



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT GARY R. SZEKELY

Chief Master Sergeant Gary R. Szekely is the Commandant, United States Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy. He is the senior enlisted leader responsible for the leadership, education, and development of nearly 1,900 senior enlisted members from the United States military services and foreign forces annually. He oversees 53 professional instructors and support faculty in validating and delivering 25 academic days of professional military education, as well as leading strategy development for the institution. Chief Szekely leads the AFSNCOA during combined operations with the Squadron Officer College, providing mentorship to 2,000 company grade officers annually.

Chief Szekely entered the Air Force in September 1992 and graduated from the Electrical Power Production apprentice course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas in January 1993. He held various positions within the specialty to include the capstone position of Air Force, Force Development Manager for the career field. Furthermore, he held leadership positions at the group, wing, and task force level. His assignments include bases in New Jersey, South Dakota, Texas, Florida and Alaska. Chief Szekely also served overseas in South Korea, England, Germany, Guam and deployed in support of Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, DECISIVE EDGE, ALLIED FORCE, IRAQI and ENDURING FREEDOM.



Prior to assuming his current position, he served as the Command Chief Master Sergeant, 9th Air & Space Expeditionary Task Force-Afghanistan and Command Senior Enlisted Leader, NATO Air Command-Afghanistan

EDUCATION

1993 Electrical Power Production Apprentice Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas
1999 Airman Leadership School, Royal Air Force Feltwell, England
2005 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Kapaun Air Station, Germany
2006 Associate of Applied Science, Mechanical & Electrical Technology, CCAF, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2007 Civil Engineer Superintendent Course, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
2010 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Gunter Annex, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2012 Professional Manager Certification, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2013 Bachelor of Arts, Organizational Management, Ashford University, Clinton, Iowa
2015 Air Force Forces Senior Staff Course, Hurlburt Field, Florida
2016 Command Chief Master Sergeant Training Course, San Antonio, Texas
2017 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
2018 Master of Science, Management - Project Management Concentration, Troy University, Troy, Alabama
2018 Senior Enlisted Legal Orientation, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2019 Senior Leader Security Seminar, Dahlgren, Virginia

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Sep 92 – Oct 92, Student, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. Oct 92 – Jan 93, Student, Technical Training School, Sheppard AFB, Texas
3. Jan 93 – Jan 94, Power Production Specialist, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron, Kunsan Air Base, South Korea
4. Jan 94 – Aug 96, Power Production Journeyman, 305th Civil Engineer Squadron, McGuire AFB, New Jersey
5. Aug 96 – Dec 99, Power Production Journeyman, 48th Civil Engineer Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, England
6. Dec 99 – Jul 02, Power Production Craftsman, 28th Civil Engineer Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota
7. Jul 02 – Jul 06, NCOIC, Power Production, 735th Civil Engineer Squadron, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
8. Jul 06 – Sep 08, Section Chief, Electrical, 82nd Civil Engineer Squadron, Sheppard AFB, Texas
9. Sep 08 – Sep 09, Superintendent, Facilities, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron, Kunsan Air Base, South Korea
10. Sep 09 – Aug 13, Air Force, Force Development Manager, Power Production, AFCEC, Tyndall AFB, Florida
11. Aug 13 – Jun 14, Chief of Operations, 823 RED HORSE Squadron, Detachment 1, Tyndall AFB, Florida
12. Jun 14 – Mar 16, Group Superintendent, Pacific Air Forces Regional Support Center, JBER, Alaska
13. Mar 16 – Aug 17, Commandant, Elmendorf Professional Military Education Center, JBER, Alaska
14. Aug 17 – May 19, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 36th Wing, Andersen AFB, Guam
15. Jun 19 – Jun 20, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 9th Air & Space Expeditionary Task Force-Afghanistan and Command Senior Enlisted Leader, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Air Command-Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan
16. Jul 20 – Present, Commandant, Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunter Annex, Alabama

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters

Air Force Recognition Ribbon

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2006 Distinguished Graduate, Noncommissioned Officer Academy

2007 82 Civil Engineer Squadron Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year

2008 82 Civil Engineer Squadron Chief Master Sergeant Larry R. Daniels Award

2011 Headquarters Air Force Civil Engineer Center Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year

2012 Air Force, Society of American Military Engineers Goddard Medal

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant April 1, 2014

(Current as of July 2020)