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CMSgt.
Karin
Porter,
Florida's
first
woman to
earn E-9.



Florida's Karin Porter became the first woman to be promoted to the rank of Chief Master Sergeant in the Sunshine State's Air National Guard. At a Tyndall AFB ceremony, Porter was pinned by Brig. Gen. Larry K. Arnold, 1st Air Force vice commander. "It's overwhelming and amazing to me that there's still firsts for women to accomplish," Chief Porter said. Porter joined the Air Force in 1970. After graduating Air Force Basic Military Training School at Lackland AFB, Texas, she was assigned to Offutt AFB, Neb., providing communications support for the Air Force Global Weather Service. After serving in a variety of assignments in communications at home and abroad she left active duty in 1982 and joined the Air Force Reserve. In 1988, she joined the Florida Air Guard. Porter has served as a member of the operations and plans staff, NCO-in-charge of the Special Operations Center and first sergeant of the 702nd Computer Systems Squadron.

The following have been selected as recipients of 1997 Air National Guard Outstanding Recruiting Awards:

Recruiting office supervisor -- MSgt. Jesse Burns, 189th Airlift Wing, Ark.

Rookie recruiter -- TSgt. Dennis Fournier, 152nd Airlift Wing, Nev.

Production recruiter -- TSgt. Shannon Tolley, 157th Air Refueling Wing, N.H.

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