career field in August 2016. Chief Flores has a rich depth of combat experience and has deployed nine times in support of Operations ALLIED FORCE, JOINT GUARDIAN, IRAQI FREEDOM, NEW DAWN, ODYSSEY DAWN, JUNIPER MICRON, and FREEDOM'S SENTINEL.

Prior to assuming his current position, Chief Flores served as the 31st Fighter Wing Command Chief at Aviano AB, Italy.



EDUCATION

1999 Army School of Infantry, Fort Benning, Ga.
1999 Army Airborne School, Fort Benning, Ga.
2002 Army Primary Leadership Development Course, Fort Bragg, N.C.
2004 Security Forces Apprentice Course, Lackland AFB, Texas
2005 Airman Leadership School, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
2010 Boom Operator Initial Qualification Course, KC-135, Altus AFB, Okla.
2010 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Peterson AFB, Colo.
2010 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy Course 14, Non-Residence
2010 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Course, Non-Residence
2011 Central Flight Instructor Course, KC-135, Altus AFB, Okla.
2011 Additional Duty First Sergeant's Seminar, McConnell AFB, Kan.
2011 Associate Degree, Criminal Justice, Community College of the Air Force
2011 Associate Degree, Aviation Operations, Community College of the Air Force
2014 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy (Residence), Gunter Annex, Ala.
2014 Bachelor's Degree, Criminal Justice, Southwestern College, Winfield, Kan.
2016 Basic Sensor Operator Course, Randolph AFB, Texas
2017 Sensor Operator Initial Qualification Course, MQ-9, Holloman AFB, N.M.
2017 Chief Leadership Course (Residence), Gunter Annex, Ala.
2018 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Course II, Non-Residence
2018 Associate Degree, Space Technology, Community College of the Air Force
2019 Command Chief Master Sergeant Training Course, Andrews AFB, Md.
2019 Institute for Defense & Business CPI for Executives Course, Cincinnati, Ohio



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2020 Master's of Science Degree in Criminal Justice, University of Louisville, Ky.
2020 Senior Enlisted Legal Orientation, Judge Advocate General's School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2021 Leading Strategically, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, Colo.
2023 Enterprise Perspective Seminar, Alan L. Freed Associates, Washington, D.C.
2024 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1999 – July 2002, Fire Team Leader, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C. (January – June 2001, M203 Grenadier, NATO KFOR, Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo)
2. January 2004 – October 2006, Security Forces Patrolman, 325th Security Forces Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla. (July 2005 – January 2006, Fire Team Leader, 407 ESFS, Ali Base, Iraq)
3. October 2006 – April 2009, Security Forces Flight Chief, 325 SFS, Tyndall AFB, Fla. (May – December 2007, Fire Team Leader, 586 ESFS, Camp Bucca, Iraq)
4. May 2009 – April 2011, NCOIC, Flight Scheduling, 384th Air Refueling Squadron, McConnell Air Force Base (AFB), Kan. (August – October 2009/Mar – April 2010/June – August 2010, Combat Aircrew Boom Operator, 340 EARS, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar)
5. April 2011 – July 2012, Squadron Superintendent/Evaluator Boom Operator, 384th Air Refueling Sq, McConnell AFB, Kan. (May – November 2011, Squadron Superintendent/Chief Boom, 340 EARS, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar)
6. July 2012 – August 2013, Wing Inspector General Superintendent, 22d Air Refueling Wing, McConnell AFB, Kan.
7. August 2013 – August 2016, Squadron Superintendent, 351st Air Refueling Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, England
8. August 2016 – January 2017, Chief Enlisted Manager, 15th Attack Squadron, Creech AFB, Nev.
9. January 2017 – May 2018, Squadron Superintendent/432d Wing 1UXO FM, 22d Attack Squadron, Creech AFB, Nev.
10. June 2018 – June 2021, Group Superintendent, 100th Operations Group/401st Air Expeditionary Group, RAF Mildenhall, England
11. June 2021 – July 2023, Command Chief, 97th Air Mobility Wing, Altus AFB, OK
12. July 2023 – July 2024, Command Chief, 31st Fighter Wing, Aviano Air Base, Italy
13. July 2024 – Present, Senior Enlisted Leader, Competitive Activities, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Arlington, Va.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: senior aircrew member

Flight hours: more than 2,400 including more than 900 combat hours

Aircraft flow: KC-135R/T and MQ-9A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Purple Heart

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Army Commendation Medal

Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Combat Action Medal





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OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2002 Commandant's List/Distinguished Graduate, Primary Leadership Development Course, US Army
2005 John L. Levitow Award, Airman Leadership School
2005 Air Education and Training Command Outstanding Security Forces Airman of the Year
2007 16th Military Police Brigade Combat Excellence Award, Camp Bucca, Iraq
2008 Distinguished Graduate, Aircrew Fundamentals
2008 Distinguished Graduate, Basic Boom Operator Course
2009 Distinguished Graduate, Boom Operator Initial Qualification Course
2010 Commandant's Award and Distinguished Graduate, NCO Academy
2011 22d Operations Group SNCO of the Year
2012 Air Mobility Command League of United Latin American Citizens "Excellence in Military Service" Award
2012 AMC Marathon Team Selection
2013 AMC LULAC "Excellence in Military Service" Award
2013 AMC Marathon Team Selection
2015 Air Force SMSgt Albert L. Evans Outstanding Air Refueling Section of the Year Award
2016 Academic Achievement Award, Basic Sensor Operator Course
2019 2x Boston Marathon Qualifier and Finisher

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Senior Airman, January 29, 2004
Staff Sergeant, June 1, 2005
Technical Sergeant, July 1, 2008
Master Sergeant, July 1, 2011
Senior Master Sergeant, March 1, 2014
Chief Master Sergeant, December 1, 2016

(Current as of August 2025)





COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR JENNIFER A. FRANCIS

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR 18TH THEATER MEDICAL COMMAND

Command Sergeant Major Jennifer A. Francis enlisted in the U.S. Army as a Pharmacy Specialist (68Q) and attended basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

CSM Francis' military education includes all levels of Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Study to include Class 65 of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy. She has attended numerous functional courses to include Pharmacy Sterile Products Course, Pregnancy and Postpartum Physical Training Course, Recruiting and Retention School, Sabalauski Air Assault School, First Sergeant Course, Master Resilience Trainer Course, Division Surgeon Course, and Health Services, Plans, Operations, Intelligence, Security and Training.

CSM Francis' military career includes assignments as a Pharmacy Technician, General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital, Fort Leonard Wood; noncommissioned officer-in-charge for the Inpatient Pharmacy, Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center, Fort Hood, Texas; NCOIC of the Outpatient Pharmacy, Kaiserslautern, Germany; NCOIC of Supply and Support and NCOIC of the Inpatient Pharmacy, Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany; active duty Army recruiter, Phoenix Recruiting Battalion, Phoenix, Arizona; senior pharmacy NCOIC, S-4 NCOIC, and Alpha Company First Sergeant, 10th Combat Support Hospital, Fort Carson, Colorado; Advanced Individual Training First Sergeant – Bravo Company, 264th Medical Battalion, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston; Command Sergeant Major, 421st Medical Battalion (Multifunctional). Baumholder, Germany; Command Sergeant Major, 1st Medical Brigade, Fort Hood; Command Sergeant Major, Medical Professional Training Brigade, U.S. Army Medical Center of Excellence/Training and Doctrine Command, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston; Sergeant Major, U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston; Sergeant Major, Army Recovery Care Program, Falls Church, Virginia. Her previous assignment was Command Sergeant Major, Medical Readiness Command, West.

CSM Francis' deployments include 12 months in Afghanistan with the 10th Combat Support Hospital in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and nine months in Qatar with the 1st Medical Brigade in support of Operation Spartan Shield.

Her civilian education includes an associate degree from Eastern Arizona Community College, a bachelor's degree in Health Services Administration from Baker University and a Master of Public Administration/ Emergency Services from Columbia Southern University.

CSM Francis' awards and decorations include Legion of Merit (with two oak leaf clusters), Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (with six oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (with five oak leaf cluster), Good Conduct Medal (seven awards), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (with Numeral 5), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (with Numeral 5), NATO Meritorious Service Medal, and the Meritorious Unit Citation. Her badges include the Gold Recruiter Badge, Expert Field Medical Badge, Air Assault Badge, Parachute Badge, Basic Marksmanship Qualification Badge, Drivers Badge, German Armed Forces Marksmanship Badge (Gold), and the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (Gold). She has also earned the United States Army Recruiter Ring, Glenn E. Morrell Medallion, and the Order of Military Merit (O2M3).



1st Marine Aircraft Wing

SERGEANT MAJOR SAEL G. GARCIA

Sergeant Major Garcia enlisted in the Marine Corps November 1997 in Santa Ana, California. Upon graduation from Marine Corps Recruit Training, Sergeant Major Garcia attended Marine Combat Training at Camp Pendleton, California and then reported to Logistics/Embarkation Specialist School in Coronado, California.

After earning his Military Occupational Specialty, Sergeant Major Garcia received orders to Headquarters and Service Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, California. In April of 2000 Sergeant Major Garcia reported to 3rd Battalion 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton California where he served as the Battalion Embarkation Chief until December 2002.

In January 2003 Sergeant Major Garcia reported to Drill Instructor School, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, California. Upon completion of Drill Instructor School in March of 2003, Sergeant Major Garcia reported to Alpha Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion where he served as a Drill Instructor, Senior Drill Instructor and Series Chief Drill Instructor. After a successful tour as a Drill Instructor in April of 2006, Sergeant Major Garcia received orders to Headquarters and Service Battalion,

Quantico, Virginia where he served as the Battalion Logistics Chief. During his tour he also provided support at Officer Candidate School, as a Sergeant Instructor until August 2007.

In September of 2007 Sergeant Major Garcia reported to 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division where he served as the Regimental Logistics Chief until May 2009. During this period, he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 07-9/08-1 with Regimental Combat Team 5 from January 2008 to February 2009.

In May of 2009 Sergeant Major Garcia reported to Officer Candidate School where he served as a Platoon Sergeant for Alpha Company. Sergeant Major Garcia then reported to the University of Minnesota NROTC where he served as the Assistant Marine Officer Instructor from August 2009 to August 2011.

In September of 2011 Sergeant Major Garcia reported to 1st Maintenance Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, where he served as the Reparable Management Company First Sergeant from September 2011 to September 2013. Sergeant Major Garcia reported to 3rd Battalion 5th Marine Regiment where he served as Company "L" First Sergeant, Headquarters and Service Company First Sergeant and Weapons Company First Sergeant until his promotion to Sergeant Major in 2017.

In February of 2017 Sergeant Major Garcia reported to Recruiting Station Albuquerque, 8th Marine Corps District in Albuquerque New Mexico, where he served as the Recruiting Station Sergeant Major until May 2019. Sergeant Major Garcia was then assigned as the Sergeant Major for 1st Radio Battalion, I MEF Information Group until April 2021.

In April of 2021, Sergeant Major Garcia was transferred to Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii where he served as the Group Sergeant Major for Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. In April 2023 Sergeant Major Garcia reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island and assumed the position as the Depot and Eastern Recruiting Region Sergeant Major until April 2025.

Sergeant Major Garcia reported to 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force in May of 2025 and assumed his current position as the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Sergeant Major on June 13, 2025.

Sergeant Major Garcia has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration. His personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with 2 gold stars, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with 4 gold stars and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with 1 gold star.

Maritime Enforcement Specialist Master Chief

Eric Gibson

United States Coast Guard

Command Master Chief, Combined Maritime Forces, Manama, Bahrain

Master Chief Gibson reported to the Combined Maritime Forces in June 2025, where he serves as the CMF Coalition Senior Enlisted Leader, advising the Deputy Commander, CMF, A United Kingdom Royal Navy Flag Officer, regarding issues, policies, and initiatives influencing the health, welfare, and quality of life for all US and coalition partners making up the 47 nations upholding International Rules Based Order by conducting maritime security operations across 3.2 million square miles of ocean. Most recently, he served as the CMC for the USCG Southeast District.



His previous assignments include; Command Master Chief at USCG Sector Delaware Bay in Philadelphia, PA. CMC at Sector San Juan in Puerto Rico. Senior Enlisted Advisor to the USCG Maritime Infrastructure Protection Force-Training & Advisory Group in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. CMC, Operations Department Senior Chief, and Direct Action Section-Team 3 Senior Chief at MSRT-E in Chesapeake, VA; Command Enlisted Advisor for the International Division-Mobile Training Branch in Yorktown, VA; Executive Petty Officer, CGC ALBACORE in Norfolk, VA; Operations Petty Officer aboard CGC ADAK, in Manama, Bahrain; Direct Action Section-Team 2 squad leader at MSRT in Chesapeake, VA; Tactical Coxswain at Maritime Safety & Security Team 91102 in Chesapeake, VA; CG Station Fort Pierce, FL and the CGC HORNBEAM in Cape May, NJ.

Before joining the Coast Guard in March 1997, he worked as a Police Officer in North Carolina and served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserve as a Parachute Rigger.

Master Chief is a graduate of the Chief Petty Officer's Academy and the Coast Guard Senior Enlisted Leadership Course.

Gibson's personal awards include Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medals, CG Commendation Medals, CG Achievement Medals, and Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbons. His other awards include the Iraqi

Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medals, CG Expert Rifle and Pistol Medals, and various other personal and unit awards. He wears the Coast Guard Tactical Law Enforcement, Cutterman, Coxswain, Operations Ashore Response, and Advanced Boat Forces Insignias. While in the Army, he earned the U.S. Army Basic Parachutist and Parachute Rigger Badges.

MECM Gibson is married to Amanda Jean Kyle from Bethlehem, PA.



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UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JOSHUA "GRIFF" GRIFFIN

Chief Master Sergeant Joshua I. Griffin is the Senior Enlisted Leader, US Space Command, J3 Operations Directorate supporting the J3 in deterring conflict and defending U.S and Allied freedom of action in space across full spectrum joint operations with assigned and allocated forces. Previously, Chief Griffin was the Mission Delta 31 Senior Enlisted Leader ensuring continued operations and sustainment of the Positioning, Navigation, and Timing satellite systems, satellite control network, and cyber defense operations 2023 at Peterson Space Force Base, Colorado.

Prior to these positions, Chief Griffin served as the Space Force's first enlisted legislative defense fellow within Senator Cramer's (ND) office as well as as congressional affairs within Secretary of Air Force's Legislative Liaison office and the office of the first Chief Master Sergeant of the Space Force.

Chief Master Sgt. Griffin entered the Air Force April 2001. Over 19 years, CMSgt Griffin has an extensive background in tactical and strategic space capabilities including Global Positioning Satellites Space Surveillance, Sensor Management & Optimization, Space Electronic Warfare and Space Based Missile Warning. Additionally, Chief Griffin served in the Air Force 21st Space Wing's Inspector General's office, and culminated his Air Force career as an Operations Superintendent with the 11th Space Warning Squadron. Chief Griffin continued his military service enlisting into the Space Force September 14th, 2020.



EDUCATION

2005 Airman Leadership School, Peterson AFB, Colorado
2009 Space 200, Colorado Springs, CO
2010 Associate Degree, Space Technology, Community College of the Air Force
2011 Counter-Communications Systems Course, Vandenberg AFB, CA
2013 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Peterson AFB, Colorado
2016 Bachelor's Degree, Computer Info Systems, Colorado Technical University, Summa Cum Laude 2017 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Course 14, Non-Residence
2017 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education, by correspondence
2017 Air Operations Center Combat Course, Hurlburt Field, FL
2018 Mission Management Operations Course, Buckley AFB, CO
2019 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II, by correspondence
2019 Professional Manager Certification, CCAF, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, AL
2021 Squadron Leadership Development Course, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, AL
2022 Government Affairs Institute, Georgetown University, Washington D.C.
2022 Senior NCO Leadership Academy, USSF (30 June 2022), Peterson SFB, CO
2023 Masters, Operations Management, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR
2024 Master's Certificate, Project Management, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR
2024 Senior Enlisted Leader Development Course, Joint-Andrews AFB, MD



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UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE

ASSIGNMENTS

1. 01 April 2001 – 30 May 2001, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, TX
2. 01 June 2001 - 30 June 2001, Explosives Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Student, Medina, TX
3. 01 July 2001 - 15 December 2001, Naval EOD Student, Eglin AFB, FL
4. 05 January 2002 - 20 March 2002, Enlisted Space Prerequisite Training Student, Vandenberg AFB, CA
5. 21 March 2002 - 15 April 2002, Space Operations Course Student, Vandenberg AFB, CA
6. 16 April 2002 - 17 June 2005, Crew Chief, 2nd Space Operations Sq, Schriever AFB, CO
7. 18 June 2005 - 18 June 2006, Mission Chief, 2nd Space Operations Sq, Schriever AFB, CO
8. 19 June 2006 - 30 March 2008, Space Defense Technician, 1st Space Control Sq, Cheyenne Mountain, CO
9. 01 April 2008 - 08 January 2009, Space Event Technician, 614th Air Operations Center, Vandenberg AFB, CA
10. 09 January 2009 - 31 October 2010, Sensor Optimization Duty Tech, 614th Air Ops Ctr Vandenberg AFB, CA
11. 01 November 2010 - 08 December 2011, Sensor Optimization NCOIC, 614th Air Ops Ctr, Vandenberg AFB, CA
12. 09 December 2011 - 01 January 2013, Counterspace Sys Operator, 76th Space Control Sq, Peterson AFB, CO
13. 02 Jan 2013 - 16 October 2013, Weapons and Tactics Flight Chief, 4th Space Control Sq, Peterson AFB, CO
14. 17 October 2013 - 31 November 2015, Space Control NCOIC, 4th Space Control Sq, Peterson AFB, CO
15. 01 December 2015 - 30 September 2017, Flight Chief, 21st Ops Support Sq & 21st Ops Group, Peterson AFB, CO
16. 01 October 2017 - 16 February 2018, Inspector Planner, 21st Space Wing, Peterson AFB, CO
17. 17 February 2018 - 01 July 2018, Manager, 11th Space Warning Squadron, Buckley AFB, CO
18. 02 July 2018 - 17 February 2019, Flight Chief, 11th Space Warning Squadron, Buckley AFB, CO
19. 18 February 2019 - 31 June 2020, Operations Superintendent, 11th Space Warning Squadron, Buckley AFB, CO
20. 01 July 2020 - 31 December 2020, Legislative Liaison, Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense, Pentagon
21. 01 January 2021 - 31 December 2021, Legislative Fellow, Senator Kevin Cramer (ND), Washington DC
22. 01 January 2022 - 31 December 2022, Deputy Director, Space Programs, SAF/LLW, Pentagon
23. 01 January 2023 - 30 July 2023, Senior Enlisted Advisor, HQSF/DSC, Pentagon
24. 01 August 2023 - 11 October 2023, Senior Enlisted Leader, Space Systems Command, CG, Los Angeles SBD-3, CA
25. 12 October 2023 - 30 June 2024, Senior Enlisted Leader, Mission Delta 31, Peterson SFB, CO
26. 01 July - TBD, Senior Enlisted Leader, United States Space Command, J3, Schriever SFB, CO

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air Force Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2011 14th Air Force NCO of the Year
2012 14th Air Force NCO of the Year
2015 Air Force Space Command Inspector General Professional Performer
2016 21st Space Wing Instructor of the Year
2017 21st Operations Group Innovator Award x2
2018 460th Space Wing Inspector General Professional Performer
2018 460th Space Wing SNCO of the 4th Quarter
2018 Air Force Space Command SNCO Operator of the Year
2019 Space Operations Command SNCO Orbital Warfare Operator of the Year
2020 460th Operations Group SNCO of the Year
2020 460th Space Wing SNCO of the Year
2022 SAF SNCO 4th Quarter



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EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

A1C April 17, 2001
SrA September 30, 2003
SSgt July 01, 2005
TSgt March 01, 2001
MSgt August 01, 2017
SMSgt June 01, 2021
CMSgt September 01, 2024

(Current as of November 2025)



CSM Chad Bryan Harness

Southern European Task Force, Africa

Command Sergeant Major

Command Sergeant Major Chad B. Harness is a native of Jacksonville, Florida who enlisted in the U.S. Army in May 2001 and completed One Station Unit Training as an Infantryman from Fort Benning, GA.

CSM Harness held numerous positions from Rifleman to Nominative Command Sergeant Major. He served as a Riflemen, Mortar Gunner, Rifle Squad Leader, Mortar Section Sergeant, Drill Sergeant, Rifle Platoon Sergeant, Ranger Instructor/Senior Instructor Writer, Basic Training First Sergeant, Rifle Company First Sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Company First Sergeant, Battalion Operations Sergeant Major, Battalion Command Sergeant Major, and Brigade Command Sergeant Major.

and Headquarters Company First Sergeant, Battalion Operations Sergeant Major, Battalion Command Sergeant Major, and Brigade Command Sergeant Major.

CSM Harness' assignments include Vicenza, Italy, Fort Benning, GA, Fort Riley, KS, Fort Campbell, KY, Fort Bliss, TX and Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, AK. CSM Harness' deployments include Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003-2004) and Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (2005-2006 & 2011-2012).

CSM Harness' military education includes the completion of the Basic Leaders Course, Advanced Leaders Course, Senior Leaders Course, Sergeants Major Academy, Nominative Leaders Course, Airborne School, Infantry Mortar Leader's Course, Drill Sergeant School, Ranger School, Jumpmaster School, Pathfinder School, Air Assault School, and Master Resiliency Training. He holds an Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice from the University of Purdue and a Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts from the University of Excelsior.

CSM Harness' awards and decorations include: a Legion of Merit, Bronze Star w/ one OLC; Meritorious Service Medal w/ two OLC, Army Commendation Medal w/ two Valorous devices and seven OLC, Army Achievement Medal w/ seven OLC, Master Parachutist Badge w/ Bronze Star, Pathfinder Badge, Air Assault Badge, Master Infantryman's Badge, Drill Sergeant Badge, and the Ranger Tab. CSM Harness is also a recipient of the Order of Saint Maurice (Centurion award), the Order of Saint Michaels (Guardian), and is a Distinguished Member of the 502nd Infantry Regiment.

CSM Harness is married to Angelique Harness and has two daughters, Kyla (26) and Aiyana (19), along with two Siberian Huskies, Ski and Aurora.



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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT KELVIN J. HATCHER

CMSgt Kelvin J. Hatcher is Command Chief Master Sergeant, 355th Wing, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona. He is the senior enlisted advisor for one of the largest installations and flying operations in the United States Air Force, with more than 46,000 personnel, 152 aircraft, and 51 billion dollars in assets. He advises the installation commander and staff on mission effectiveness, professional development, military readiness, training, utilization, health, morale, and welfare of the command's 6,200 enlisted Airmen. The 355th Wing operates the A-10 Thunderbolt II, HH-60W, and HC-130J as well as three Guardian Angel squadrons executing with installation's Rescue and Attack mission. The wing has units at Davis-Monthan AFB and Nellis AFB, Nevada. Chief Hatcher also provides leadership and direction for Total Force support to Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, and Customs and Border Patrol agencies including 34 mission partners and 11,000 Airmen.

Chief Hatcher enlisted into the Air Force in September 2000 and later graduated from the Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (HVAC/R) Apprentice Course in May 2001. Throughout his career, Chief Hatcher has served in multiple capacities within the Civil Engineer functional community, ranging from base level to Headquarters Air Force, as well as a Technical Training Instructor. Additionally, Chief Hatcher has served as Base Honor Guard Program Manager and Inspector General Superintendent. His assignments include bases in Japan, Wyoming, Washington, Texas, North Dakota, Washington D.C., Florida, and Arizona. Chief Hatcher has deployed in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, INHERENT RESOLVE, SPARTAN SHIELD, ENDURING SENTINEL and ALLIES REFUGE. Prior to assuming his current position, Chief Hatcher served as the Command Chief Master Sergeant for the 33d Fighter Wing, Eglin AFB, Florida.



EDUCATION

2004 Airman Leadership School, Francis E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
2007 Associate of Applied Science Instructional Technology & Military Science, Community College of the Air Force 2007 Associate of Applied Science Degree in Mechanical and Electrical Technology, CCAF
2009 Occupational Instructor Certification Level I and II, CCAF, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2012 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Keesler AFB, Miss.
2013 Bachelor of Arts Degree, Organizational Management, Ashford University
2013 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education I, National Defense University
2014 United States Navy Senior Leadership Course, Arlington, Va.
2017 United States Marine Corps Staff NCO Academy Advanced Course, Camp Lejeune, N.C.
2018 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II, Joint Forces Staff College/Correspondence
2018 Civil Engineer Superintendent Course, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio



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2019 Air Force Inspector General Training Course, AF Inspection Agency, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
2019 Inspector General Training Course, Complaints Resolution, Lansdowne, Va.
2019 Graduate Certificate in Management and Leadership, Liberty University
2020 Masters of Arts Degree, Executive Leadership, Liberty University
2020 Chief Leadership Course, Maxwell-Gunter, Ala.
2023 Wing Command Team Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala
2024 Continuous Improvement and Innovation Executive Course, Duke University
2024 Executive Program in Organizational Culture and Leadership, Georgetown University
2024 Gettysburg Leadership Experience (GLE), Gettysburg PA

ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 2000 - November 2000, Trainee, Basic Military Training, 324 BMTS, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. November 2000 - May 2001, Student, HVAC/R, 366th Training Squadron, Sheppard AFB, Texas
3. May 2001 - May 2003, HVAC/R Apprentice, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron, Kadena AB, Japan
4. May 2003 - June 2005, HVAC/R Journeyman, 90th Civil Engineer Squadron, F.E Warren AFB, Wyo.
5. June 2005 - June 2010, HVAC/R Instructor, 366th Training Squadron, Sheppard AFB, Texas
6. June 2010 - August 2012, HVAC/R NCOIC, 5th Civil Engineer Squadron, Minot AFB, N.D.
7. August 2012 - September 2016, Superintendent, Presidential Facility, The White House, Washington, D.C.
8. September 2016 - July 2017, Superintendent, Infrastructure, 92d Civil Engineer Squadron, Fairchild AFB, Wash
9. July 2017 - December 2018, Superintendent, Operations, 92d Civil Engineer Squadron, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
10. December 2018 - June 2020, Superintendent, Inspector General, 92d Air Refueling Wing, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
11. August 2019 - April 2020, Superintendent, 92d Air Refueling Wing Staff Agencies, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
12. June 2020 - July 2022, Chief Enlisted Manager, 92d Civil Engineer Squadron, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
13. May 2021 - June 2022, Senior Enlisted Leader, 1st Expeditionary Civil Engineer Group, Al Udeid AB, Qatar
14. July 2022 - June 2023, Senior Enlisted Leader, 355th Mission Support Group, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
15. June 2023 - July 2025, Command Chief, 33d Fighter Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla.
16. July 2025 - Present, Command Chief, 355th Wing, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

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

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2002 Senior Airman Below-the-Zone
2004 Leadership Award, F.E. Warren AFB Airman Leadership School
2008 82d TRG Wing Non-Commissioned Officer Honor Guardsman of the Year
2008 2nd Air Force Honor Guard Program Manager of the Year
2011 Air Force Global Strike Command Society of American Military Engineers Goddard Medal
2014 Non-Commissioned Officer Outstanding Member of the Year, White House Military Office
2016 Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Outstanding Member of the Year, White House Military Office
2017 Director's Award United States Marine Corps Senior NCO Academy
2017 Department of Defense, Balchen-Post Award
2017 Headquarters Air Force Major General Clifton D. Wright "Best Operations Flight" Award
2018 Air Mobility Command, Major General Jones Inspector General Team of the Year
2018 92d Air Refueling Wing Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year
2019 West Plains 'Best of the West' Active-Duty Military Member of the Year





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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

2021 Air Force Major General Joseph A. Ahearn Award – Exemplary Leadership by a Chief Master Sergeant

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman First Class Nov. 10, 2000

Senior Airman Sept. 10, 2002

Staff Sergeant Jan. 1, 2005

Technical Sergeant Feb. 1, 2011

Master Sergeant April 1, 2015

Senior Master Sergeant March 1, 2018

Chief Master Sergeant Dec. 1, 2020

(Current as of Jan 2025)



AIR FORCE

WARRANT OFFICER BRIAN HOLDCROFT, CSC

Air Force Training Group Warrant Officer

Warrant Officer Brian Holdcroft enlisted in the Air Force in 1997 as an Air Surveillance Operator. Following completion of trade training, he was posted to No 3 Control and Reporting Unit Williamtown. He has completed numerous other postings as an Air Surveillance Operator including No 114 Mobile Control and Reporting Unit Tindal and Darwin, and No 1 Radar Surveillance Unit (now No 1 Remote Sensor Unit) Edinburgh.

In 2007 and 2009 Warrant Officer Holdcroft deployed on Operation SLIPPER to Kandahar AFB, Afghanistan as a Regional Surveillance Director with TG633.12, which was responsible for Command and Control of the Afghanistan Air Battle Management Area.

In 2011 Warrant Officer Holdcroft was posted to the Surveillance and Control Training Unit as the Senior Training Manager responsible for Air Surveillance Operator initial employment training. Later that year, Warrant Officer Holdcroft deployed again on Operation SLIPPER, this time to the USAF Battlespace Command and Control Centre based at Al Udeid AFB, Qatar as an Air Surveillance Technician supporting C2 Operations in Afghanistan. During this deployment he was awarded the CTG 633.12 Commendation for his efforts as an Air Surveillance Technician supporting the USAF. In 2014 WOFF Holdcroft was posted to Headquarters 41 Wing Williamtown to manage Air Surveillance Operator standardisation.

Upon promotion to Warrant Officer in 2016, Warrant Officer Holdcroft posted to No 3 Control and Reporting Unit Williamtown as the Squadron Warrant Officer. In 2016 he was awarded the Conspicuous Service Cross for his work as the Senior Training Manager at the Surveillance and Control Training Unit, and for the development and management of Mission Rehearsal Exercises that prepared 41 Wing Air Battle Managers and Air Surveillance Operators who deployed on Operation SLIPPER.

In 2019 Warrant Officer Holdcroft was posted to No 2 Squadron Williamtown as the Squadron Warrant Officer, as well as the Mission Planning and Support Manager responsible for all E-7A Wedgetail mission planning systems. In 2021 Warrant Officer Holdcroft posted to the Officers' Training School as the School Warrant Officer. He was selected as the Air Academy Warrant Officer in 2023 before being appointed to his current position as the Air Force Training Group Warrant Officer in 2025.

Warrant Officer Holdcroft has an Advanced Diploma in Leadership and Management and enjoys traveling with his wife Melanie. He also enjoys all sports, in particular NRL and AFL where he is a keen supporter of both the Newcastle Knights and Collingwood Magpies.





Sergeant Major Scott J. Holzerland

Senior Enlisted Advisor, Assistant Secretary of War for Manpower and Reserve Affairs

SGM Scott J. Holzerland is a native of Davenport, Iowa where he enlisted in the Army in January of 1997 as a 19D/Cavalry Scout. He attended one-station unit training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He transitioned from the Regular Army into the Army Reserve in 2001 where he trained as a 91W/Combat Medic at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He applied for and was accepted into the Active, Guard & Reserve Program in 2002 and reclassified to 75B/Human Resources Specialist at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

SGM Holzerland assumed duties as the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of War, Manpower & Reserve Affairs on 3 March 2025. In this role, he advises the Assistant Secretary of War, Manpower and Reserve Affairs on all matters related to military and civilian personnel policies, reserve integration, military community and family policy, and total force manpower and resources including the Department of Defense Education Activity and Defense Commissary Agency. SGM Holzerland's portfolio covers the entire life cycle of a service member from recruiting through casualty and mortuary affairs. He advises on the development of policies, plans, and programs for the Total Force and the career lifecycle management for military and civilian personnel.



SGM Holzerland has served as a human resources professional at every echelon of command from company to the Department of the Army Staff as well as broadening assignments as an instructor, recruiter, and DoD Detailee within the Intelligence Community. His stateside assignments include Fort Knox, Kentucky; Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Fort Belvoir, Virginia; Washington, DC; Fort Bliss, Texas; and Mountain View, California. He served overseas assigned to Baumholder, Germany and he deployed in 1997 to Macedonia in support of Operation Able Sentry and in 2004-05 to Tikrit, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III.

SGM Holzerland's military education includes all levels of NCO professional military education including the Nominative Leader's Course and US Army Sergeants Major Academy. His additional military education includes the Instructor Training Course, Army Recruiter Course, Airborne, Red-Team Member Course, and the Reserve Component National Security Course. In addition to his undergraduate studies, his civilian education includes Master of Arts degrees in Defense Strategic Studies from the University of Texas El Paso and International Relations from Webster University.

SGM Holzerland's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Joint Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (7th award), the Army Commendation Medal (7th award), the Army Achievement Medal (3d award), Gold Recruiter Badge and Ring, the Parachutist Badge, and numerous foreign jump wings.

SGM Holzerland is a Distinguished Member of the Adjutant General's Corps, a recipient of the Colonel Robert L. Manning Achievement Medal, and the only Noncommissioned Officer graduate of the Army People Seminar - Cohort 3.



United States Navy Biography

Command Master Chief Tarah M. Horney Commander, Naval Surface Group Central



CMDCM Horney, a native of Moses Lake, WA, joined the Navy April 3, 2002 and graduated from Machinery Repairman "A" School in Great Lakes, IL. She was selected for the Command Master Chief Program in March of 2022.

CMDCM Horney assumed the duties as Command Master Chief, Commander, Naval Surface Group Central on May 9, 2025.

Her operational tours include USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76) as the Machine Shop Leading Petty Officer, USS SHILOH (CG 67) as Repair Division Leading Chief Petty Officer, and 3MC on USS CARNEY (DDG 64).

Her previous Command Master Chief tour was on board USS PAUL IGNATIUS (DDG 117).

Her shore tours include MR Detailer at Navy Personnel Command, Code 940 Leading Chief Petty Officer at Southeast Regional Maintenance Center, and 3M Team Lead at Afloat Training Group Western Pacific.

She is a graduate of Advanced Machining "C" School, 3MC School, Senior Enlisted Academy Class 202 (Brown Group), CMC/COB course, Major Command CMC course, is a licensed locksmith, and holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Literature from Thomas Edison State College. She is qualified Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist, Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist, Enlisted Leader Development facilitator and is the recipient of several personal and unit awards, the five Battle "E" awards of which she is most proud.



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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT RICHARD B. "RICKY" LAMM

Chief Master Sergeant Richard Lamm is the Command Chief for the 628th Air Base Wing, and Command Senior Enlisted Leader, Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina. As the installation Senior Enlisted Leader, he is the principal advisor to the installation commander. As host to over 73 DoD and Federal agencies, the Wing provides installation support to a total force of over 132,000 Airmen, Sailors, Soldiers, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, civilians, dependents, and retirees across an installation that accounts for \$10.7 billion in local economic activity. In addition, the Wing provides mission-ready expeditionary Airmen to Combatant Commanders in support of Joint and Combined operations worldwide. As the Command Chief, he is responsible for \$7.5 billion in base property and capital assets and an annual budget exceeding \$172 million. He also serves as the installation's functional manager of 18 First Sergeants who maintain a mission-ready force and support the military community's quality-of-life needs.

Chief Lamm entered the Air Force in June 2002. He began his career as a KC-135/E-8C Crew Chief and retrained as a HC-130P/N Flight Engineer in 2006. He is a chief enlisted aircrew member with 3,100 flying hours as instructor and evaluator flight engineer in the HC-130P/N, MC-130P/N, C-130E, C-130H and various other aircraft. His assignments include bases in Georgia, New Mexico, Florida, and other locations. Chief Lamm has taken part in various humanitarian operations and deployed multiple times in support of contingency and combat operations in Africa, Central and South America, and Southwest Asia.

Prior to assuming his current position, he was the Command Senior Enlisted Leader at Combined Special Operations Joint Task Force – Central.



EDUCATION

- 2006 Airmen Leadership School, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.
- 2011 Associates Degree in Aircraft Maintenance Technology, College of the Air Force
- 2011 Associates Degree in Aviation Operations, Community College of the Air Force
- 2012 Associates Degree in Instructor in Technology, Community College of the Air Force
- 2013 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Lackland AFB, Texas
- 2015 Enterprise Management Course, Joint Special Operations University (JSOU)
- 2016 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education, Joint Special Operations University, MacDill AFB, Fla.
- 2017 USAF Senior NCO Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2018 Bachelors of Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Management, University of Technology
- 2019 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Course II, by correspondence
- 2019 Joint Special Operations Forces Senior Enlisted Academy (JSOFSEA), Joint Special Operations University, MacDill AFB, Fla.
- 2020 MBA Essentials, Gies College of Business, University of Illinois
- 2020 Executive Leader Project Management, Judge Business School, University of Cambridge





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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

2021 Joint Combined Warfighting School (JCWS) JPME II, National Defense University (NDU)

2022 Senior Enlisted Legal Orientation (SELO), Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2022 Group Senior Enlisted Leader Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2022 Chiefs Leadership Academy (CLC), Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2022 Strategic Leadership Course (SLC), Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2024 Summit Course, Joint Special Operations University (JSOU), MacDill AFB, Fla.

ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

February 2003 – October 2005, KC-135 & E-8C Aerospace Maintenance Journeyman, 116th ACW, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

October 2005 – May 2007, Aircraft Crash Recovery Journeyman, 19th ARG, Robins AFB, Ga.

June 2007 – June 2011, HC-130P/N Evaluator Flight Engineer, Moody AFB, Ga.

June 2011 – February 2012, HC/MC-130P/N Squadron Stan/Eval Evaluator Flight Engineer, 550th Special Operations Squadron Kirtland AFB, N.M.

February 2012 – June 2014, HC/MC-130P/N Operations Group Evaluator Flight Engineer, 58 Operations Group, Kirtland AFB, N.M.

June 2014 – June 2015, Additional Duty First Sergeant/Evaluator Flight Engineer, 550th Special Operations Squadron, Kirtland AFB, N.M.

June 2015 – April 2016, Superintendent, Combat Plans and Exercises, DATA MASKED

April 2016 – May 2017, Superintendent, Flight Engineer, DATA MASKED

May 2017 – June 2019, Operations Superintendent, DATA MASKED

June 2019 – Feb 2020, Squadron Superintendent, DATA MASKED

Feb 2020 – April 2021, Superintendent, HQ Air Force Special Operations Command, Standardization and Evaluation, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

April 2021- Aug 2021, Superintendent, HQ Air Force Special Operations Command, Senior Leader Management, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

Aug 2021 - July 2022, Superintendent, HQ Air Force Special Operations Command, Force Development Division, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

July 2022 – May 2024, Senior Enlisted Leader, 27 Special Operations Group, Cannon AFB, N.M.

May 2024 – June 2025, Command Chief, Combined Special Operations Joint Task Force – Central

June 2025 - Present, Command Chief, 628th Air Base Wing and Command Senior Enlisted Leader, Joint Base Charleston, S.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Air Medal with C device

Air Force Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal with three oak leaf cluster

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2006 Distinguished Graduate Enlisted Aircrew Undergraduate Course

2006 Leadership Award, Airman Leadership School

2012 Group Staff Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, 58th Operations Group

2013 Outstanding Military Member of the Year, 377th ABW

2014 Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year, 550th Special Operations Squadron

2014 Air Education Training Command Dutch Huyser Award

2014 Air Education Training Command Master Instructor Certification

2015 Noncommissioned Officer of the year, 58th Operations Group





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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

2015 Distinguished Graduate, Enterprise Management Course, Joint Special Operations University (JSOU)

2016 Henry "Red" Erwin Outstanding Enlisted Aircrew Member of the Year, (Data Masked)

2016 Flight Engineer of the Year, (Data Masked)

2017 Lance P. Sijan Senior Noncommissioned of the Year, (Data Masked)

2017 General "Dutch" Huyser Award, (Data Masked)

2020 HQ Staff Lance P. Sijan Senior Noncommissioned of the Year, Air Force Special Operations Command

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Airman First Class June 4, 2002

Senior Airman April 4, 2004

Staff Sergeant April 1, 2006

Technical Sergeant January 1, 2012

Master Sergeant July 1, 2015

Senior Master Sergeant December 1, 2018

Chief Master Sergeant October 1, 2021

(Current as of 30 June 2025)





Command Master Chief James Lighty

Command Master Chief, Commander Fleet Air Western Pacific

Command Master Chief James Lighty is a native of New York and raised in the borough of Brooklyn. He enlisted in the Navy November 16, 2000, and reported to Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, IL. He successfully completed Seaman "ATD" School in 2001, and Master -at- Arms "A" school in 2003. In 2016 while assigned to Naval Air Facility Misawa Japan as Department Leading Petty Officer of Security, he routinely filled the role as acting Command Master Chief.

This led to him filling a 3-month gap and was selected to Command Senior Chief.

In October of 2018 he reported to Commander Patrol Reconnaissance Wing One (CTF-72) as Command Senior Enlisted Leader of staff with OPCON of Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aviation Forces and Tactical Operation Centers. He was promoted to Command Master Chief.

In September 2021, he reported to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron TWELVE forward deployed aboard the USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) and USS Blue Ridge (LCC).

Since May 2024 he is serving as Command Master Chief at Commander Fleet Air Western Pacific.

His other assignments include VQ3 Det Offut Nebraska, Commander Fleet Activities Okinawa Japan, Harbor Patrol Unit Bahrain, USS CARR (FFG 52) Norfolk Virginia, Navy Expeditionary Guard Battalion Guantanamo Bay Cuba, Subbase New London Connecticut and the USS DEROIT (AOE 4) New Jersey.

His deployments include 4th Fleet, 5th Fleet, 6th Fleet and 7th Fleet AORs.

Master Chief Lighty graduated from the Senior Enlisted Academy, Class 195 (Khaki) in April 2016, Command Master Chief/Chief of the Boat (CMC/COB) course (Class 191) in September 2018 and Advance Command Master Chief course in April 2024.

Master Chief Lighty is qualified to wear the Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist and Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist insignias. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (Three Awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three Awards), Joint Service Achievement Medal (two Awards), Navy Achievement Medal (two Awards), Good Conduct Medal (five Awards) Military Outstanding Voluntary Service Medal (two Awards), Flag Letter of Commendation along with various unit and campaign awards.



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CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT DERRICK R. LODGE

CMSgt Derrick R. Lodge is the Senior Enlisted Leader, Intelligence Directorate, United States Space Command (USSPACECOM). He serves as a principal advisor to the Director of Intelligence on matters affecting the mission, welfare, readiness, morale, and proper utilization of over 500 military, civilian, and contract personnel aligned to support Combatant Command equities.

CMSgt Lodge hails from Missouri, "The Show Me State," and began his career in March 2001. He held various positions as an aircraft maintainer and as an all-source intelligence analyst to include; tactical aviation intelligence to A-10 operations and Air Advisor engagements in several African Nations. Chief Lodge also served in joint-service roles with the Defense Intelligence Agency and completed numerous deployments to Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Qatar in support of major theater operations.

Prior to his current assignment, Chief Lodge held a dual-hatted position as the Senior Enlisted Leader for National Security Agency Alaska and the 373 Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group.



EDUCATION

- 2005 Basic Instructor Course, Sheppard AFB, TX
- 2005 Airman Leadership Course, Sheppard AFB, TX
- 2006 Associate's degree Avionic System Technology, CCAF
- 2011 Associate's degree Intelligence Analysis, CCAF
- 2012 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB/Gunter Annex, AL
- 2012 Bachelor's in Science Occupational Education, Wayland Baptist University, TX
- 2012 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education-I
- 2013 Professional Manager Certification, CCAF
- 2016 Senior Enlisted Intelligence Master Skills Course, Goodfellow AFB, TX
- 2016 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB/Gunter Annex, AL
- 2017 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education-II
- 2021 Chief Leadership Course, Maxwell AFB/Gunter Annex, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1. March 2001, Basic Training Lackland AFB, TX
2. December 2001 – May 2005, Guidance and Control Systems Specialist, Grandforks AFB, ND
3. January 2003 – May 2003, Expeditionary Maintenance KC-135s, Al Udeid, Qatar
4. February 2004 – June 2004, Expeditionary Maintenance KC-135s, Manas, Kyrgyzstan
5. September 2004 – November 2004, Expeditionary Maintenance KC-135s, Manas, Kyrgyzstan
6. February 2005 – June 2005, Expeditionary Maintenance KC-135s, Al Udeid, Qatar
7. June 2005 – September 2006, Instrument and Flight Control Instructor, Sheppard AFB, TX





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8. October 2006 – April 2007, student, Goodfellow AFB, TX
9. May 2007 – June 2009, NCOIC Current Intelligence, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ
10. July 2009 – January 2010, NCOIC Fighter Sq Intel Support, Kandahar, Afghanistan
11. February 2010 – May 2010, Standardization and Evaluation, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ
12. June 2010 – June 2011, S-2 Provincial Reconstruction Team, Panjshir, Afghanistan
13. July 2011 – May 2015, Flight Chief, Intelligence Air Advisor, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ
14. June 2015 – January 2018, Superintendent Middle East Africa Regional Center-5, Charlottesville, VA
15. February 2018 – April 2019, Senior Enlisted Leader, Collection, Exploitation, and Cryptanalysis Operations,
16. National Security Agency/Central Security Service – Hawaii
17. May 2019 – Dec 2020, Superintendent, 37th Intelligence Squadron
18. Jan 2021 – Aug 2023, Superintendent, 301st Intelligence Squadron
19. Sep 2023 – Jul 2025, Senior Enlisted Leader National Security Agency/Central Security Service Alaska & 373d Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group
20. Aug 2025 – Present, Senior Enlisted Leader, Intelligence Directorate, United States Space Command. Peterson SFB, CO

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Meritorious Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor and even oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Humanitarian Assistance Medal

NATO Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant May 1, 2021

(Current as of Nov 2025)





Sergeant Major Roland R. McGinnis

Sergeant Major, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Europe and Africa



Sergeant Major Roland R. McGinnis is a native of Laurel, Delaware and enlisted in the Marine Corps in July 2001. He completed recruit training aboard MCRD Parris Island. He attained a variety of certifications and additional military occupational specialties throughout his career, to include Recruiter and Marine Security Guard. His selection to First Sergeant in 2013 marked his departure from the administration field and led to various assignments and promotion, resulting in his selection as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader of U.S. Marine Corps Forces Europe and Africa.

Assignments in the operating forces include: Administrative and legal clerk, 3d Marine Regiment; G-1 FOPS/COPS, III MEF; Detentions Operations Chief, CJIAF-435; Company First Sergeant, CLR-37; Company First Sergeant, 2d Bn 3d Marines; Battalion Sergeant Major, 1st Bn 5th Marines; Group Sergeant Major, Marine Aircraft Group-16.

Assignments in the supporting establishments include: Marine Security Guard, Ankara, Turkey and Moscow, Russia; Assistant Detachment Commander, Jakarta, Indonesia; Detachment Commander, Bamako, Mali; Course Writer and Senior Docent, Marine Barracks 8th & I; Recruiter and Office Selection Assistant, Twin Cities, Minnesota; Battalion Sergeant Major, Wounded Warrior Bn-West.

Sergeant Major McGinnis is an Honor Graduate of the Airforce Senior Enlisted Academy and holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice with honors.

Personal awards and decorations include: Defense Meritorious Service 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/three gold stars, and Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.



United States Navy Biography

COMMAND MASTER CHIEF BRIAN S. METZGER

Command Master Chief Brian Metzger is a native of Waukesha, Wisconsin. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in July of 2000, where he attended basic training and Enginemen "A" school in Great Lakes, IL.

Master Chief Metzger's sea tours include USS Camden (AOE-2), USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19); Auxiliaries Leading Chief Petty Officer (LCPO) onboard USS Shiloh (CG 67); USS McCampbell (DDG 95); Senior Enlisted Advisor (SEA)/Main Propulsion Assistant onboard USS Dextrous (MCM 13); USS Devastator (MCM 6); and 3MC onboard USS Germantown (LSD 42).



Master Chief Metzger's Shore tours include Fuels Chief at Fleet Industrial Supply Center Yokosuka; Basic Engineering Common Core LCPO at Surface Warfare Officer School (SWOS) Unit Great Lakes; and SEA of Engineering Readiness training for Surface ships SWOS Newport. In March 2021, he was selected into the Command Senior Enlisted Program where he was assigned to Naval Beach Unit SEVEN (NBU-7), and USS New Orleans (LPD 18) both homeported in Sasebo, Japan. Command Master Chief is currently assigned as Commander Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Command Master chief.

Command Master Chief Metzger's personal achievements and awards include: Graduate Naval Leadership and Ethics Center Command Master Chief & Chief of the Boat course, Senior Enlisted Academy #227, Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist, Master Training Specialist, Meritorious Service Medal (2) Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (6), Battle "E" with a wreath, and numerous unit and campaign awards.



United States Navy Biography

CMDCM (SW/AW) EDWARD D. MONAHAN, USN
COMMANDER DESTROYER SQUADRON THREE ONE

Command Master Chief Edward D. Monahan enlisted in the United States Navy in August 2003. Upon completion of boot camp from Recruit Training Command (RTC), Great Lakes, IL, Master Chief Monahan attended Operations Specialist (OS) "A" School and was assigned to his first tour of duty at USS McFaul DDG 74 in Norfolk, VA, where he advanced to Petty Officer 2nd Class. During his tour, he deployed to the 5th FLEET AOR in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom and qualified as an Air Intercept Controller.

Upon completion of his tour, he attended Journeyman Instructor School before reporting to AEGIS Training and Readiness Center (ATRC) in Dahlgren, VA as an instructor in the Officer Training department for the P-CO/P-XO, CSO, and Maritime Ballistic Missile Defense (MBMD) courses for each of the AEGIS baselines. He earned his Master Training Specialist designation, and in September 2010, he was advanced to Chief Petty Officer.

In January of 2012, Master Chief Monahan qualified as an Air Intercept Controller Supervisor (AICS) in transit to his following command, the USS Lake Erie CG 70 in Pearl Harbor, HI. He served as OI division LCPO, AICS, Ballistic Missile Defense Watch Officer, and Anti-Air Warfare Coordinator during several BMD Flight Test Missions and a 7th FLEET deployment. In March of 2015, he transferred to USS Chung-Hoon DDG 93 to serve as AICS and Operations Department LCPO, where he advanced to Master Chief Petty Officer in May 2018. While onboard, he qualified as a Tactical Action Officer, deploying to both the 5th and 7th Fleets in support of multiple regional stability operations.

Master Chief Monahan reported to Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific in October 2019 and filled roles as the N7 Director of Training and later on as N3 Operations Scheduler. From April to October of 2021, he served onboard the USS William P. Lawrence DDG 110 as the acting Command Master Chief, filling a critical gap billet. Master Chief Monahan returned to ATG, screened, and was selected for conversion to the Command Master Chief program in March 2022 and was assigned to the USS Wayne E Meyer DDG 108 in September 2022, where he deployed to 7th FLEET, and served until

October 2024. He now serves as the Command Master Chief for Destroyer Squadron THREE ONE in Pearl Harbor, HI.

Master Chief Monahan is a graduate of the Senior Enlisted Academy, CMC/COB course, and Advanced CMC. He holds the Enlisted Surface Warfare and Air Warfare Specialist designations. He has an Associate's Degree in Science and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a focus on Management. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards), the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and several campaign medals and ribbons. He and his wife, Stephanie, live in Mililani, HI, with their three daughters, Grace, Mia, and Abigail.



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CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT CHERISE L. MOSLEY

CMSgt Cherise Mosley serves as the Command Chief Master Sergeant for the 90th Missile Wing, F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming. She is the primary advisor to the commander in support of over 4,200 military, civilian, and contract personnel who provide a nuclear combat capability by operating, maintaining, securing, and supporting 15 missile alert facilities and 150 Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles on constant alert status, ready to launch at the direction of the President of the United States.

Chief Mosley grew up in and entered the Air Force from, Wasilla, Alaska in April 2001 as a Munitions Systems Technician. Her background includes numerous positions at the squadron, group, wing and Major Command levels. Her previous assignments include bases in South Carolina, South Korea, Guam, Germany, North Dakota, Louisiana and California. Chief Mosley has deployed in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, INHERENT RESOLVE, FREEDOM'S SENTINEL and SPARTAN SHIELD.

Prior to her current assignment, she served as Senior Enlisted Airmen for Space Launch Delta 30 at Vandenberg Space Force Base, where she responsible for the readiness, health, welfare, quality of life, and development for a total force team of 2,600 military and civilian Airmen and

Guardians responsible for executing assured access to space operations and intercontinental ballistic missile test missions for the Department of Defense.



EDUCATION

2005 Airman Leadership School, Osan AB, Republic of Korea

2005 Munitions Systems Craftsman Course, Sheppard AFB, Tex.

2006 Air Force Combat Ammunition Planning & Production Course, Beale AFB, Calif.

2006 Munitions Accountable Systems Officer Course, Sheppard AFB, Tex.

2010 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Kadena AB, Japan

2011 United States Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy (Non-residence)

2011 Associate of Applied Science Degree, Munitions Systems Technology, Community College of the Air Force

2011 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Course, National Defense University (Non-residence)

2012 Professional Manager Certification, Community College of the Air Force

2012 Associate of Applied Science, Business Management, Columbia Southern University, Orange County, Ala.

2013 Bachelor of Science, Business Management, Columbia Southern University, Orange County, Ala.

2014 Air Force Nuclear Surety Inspector Course, Kirtland AFB, NM.

2015 Air Force Weapons Safety Management Course, Lackland AFB, Tex.

2015 Air Force Inspector General Training Course for Inspectors, Kirtland AFB, NM.

2015 United States Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunter Annex, Ala.

2016 North Atlantic Treaty Organization Logistics Tactical Evaluator Course, Oberammergau, Germany

2016 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Course II, National Defense University (Non-residence)





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2017 Master of Business Administration and Management, Columbia Southern University, Orange County, Ala.
2018 Air Force Combat Ammunition Planning & Production Course, Beale AFB, Calif.
2019 United States Air Force Chief Master Sergeant Leadership Course, Air University, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
2021 Command Chief Training Course, Andrews AFB, Washington DC
2023 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, University of North Carolina Kenan-Flagler Business School, Chapel Hill, NC
2024 Continuous Process Improvement Executive Course, Institute for Defense and Business, Duke University, Duram, NC
2025 Leading Strategically, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, CO

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 2001 – May 2001, Trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base, Tex.
2. May 2001 – August 2001, Student, Munitions Systems Technical Training School, Sheppard AFB, Tex.
3. August 2001 – October 2003, Munitions Crew Member, 20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Shaw AFB, SC
4. November 2003 – November 2005, Munitions Inspector, 51st Munitions Squadron, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea
5. November 2006 – August 2008, Operations Stock Control Supervisor, 36th Munitions Squadron, Andersen AFB, Guam
6. August 2008 – August 2009, NCO in Charge, Conventional Maintenance, 36th Munitions Squadron, Andersen AFB, Guam
7. August 2009 – September 2010, Executive Assistant, 36th Maintenance Group, Andersen AFB, Guam
8. September 2010 – September 2011, NCO in Charge, Munitions Control, 36th Munitions Squadron, Andersen AFB, Guam
9. September 2011 – August 2012, NCO in Charge, Munitions Operations, 86th Munitions Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany
10. August 2012 – October 2013, NCO in Charge, Precision Guided Munitions, 86th Munitions Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany
(October 2013 – April 2014, Munitions Flight Chief, 386th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron, Southwest Asia)
11. April 2014 – October 2014, Production Flight Chief, 86th Munitions Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany
12. October 2014 – March 2015, Systems Flight Chief, 86th Munitions Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany
13. March 2015 – January 2017, Command Munitions and Surety Inspector, USAFE-AFRICA IG, Ramstein AB, Germany
14. January 2017 – October 2017, Superintendent, Inspections Division, USAFE-AFRICA IG, Ramstein AB, Germany
15. October 2017 – August 2018, Materiel Flight Chief, 5th Munitions Squadron, Minot AFB, NDak.
16. August 2018 – July 2020, Superintendent, 5th Munitions Squadron, Minot AFB, NDak.
(October 2019 – July 2020, Superintendent, 380th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron, Al Dhafra AB, United Arab Emirates)
17. July 2020 – August 2022, Air Force Global Strike Command Munitions Functional Manager, Barksdale AFB, La.
18. August 22 – June 2024, Senior Enlisted Airman, Space Launch Delta 30, Vandenberg Space Force Base, Calif.
19. June 2024 – Present, Command Chief, 90th Missile Wing, Francis E. Warren AFB, Wyo.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit
Meritorious Service Medal with silver cluster and one bronze oak leaf cluster
Air Force Commendation Medal with two bronze oak leaf clusters
Meritorious Unit Award with bronze oak leaf cluster
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award
National Defense Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Korean Defense Service Medal
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with "N" device

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2004 – 51st Fighter Wing Lieutenant General Leo Marquez Missile and Munitions Technician of the Year
2012 – 86th Airlift Wing Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award
2013 – 86th Airlift Wing Lieutenant General Leo Marquez Award
2013 – 86th Airlift Wing Volunteer of the Year





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2016 – Headquarters United States Air Forces in Europe Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year
2016 – United States Air Forces in Europe Lieutenant General Howard W. Leaf Award
2017 – 5th Bomb Wing General Larry D. Welch Award

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant 1 October 2018

(Current as of Jan 2025)





United States Navy Biography

COMMAND MASTER CHIEF AARON A. PAUL



Command Master Chief Aaron Paul, a New York native raised in New Orleans, enlisted in the Navy in August 2000. After completing boot camp at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, he began his career aboard USS Enterprise (CVN-65) as a member of Air Department, V-4 Division. Following his first deployment, he selected the rate of Operations Specialist, advancing to Second Class and earning his Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist qualification.

In 2006, reported to Syracuse Military Entrance Processing Station as an In-Processing Clerk and ASVAB Testing Coordinator. In 2009, he reported to USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70), homeported in Norfolk, VA and San Diego, CA, serving as an Air Intercept Controller and Combat Direction Watch Officer. He earned his Aviation Warfare Specialist qualification and was promoted to First Class Petty Officer.

From 2013, he served at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, training recruits and prospective RDCs while earning his Master Training Specialist qualification and promotion to Chief Petty Officer. In 2017, he joined USS McCampbell (DDG-85) in Yokosuka, Japan, leading as Operations Department Leading Chief Petty Officer and serving as Command Equal Opportunity Specialist, earning promotion to Senior Chief Petty Officer.

In 2020, Master Chief Paul served at Navy Wounded Warrior, Naval District Washington, assisting injured service members and their families. He later held leadership roles as Command Master Chief at Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Two Zero (VX-20) and Naval Test Wing Atlantic, Patuxent River, MD . In June 2024, he reported as Command Master Chief of Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command, Bethesda, MD.

His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various unit and campaign awards. He is a graduate of the Navy Senior Enlisted Academy, Class 241 Orange.

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WARRANT OFFICER CLASS ONE COREY REWHAREWHA

Command Sergeant Major Special Operations Component



Warrant Officer Class One (WO1) Corey Rewharewha was appointed the Command Sergeant Major, Special Operations Component Command on 9 December 2024. He is married with two daughters, a son and two grandsons.

WO1 Rewharewha enlisted into the New Zealand Army in 1991 as a Crewman, Royal New Zealand Armoured Corps. At the completion of recruit training he was posted to the 1st Armoured Group. He later trade changed and was integrated into the trade of Supplier/Quartermaster in December of 1996.

WO1 Rewharewha has served in a range of units throughout his career including Queens Alexandra's Mounted Rifles, 1st Battalion Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment, 1st New Zealand Special Air Service Regiment, Land Operations Training Centre (LOTC), and Headquarters Joint Force New Zealand.

WO1 Rewharewha has undertaken a range of regimental, staff and training appointments including Training Warrant Officer and School Sergeant Major LOTC, Squadron Sergeant Major 1st New Zealand Special Air Service Regiment and Regimental Sergeant Major 2nd Combat Service Support Battalion. More recently, he has served as the Military Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Army.

Operationally, WO1 Rewharewha has served in Bosnia (1995), Timor Leste (1999 and 2001) and multiple deployments to Afghanistan (2002 - 2011).

WO1 Rewharewha's professional development includes the Singapore Armed Forces Joint Leadership Course and the Advanced Command and Staff College (New Zealand). He is a graduate of Victoria University and the University of New England, and holds a Masters of Strategic Studies and Bachelor of Training and Development.



Carter W. Richardson

Senior Enlisted Advisor to the USARPAC DCG HA



SGM Carter Richardson is a native of Renton Washington. He entered the U.S. Army in October of 1991 where he completed one station unit training (OSUT) at Fort Knox, Kentucky graduating as an M1A1 Armor Crewman. His military education includes all levels of the Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Education program culminating with the US Army Nominative Leader Class 23-02. He has also graduated from several other functional area schools to include the United States Army's Master Gunner School, (Commandants List) Electronic Warfare course, Mission Command Systems Integrator Course and the Regional Leaders Advisor Course.

SGM Richardson has branch certified at every NCO leadership position from Platoon to State CSM. Among his assignments, he previously served as the Washington Army National Guard State Command Sergeant Major, Senior Enlisted Guard Advisor for Europe and Africa, (2022-2024) Command Sergeant Major of the 81st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, (2019-2022) Command Sergeant Major of the Joint Multinational Training Group Ukraine (2021), Command Sergeant Major 3rd BN 1-161st Infantry (2017-2019) Operations Sergeant Major for the 81st SBCT (2016-2017), Seattle Washington. Other past assignments include Executive assistant to the Washington Army National Guard's Senior Enlisted Leader (2015), current operations NCOIC WAARNG (2015), 1SG B Troop 1-303rd Cavalry Kent WA (2012-2015), BDE Master Gunner 81st ABCT Camp Murray WA (2011-2012), BN Master Gunner 1-161 IN (CAB) Spokane WA (2009-2011), Scout Platoon Sergeant A Troop 1-303rd Cavalry, Al Asad (2008-2009), Scout Platoon Sergeant A Troop 1-303rd Cav (2006-2008) Puyallup WA, Tank Platoon Sergeant Troop E, 81st BRT OIF II (2003-2004), Armor Crewman to Tank Commander Troop E 81st BRT (1994-2003) Armor Crewman 1-37 Armor 3 BCT 3rd Infantry Division Vilseck Germany (1992-1994).

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (two), Bronze Star, Meritorious service (Three) Army Commendation Medal (four) Army Achievement medal (five) Iraq Campaign Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal. He also is a recipient of the Order of St George Bronze Medallion.

SGM Richardson is married to the former Antonia Shelly, Seattle Washington



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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT CAROLYN A. RUSSELL

CMSgt Carolyn A. Russell is the Command Chief, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar. In this capacity, she is the commander's principal enlisted leader, supporting the readiness and effective utilization of more than 5,400 Air Force, joint, and coalition forces as well as 55 mission partners at the largest composite wing within the Middle Eastern theater of operations. The 379 AEW encompasses airlift, air refueling, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, and aeromedical evacuation assets supporting operations INHERENT RESOLVE, SPARTAN SHIELD, PROSPERITY GUARDIAN, and POSEIDON ARCHER. Chief Russell also serves as key advisor to the commander on all health, morale, welfare, training, quality of life, professional development, and effective resource allocation.

CMSgt Russell is a native of San Diego, California, and enlisted in the Air Force in July of 2000, as a Maintenance Production Manager. Her background includes time in Professional Military Education as an Airman Leadership School Instructor and various positions within the Maintenance and Logistics Enterprise. She served as the Senior Enlisted Leader for Maintenance Operations, Aircraft Maintenance, Maintenance Squadron, and the Air Force Global Strike Command A4 Staff. Her previous assignments include bases in Arizona, North Dakota, The Republic of Korea, North Carolina, Louisiana, and Delaware. She deployed in support of Operations INHERENT and DELIBERATE RESOLVE. Prior to her current position, she served as Command Chief, 436th Airlift Wing, Dover Air Force Base, Delaware.



EDUCATION

- 2005 Airman Leadership School, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.
- 2007 Associates Degree, Maintenance Production Management, Community College of the Air Force
- 2009 Occupational Instructor Certificate, Community College of the Air Force
- 2010 Associates Degree, Instructor of Military Science, Community College of the Air Force
- 2011 Bachelor of Science, Occupational Education and Management, Wayland Baptist University
- 2011 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2012 USAF Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Keesler AFB, Miss.
- 2014 Professional Manager's Certification, Community College of the Air Force
- 2014 Master of Business Administration and Management, Wayland Baptist University
- 2015 Master Resiliency Training Certificate, Joint Base McGuire, N.J.
- 2016 USAF Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2017 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2021 Chief Master Sergeant Leadership Course, Gunter Annex, Ala.
- 2022 Senior Enlisted Legal Orientation, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2022 Society for Human Resource Management, Certified Professional, Alexandria, Va.
- 2024 Africa - Regional Seminar, Alan L. Reed and Associates, Capitol Hill, Washington D.C.
- 2024 Leading Strategically, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 2025 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Flatter, UNC Chapel Hill, NC.
- 2025 Mid-East Asia - Regional Seminar, Alan L. Reed and Associates, Capitol Hill, Washington D.C.





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ASSIGNMENTS

1. December 2000 - April 2004, Maintenance Scheduler, 310th Fighter Squadron, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.
2. April 2004 - August 2006, Egress Scheduler, 56th Component Maintenance Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.
3. August 2006 - August 2008, NCOIC Scheduling, 56th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.
4. August 2008 - August 2012, ALS Instructor, 56th Force Support Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.
5. August 2012 - February 2015, NCOIC, B-52 Maintenance Scheduling, 5th Maintenance Group, Minot AFB, N.D.
6. February 2015 - February 2016, Section Chief, Maintenance Scheduling, 8th Maintenance Group, Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea
7. February 2016 - October 2016, Maintenance Operations Superintendent, 69th Maintenance Squadron, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.
8. October 2016 - December 2018, Maintenance Operations Superintendent, 4th Maintenance Group, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
9. December 2018 - December 2019 Superintendent, 335th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
10. December 2019 - December 2020, Chief Enlisted Manager, 2d Maintenance Operations, Barksdale AFB, La.
11. December 2020 - October 2021, Superintendent, 2d Maintenance Squadron, Barksdale AFB, La.
12. October 2021 - June 2023, 2R Functional Manager, Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale AFB, La.
13. June 2023 - June 2025, Command Chief, 436th Airlift Wing, Dover AFB, Del.
14. June 2025 - Present, Command Chief, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with seven oak leaf clusters
Air Force Overseas Short Tour Ribbon

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2004 - Airman of the Year, 756th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, Luke AFB, Ariz.
2005 - John L. Levitow Award, Airman Leadership School, Luke AFB, Ariz.
2006 - Maintenance Support Professional of the Year, 56th Component Maintenance Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.
2007 - Maintenance Support Professional of the Year, 56th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.
2011 - Instructor of the Year, 56th Mission Support Group, Luke AFB, Ariz.
2012 - John L. Levitow Award, Mathies NCO Academy, Keesler AFB, Miss.
2013 - NCO of the Year, 5th Maintenance Group, Minot AFB, N.D.
2014 - Summa Cum Laude Graduate Honors, Wayland Baptist University, Texas
2015 - Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award, 8th Maintenance Group, Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea
2015 - SNCO of the Year, 8th Maintenance Group, Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea
2016 - Pacific Air Forces Maintenance Manager of the Year
2018 - Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award, 4th Maintenance Group Staff, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic July 12, 2000
Airman Jan. 1, 2001
Airman First Class Dec. 14, 2002
Senior Airman July 12, 2003
Staff Sergeant Oct. 1, 2006
Technical Sergeant June 1, 2011
Master Sergeant July 1, 2014
Senior Master Sergeant March 1, 2017
Chief Master Sergeant Dec 1, 2019

(Current as of November 2025)





United States Navy Biography

DANIEL J. SHERMAN COMMAND MASTER CHIEF NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING SYSTEMS COMMAND ATLANTIC

Master Chief Sherman, a native of Pittsburgh, Pa. Upon graduation from high school, he worked as a carpenter's apprentice for Flynn Construction Management General Contracting, Inc. for five years. In May 2001, he began his U.S. Navy career attending Boot Camp at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill., and graduated as the Honor Recruit.

He then reported to Builder (BU) "A" School in Gulfport, Miss., where he was an Honor Graduate and was accepted for the Accelerated Advancement Program and promoted to 3rd Class Petty Officer immediately upon arriving at his first duty station, Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Iwakuni, Japan. While aboard MCAS Iwakuni, he served admirably as a Project Supervisor and Crewleader, which led him to be selected as the Junior Sailor of the Year 2002.

In April 2004, he reported to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 3 in Port Hueneme, Calif. While assigned to NMCB 3, he deployed to Guam, Japan, and twice to Iraq. In Guam and Japan, he excelled as a Project Crewleader, earning increased responsibility as a Project Supervisor. While deployed to Fallujah, Iraq, he was hand-selected to be a .50-caliber Gunner and Assistant Vehicle Commander as part of a Seabee Engineer Reconnaissance Team (SERT). During this deployment, he was promoted to 2nd Class Petty Officer through the Command Advancement Program (CAP). His final deployment with NMCB 3 was to Ramadi, Iraq. On this deployment, he held various positions, including Project Supervisor, Mission Commander, and Detail Assistant Officer-in-Charge (AOIC). He was recognized as NMCB 3's Senior Sailor of the Year, 2008.

He reported to Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) 202 in April 2009, where he was advanced to Chief Petty Officer and served as Charlie Company Operations Chief. In January 2012, he joined NMCB 11 and deployed to Afghanistan, where he served as a Detail AOIC on numerous different missions. Another deployment to Bahrain where he served as the Senior Enlisted Leader for a Seabee Detachment, and later, he deployed to Rota, Spain, where he served as the Battalion's Quality Control Manager (S3QC) and then the Battalion's Operations Chief (S3C). In July 2015, he joined NAVFAC Mid-Atlantic Public Works Department (PWD), where he served as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader. While there, he was selected for Senior Chief and was transferred early to Amphibious Construction Battalion TWO (ACB2), where he served as the Battalion Operations Chief (S3C), was promoted to Master Chief, then finished his tour as the Command Master Chief. In 2019, he reported to NAVFAC HQ, where he served as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader and Total Force Master Chief. In July of 2022, he reported to Underwater Construction Team ONE, serving as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader. In March of 2025 he reported to Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Atlantic where he is currently serving as the Command Master Chief.

Master Chief Sherman's awards include a Meritorious Service Medal (2nd award), Navy Commendation Medal (5th Award) and a Navy Achievement Medal (4th Award). He is a graduate of the Command Master Chief Course and the Senior Enlisted Academy. He is qualified as a Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist and Expeditionary Warfare Specialist.





CMDCM(SS/SW/DV) Casey R. Tapley

Command Master Chief, Submarine Squadron 7

Master Chief Casey R. Tapley, a native of Swainsboro, Georgia, enlisted in the U.S. Navy through the delayed entry program, reporting to basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Illinois in February 2004. Upon completion of basic training, Master Chief Tapley attended Basic Enlisted Submarine School (BESS) in Groton, Connecticut and Electronics Technician Communications "A" School in Kings Bay, Georgia.

His at-sea assignments include USS Florida (SSGN 728) as a Communications Electronics Technician, completing the SSGN conversion, and a EUCOM, AFRICOM, CENTCOM Deployment. USS Frank Cable (AS 40) as ship superintendent for multiple deployed units. USS Oklahoma City (SSN 723) as the Communications LCPO and Navigation/Operations Department Enlisted Advisor completing two WESTPAC deployments. He attended the Senior Enlisted Academy resident course in June 2019 and the Command Master Chief/Chief of the Boat capstone course in June 2020 before reporting to USS Nevada Blue (SSBN-733) as Chief of the Boat, where he completed a CNO availability and 2 strategic deterrent patrols.

Ashore, his assignments include the staff of Submarine Squadron Seventeen as the Assistant Communications Officer, and the Command Master Chief of Submarine Readiness Squadron 31. In May 2025 he reported to COMSUBRON 7 where he currently serves.

His decorations include: Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (3 awards), Navy and Marine Corp Achievement Medal (4 awards), five Battle "E" awards and various unit and campaign awards.

Warrant Officer Ann Thomas MBE

Cyber and Special Operations Command Warrant Officer

Warrant Officer Ann Thomas, Royal Air Force (RAF) is currently the Cyber and Specialist Operational Command (CSOC) Warrant Officer, an organization responsible for commanding and generating joint capabilities across the Single Services and setting the framework for joint enablers, including Intelligence and Cyber, the Directorate Special Forces, Joint Force Development, Defence Medical Services and the Development Concepts and Doctrine Centre. Also holding responsibility for all Permanent Joint Overseas Bases and Special Operations.



WO Thomas joined the Royal Air Force in 1996 as a Survival Equipment Fitter beginning her diverse service career at Parachute Engineering Sqn, RAF Brize Norton. Subsequent appointments included roles at Brigade Parachute Squadron (BPS), supporting 16 Air Assault Brigade, and 3 Regiment Army Air Corps. Previous appointments included RAF Marham, RAF Cosford, RAF Centre for Aviation Medicine Henlow and RAF Halton. Undertaking a wide range of professional roles from trials management, recruit training and support to Fast Jet assets to professions analysis and most recently within Air Command as 11 Gp Command Warrant Officer to the 2* Air Component Commander. Her rich, diverse trade and leadership experience also includes operational deployments on Op TELIC, SHADER, and KIPION with regular travel across the broader middle east supporting deployed personnel.

Playing an active role within ceremonial duties, WO Thomas supported at the 2012 Olympic and 2014 Paralympic Games, undertaking VVIP duties for RAF 100 celebrations and Royal Court Duties at the Wimbledon Championships in 2025. Since 2006 her dedication to the sport of powerlifting has seen her participation grow from grass roots to elite level as a competitor, with appointments as Chief Drug Control Officer within the World Federation in 2007 and as British Powerlifting President in 2017. Her establishment of sports activities for disabled children saw huge success in developing a future Paralympian medalist in powerlifting.

Having additionally received a number of Commendations including two 2* Air Officer Commanding commendations, WO Thomas was awarded the Member British Empire medal in the Queen's birthday honors list 2019 and the Meritorious Service Medal awarded in 2025.

Committed to enlisted development and the mentorship program, within the Women in Defence Programme was previously a Senior Industry Executive and continues to be a sought-after mentor to talent candidates through RAF LEAD.

(Current as of Aug 2025)



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CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT CALEB VADEN

Chief Master Sgt. Caleb Vaden is the Command Chief Master Sergeant, 37th Training Wing, Joint Base San Antonio- Lackland, Texas. He serves as the primary advisor to the commander on all matters affecting training, performance, discipline, safety, readiness, and health of more than 18,000 students and permanent party Airmen. He assists the commander in ensuring the success of four primary training missions, graduating more than 85,000 students annually. The wing encompasses nine wing staff agencies, three groups, and one Inter-American academy that operates from 10 geographically separated locations.

Chief Vaden entered the Air Force on Feb. 13, 2001, and throughout his career he has filled numerous leadership roles in the civil engineer career field at the squadron, group, major command, and joint levels. He also has multiple combat deployments in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Inherent Resolve, Iraqi Freedom and Freedom's Sentinel and NATO's Resolute Support mission in Afghanistan.

Prior to his current position he served as the Command Chief for the 42nd Air Base Wing at Maxwell Air Force Base- Gunter Annex, Alabama.

EDUCATION

2004 Emergency Medical Technician Certification, Mississippi Gulfport Community College, Miss.

2004 Airman Leadership School, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

2009 Associate Degree, Construction Technology, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2010 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Kadena Air Base, Japan

2010 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education, National Defense University, Washington, D.C., by correspondence

2010 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2011 Professional Manager Certification, CCAF, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2012 Bachelor of Science, Strategic Leadership, Southwestern College, Winfield, Kan.

2012 Organizational Leadership Certification, Southwestern College, Winfield, Kan.

2012 Marine Corps Staff Noncommissioned Officer Advanced Course, Camp Hansen, Japan

2014 Civil Engineer Superintendent Course, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio

2015 Contingency Wartime Planners Course, Curtis E. LeMay Center for Doctrine Development and Education, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2016 Contingency Engineer Command, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio

2016 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II, National Defense University, Washington, D.C., by correspondence

2018 Chief Leadership Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.



Airman Basic
February 13, 2001



Airman Basic
February 13, 2001



Airman First Class
March 30, 2001



Senior Airman
January 30, 2003



Staff Sergeant
August 01, 2004



Master Sergeant
July 01, 2012



Senior Master Sergeant
March 01, 2015



Chief Master Sergeant
December 01, 2017



ASSIGNMENTS

1. February 2001 – March 2001, Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas

2. March 2001 – July 2001, Technical Training, 364th Training Squadron, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

3. July 2001 – November 2004, Heavy Equipment Operator Journeyman, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, Keesler AFB, Miss.

4. November 2004 – November 2005, Heavy Equipment Operator Journeyman, 554th RED HORSE Squadron, Osan Air Base, South Korea

5. November 2005 – May 2007, Heavy Equipment Operator Craftsman, 75th Civil Engineer Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah

6. May 2007 – March 2010, Noncommissioned officer in charge Heavy Equipment Section, 2nd Civil Engineer Squadron, Barksdale AFB, La.

7. March 2010 – August 2012, NCOIC Airfield and Munitions Area Maintenance Section, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron, Kadena AB, Japan

8. August 2012 – February 2013, Superintendent, Commander Support Staff, and Interim First Sergeant, 18th Civil Engineer Group, Kadena

AB, Japan

9. February 2013 – March 2014, NCOIC Horizontal Repair, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron, Kadena AB, Okinawa Japan

10. March 2014 – April 2017, Pacific Air Forces Engineer Readiness, Functional Area Manager, and Contingency Planner, Joint Base Pearl

Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii

11. May 2017 – June 2019, Squadron Superintendent, 23rd Civil Engineer Squadron, Moody AFB, Ga.

12. June 2019 – June 2021 Superintendent, 28th Mission Support Group, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.

13. June 2021 – May 2022, Command Chief, 461st Air Control Wing, Robins AFB, Ga.

14. June 2022 – May 2023, Senior Enlisted Leader, International Affairs and International Officer School, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

15. May 2023–July 2025, Command Chief, 42nd Air Base Wing, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

16. July 2025-present, Command Chief, 37th Training Wing, Joint Base San Antonio- Lackland, Texas

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic Feb. 13, 2001

Airman First Class March 30, 2001

Senior Airman Jan. 30, 2003

Staff Sergeant Aug. 1, 2004

Technical Sergeant July 1, 2008

Master Sergeant June 1, 2012

Senior Master Sergeant March 1, 2015

Chief Master Sergeant Dec. 1, 2017

(Current as of July 2025)





**COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR
JEFFERY D. WEAVER**
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR, EIGHTH ARMY

CSM Jeffery Weaver is a native of Miamisburg, Ohio. CSM Weaver attended One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Georgia, to become an Infantryman.

CSM Weaver has served in every leadership position from Team Leader to Brigade Command Sergeant Major in light and airborne infantry units with his last assignment serving as the United States Army Japan Command Sergeant Major, Camp Zama, Japan. He has served in the four Light Infantry Divisions in the Army, the 82nd Airborne Division, the 25th Infantry Division, the 101st (Air Assault) Airborne Division, and the 10th Mountain Division. He has also served in the 4th Ranger Training Battalion. CSM Weaver has deployed several times in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraq Freedom, operations in support of the U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM) regionally aligned mission, Operation Resolute Support, and most recently in support of Pacific Pathways.

CSM Weaver has attended every Noncommissioned Officer Course that is required to be a Senior Noncommissioned Officer. He is a graduate of the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy Class 67. He has also been to Airborne School, Air Assault School, Sling Load Inspector Course, US Army Ranger School, Jumpmaster School, the Instructor's Training Course, Reconnaissance Surveillance Leaders Course, Military Free Fall School, Pathfinder School, Master Resiliency Training Course, Military Advisor Training Academy (MATA) and Jungle Operations Training Course (JOTC).

CSM Weaver's awards and decorations include; Legion of Merit (2nd Award), Bronze Star (5th Award), Meritorious Service Medal (4th Award), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (2nd Award), Army Achievement Medal (with "C" device), Army Achievement Medal (5th Award), Good Conduct Medal (9th Award), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Service Ribbon (3 Campaign Stars), Iraq Campaign Service Ribbon (2 Campaign Stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (with Numeral 6), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (with Numeral 6) ISAF/Resolute Support NATO Medal (3 Campaign Stars), Valorous Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Citation (3rd Award), Superior Unit Award (2nd Award), Master Combat Infantryman's Badge, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Air Assault Badge, Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Military Free Fall Badge and the Pathfinder Badge.

CSM Weaver is married and has three children.

MASTER CHIEF SHELLY D. WILLIAMS, U.S. NAVY

Command Master Chief, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard
& Intermediate Maintenance Facility



Command Master Chief Williams (SW/AW/IW/IUSS), a native of Hemphill, Texas, enlisted in the United States Navy in July 1999. After graduating from Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois, she completed Radioman "A" School at Naval Training Center, Great Lakes.

Her fleet assignments include USS PORTER (DDG 78), Multi-National Corps/Multi-National Forces—Baghdad, Iraq, and Carrier Strike Group TWO. She served as Command Master Chief for USS RALPH JOHNSON (DDG 114) from July 2018 to September 2021, where her leadership played a pivotal role in the ship's exceptional maiden deployment—nine months of operations across FIFTH and SEVENTH Fleets during the COVID-19 pandemic. Under her tenure, the crew earned three Retention Excellence Awards and the 2020 Battle "E."

She went on to serve as Command Master Chief for Destroyer Squadron NINE from October 2023 to November 2025. Her previous shore assignments include United States Pacific Command, Camp Smith, Hawaii; Naval Ocean Processing Facility, Dam Neck, Virginia; Center for Information Dominance, Dam Neck, Virginia; Command Senior Chief at PSNS & IMF Detachment Everett, Washington; and Command Master Chief at Naval Station Everett.

In November 2025, she assumed her current role as Command Master Chief for Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility.

Command Master Chief Williams has earned the Enlisted Information Warfare, Aviation Warfare, Surface Warfare, Master Training, and Integrated Undersea Surveillance System Specialist designations. She is a graduate of the Senior Enlisted Academy (Class 190 - Green), the Command Master Chief/Chief of the Boat Course, and the Advanced Command Master Chief Course.

Her awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (four awards), and numerous unit and campaign awards.



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WARRANT OFFICER CLASS ONE, MICHAEL YORWARTH, RNZALR, NEW ZEALAND ARMY Command Warrant Officer, Defence Logistics Command.



Warrant Officer Class One Michael Yorwarth was born on 22 August 1969. The youngest of five siblings he grew up in Huntly where he attended Huntly College and Hamilton Boys High School.

Warrant Officer Class One Yorwarth enlisted with the New Zealand Army in January 1987, completing Regular Force Cadet School in Waiouru before graduating as a Craftsman in the Corps of Royal New Zealand Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RNZEME) in December 1987.

Warrant Officer Class One Yorwarth commenced his apprenticeship as an Automotive Engineer in January 1988 at the School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

Warrant Officer Class One Yorwarth has been operationally deployed on three occasions; to Timor Leste as the vehicle repair Sergeant in 1999; to the United Arab Emirates as the second-in-command of the National Support Element at Al Minhad Airbase in 2016; and to Egypt with the Multinational Force and Observers as the Training Warrant Officer and New Zealand Contingent Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM).

Additionally, Warrant Officer Class One Yorwarth has deployed to Antarctica as an aircraft loader on Operation Deep Freeze in 1991 and posted to the Land Warfare Centre, Warminster, United Kingdom in 2004 on Exercise Long Look.

As an Automotive Engineer, Warrant Officer Class One Yorwarth have been fortunate enough to have had a variety of postings throughout his career, 1st Base Workshops, 5th Base Logistic Group, Queen Alexandra's Mounted Rifles 2nd Workshop Company, 2nd Engineer Regiment, Artificer Sergeant Major (ASM) or Principal Workshop Foreman, ASM 16th Field Regiment, ASM 2nd Workshop Company, and finally posted to Capability Branch as a project manager on the In Service Weapon Replacement and Upgrade Program. Warrant Officer Class One Yorwarth has also conducted instruction as an automotive engineer at the NZ Army's Trade Training School.

In the regimental and military training stream Warrant Officer Class One Yorwarth has held the following roles, Company Sergeant Major 2nd Workshop Company, Squadron Sergeant Major (SSM) Support Squadron 1st New Zealand Special Air Service Regiment, SSM Trade Training School, RSM 5th/7th Battalion, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment, and RSM 2nd Combat Service Support Battalion. In 2019/2020 he studied at the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy (USASMA) in Fort Bliss, Texas and was subsequently posted to the New Zealand Command and Staff College as the Warrant Officer Professional Development. Warrant Officer Class One Yorwarth is currently studying towards his Bachelor of Arts in Leadership and Workforce Development and fills the role of Command Warrant Officer at Defence Logistics Command.

Warrant Officer Class One Yorwarth is married to Tania, a General Manager of People and Culture and has a daughter Jodie, who is studying at Victoria University.

Outside of work Warrant Officer Class One Yorwarth is an avid sportsperson with a keen interest in Motorsport and rugby. He has his own race car and competes at various levels nationally. Warrant Officer Class One Yorwarth is a motorsport team crew member that competes at the top level of circuit racing within New Zealand. To keep fit he enjoys cycling and working out.



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COMMAND CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT SETH M. ZWEBEN

CMSgt Seth Zweben is the California Air National Guard State Command Chief, Sacramento, CA. He leverages personal experience and knowledge to translate Commanders Intent into the highest level of mission readiness to the five wings in California. He also advises the Commander on all matters pertaining to the development, retention, resiliency, and lethality of the Enlisted force.

CMSgt Zweben Enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve in Feb 1996. In November 1996 he graduated Basic Training and the School of Infantry and was assigned to Echo Company 2nd Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment San Bruno, California as a Rifleman and Machine Gunner. While serving as a Marine Reservist, he studied Political Science at the University of California, Davis. In 2002, CMSgt Zweben transferred into the California Air National Guard at Moffett ANGB and successfully completed Pararescue selection. In 2005 he graduated from the Pararescue Apprentice course and has served as a Pararescuman at Moffett ANGB until present day. As a Pararescuman, he deployed numerous times in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Inherent Resolve to Afghanistan, Africa, and Iraq. At home station he was the Team Leader on multiple long range open ocean parachute rescue missions and participated in dozens of civilian rescues and contingency operations including the 2008 California wildland fire medical evacuation response, and the 2008 Hurricane Gustav/Ike, 2011 Hurricane Irene, and 2017 Hurricane Irma responses. In 2010, he became an AGR at the 131st Rescue Squadron and held the positions of medical logistics NCO, team Scheduler, Training NCO, Flight Chief, Operations Superintendent, and Squadron SEL, CMD Joint SEL (JFHQ), and 129th RQW Operations Group SEL.

As a Drill Status Guardsman from 2006-2009, CMSgt Zweben was a City of Berkeley Firefighter/Paramedic. During this time, he completed, Incident Command System and National Incident Management System training. Prior to assuming his current position, the Chief was the Operations Group SEL at the 129th RQW, Moffett Air National Guard Base, Mountain View, California

EDUCATION

1996 United States Marine Corps Boot Camp, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.
1996 United States Marine Corps School of Infantry, Camp Pendleton, Calif.
2001 Marine Corps instructor Water Survival School, Camp Pendleton, Calif.
2003 Army Combat Dive School, Key West, Fla.
2003 Army Airborne School, Fort Benning, Ga.
2004 Army Military Freefall School, Yuma Proving Grounds, Ariz.
2004 Air force Sere School (SV80), Fairchild Air Force Base (AFB), Wash.
2004 Pararescue Paramedic School, Kirtland AFB, N.M.





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2005 Pararescue Apprentice Course, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
2006: Airman Leadership School, by correspondence
2009 Military Tandem and Tethered barrel parachute Course, Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif.
2010 Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, by correspondence
2013 Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, by correspondence
2015 Bachelor of Arts, University of California, Davis, Calif.
2016 Contemporary Base Issues Course, Moffett Air National Guard Base (ANGB), Calif.
2017 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education (SJEMP1)
2019 Associate of Applied Science, Personnel Recovery, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2019 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education (SJEMP2)
2021 Chief Master Sergeant Orientation Course, by correspondence
2025 Leading Strategically, Colorado Springs, Colo.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1996- November 1996, USMC Boot camp/School of Infantry, MCRD, San Diego, Calif.
2. December 1996- February 2002, Machine Gunner, Echo Company 2/23, San Bruno, Calif.
3. May 1998- Sep 1998, Charlie Company 3/23, Rodman Naval Station, Panama
4. February 2002- April 2005, Pararescue Student, 131st Rescue Squadron, Moffett ANGB, Calif.
5. April 2005- February 2010, Pararescueman/DSG, 131st Rescue Squadron, Moffett ANGB, Calif.
(August 2005-October 2005, Pararescueman, 59th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron, Kandahar, Afghanistan)
(June 2007- September 2007, Element Leader, 59th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron, Kandahar, Afghanistan)
(February 2009- April 2009, Element Leader, 81st Expeditionary Rescue Squadron, Djibouti, Africa)
6. February 2010- May 2017, Logistics/Operations NCO, 131st Rescue Squadron, Moffett ANGB, Calif.
(March 2010- July 2010, Team Leader, 83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron, Bagram, Afghanistan)
(January 2013- April 2013 Team Leader 26 Expeditionary Rescue Squadron, Bastion, Afghanistan)
(March 2015- June 2015 Squadron Senior Enlisted Leader, 81st Expeditionary Rescue Squadron, Djibouti, Africa)
7. May 2017-June 2019, Operations Superintendent, 131st Rescue Squadron, Moffett ANGB, Calif.
(July 2018- October 2018 Squadron Senior Enlisted Leader, 52nd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron, Al Assad, Iraq)
8. June 2019- Present day, Squadron Superintendent, 131st Rescue Squadron, Moffett ANGB, Calif.
9. March 2021-March 2023, Joint Senior Enlisted Leader, CA Military Department, JFHQ, Calif.
10. February 2023- May 2024, 129th Operations Group Senior Enlisted Leader, Moffett ANGB, Calif.
11. May 2024- Present, CA ANG State Command Chief, JFHQ, Calif.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal
Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Aerial Achievement Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Navy Achievement Medal
Meritorious Unit Award with oak leaf cluster
Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with oak leaf cluster
Operation Inherent Resolve Campaign medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal



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OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2009 129th Rescue Wing Outstanding NCO of the Year
2018 129th Rescue Wing Outstanding SNCO of the Year

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Private First Class Jan. 15, 1996
Lance Corporal June 7, 1998
Corporal March 23, 2000
Senior Airman Feb. 6, 2002
Staff Sergeant Aug. 1, 2006
Technical Sergeant Dec. 6, 2008
Master Sergeant March 15, 2011
Senior Master Sergeant March 20, 2016
Chief Master Sergeant Dec. 22, 2019

(Current as of Aug 2025)



SENIOR FELLOWS



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, published author, and professional speaker with over three decades of experience in the Marine Corps. His career spans leadership roles across the Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF), Space, Cyberspace, Intelligence, and Special Operations, and includes seven combat tours in Somalia and Iraq, as well as a Non-Combatant Evacuation Operation in Tirana, Albania. He deployed with HMM-365, 26th MEU (SOC), 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, and 7th Marine Regiment, and deployed while assigned to all three active-duty Marine Corps Divisions. Scott has deployed onboard the USS Guam, USS Nashville, USS Nassau, and USS Blue Ridge. He also served as the Intelligence Chief for Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command, Marine Corps Forces Cyberspace Command, and the Joint Staff J-2. He later 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), Scott leverages his extensive military background to drive leadership cultivation and innovation, while offering professional speaking, leadership development, and national security consulting services to a wide range of organizations.

In his current roles, Scott serves as a senior fellow at the National Defense University. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Marine Raider Foundation, Naval Intelligence Professionals, the Wounded Warrior Project, and Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and is a member of the Board of Advisors for the Tun Legacy Foundation. 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.

KEYSTONE STAFF



Clifford E. (Cliff) Wheeler, Jr.

Keystone & Pinnacle Program Manager

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

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

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

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 Combat Action Badge, the Presidential Unit Citation, and the Navy Unit Commendation. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the University of Mississippi, and Master 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 Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park and the National Museum of the United States Army and has done volunteer work with the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park and the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (T.A.P.S.).