



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT KARA E. VAUGHN

Chief Master Sergeant Kara E. Vaughn serves as the Chief of Operations, United States Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Alabama. Chief Vaughn is responsible for executing the educational program for 2,000 senior enlisted leaders annually on the employment of military capabilities from a joint and coalition perspective. Additionally, she confers with AF senior leaders to optimize attendance and resolve personnel and policy issues. Chief Vaughn provides oversight for daily operations, including student centered activities, student leadership and recognition programs, and scheduling. Finally, she manages faculty professional development programs, identifies positions and evaluates newly selected instructor candidates while providing student and faculty administration oversight.



Chief Master Sergeant Vaughn entered the Air Force in February 1996 and her background includes various duties in the Health Service Management career field. She has served as a Professional Military Education instructor, division and squadron superintendent and commandant.

#### EDUCATION

- 2001 Airman Leadership School, Elmendorf AFB, AK
- 2004 Basic Instructor Course, Sheppard AFB, TX
- 2005 Associates in Health Care Management, Community College of the Air Force
- 2007 Associates in Instructor of Technology & Military Science, Community College of the Air Force
- 2007 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Lackland AFB, TX
- 2007 Bachelors of Science in Occupational Education, Wayland Baptist University, Wichita Falls, TX
- 2008 College of Enlisted Professional Military Education Instructor's Course, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2011 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy Correspondence Course 14
- 2011 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Correspondence
- 2012 Professional Manager's Certification, Community College of the Air Force
- 2013 Instructor Certification Level III, Community College of the Air Force
- 2014 Masters in Health Service Management, Wayland Baptist University, Wichita Falls, TX
- 2017 Air Force Medical Service Intermediate Executive Skills Course, Lackland AFB, TX
- 2018 Chief Orientation Course, Hickam AFB, HI
- 2018 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Level II Correspondence

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. February - April 1996, Trainee, Air Force Basic Military Training School, Lackland AFB, TX
2. April - June 1996, Student, Health Service Management Apprentice Course, Sheppard AFB, TX

3. June 1996 - August 1998, Health Service Management Apprentice, 59th Medical Group, Lackland AFB, TX
4. August 1998 - December 1999, Health Service Management Journeyman, 36th Medical Support Squadron, Anderson AFB, GU
5. January 2000 - February 2003, Health Service Management Journeyman, 3d Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, AK
6. February 2003 - August 2004, Health Service Management Craftsman, 82d Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Sheppard AFB, TX
7. August 2004 - May 2008, Instructor, Health Service Management Course, 382d Training Squadron, Sheppard AFB, TX
8. May 2008 - December 2010, Instructor, Airey Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Tyndall AFB, FL
9. December 2010 - February 2013, Superintendent, Profession of Arms Division, Sheppard Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Sheppard AFB, TX
10. February 2013 - March 2016, ALS Commandant, 82d Force Support Squadron, Sheppard AFB, TX
11. March 2016 – June 2018, Superintendent, 354th Medical Operations Squadron, Eielson AFB, AK
12. June 2018 – Present, Chief of Operations, USAF Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, AL

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

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

#### **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

2001 Airman Leadership School Distinguished Graduate Award  
2009 Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award, Airey Noncommissioned Officer Academy  
2009 Noncommissioned Officer Volunteer of the Year, 325th Fighter Wing  
2011 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Volunteer Service Person of the Year, Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1054  
2013 Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, 82d Force Support Squadron  
2014 Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, 82d Force Support Squadron  
2015 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Volunteer Service Person of the Year, Air Force Sergeants Association Division 4  
2016 Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, 354th Medical Support Squadron

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION**

Chief Master Sergeant August 2018

(Current as of September 2018)