



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JOSHUA R. TIDWELL

Chief Master Sergeant Joshua R. Tidwell is the Vice Commandant and Director of Education at the Air Force Senior NCO Academy. He is responsible for development and deployment of curriculum to educate 2K students annually on employment of military capabilities from a joint and coalition perspective. He advises the Commandant on the overall operation of \$12M campus and advises three joint/sister service schools and three international exchange instructors on senior enlisted academic programs.

CMSgt Tidwell was raised in Pell City, Alabama. After graduation from Pell City High School, he left home on 24 February 1999 for Lackland Air Force Base, TX. There he attended and graduated from Basic Military training and the Air Transportation Apprentice Course.

CMSgt Tidwell has worked in various capacities at the COCOM, Group, and Squadron level. His notable jobs include Squadron Superintendent, First Sergeant for 5 units, Aerial Port Operations Superintendent, and NCOIC of Airlift Operations at USAFCENT Headquarters. Additionally, he has served as Vice President of the Chiefs Group, and President of two First Sergeant Councils. Chief Tidwell has deployed eight times in support of OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH, ENDURING FREEDOM, and IRAQI FREEDOM. During his most recent deployment to Bagram AB, Afghanistan he served as First Sergeant of the 455th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron and First Sergeant Council President.



EDUCATION

- 2001 Airman Leadership School, Kapaun Air Station, Germany
- 2005 A.A.S Degree, Business Management, Community College of the Air Force
- 2006 NCO Academy, Maxwell Gunter AFB, Alabama
- 2008 Professional Manager's Certification, Community College of the Air Force
- 2011 Air Force Senior NCO Academy, Maxwell Gunter AFB, Alabama
- 2011 First Sergeant Academy, Maxwell Gunter AFB, Alabama
- 2011 Senior Enlisted Joint PME Course, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA
- 2012 A.A.S. Degree, Human Resources Management, Community College of the Air Force
- 2016 Chief Leadership Course, Maxwell Gunter AFB, Alabama
- 2017 Enlisted Professional Military Education Instructor Course, Gunter AFB, Alabama

ASSIGNMENTS

1. February 1999 – Apr 1999, Trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, TX
2. April 1999 – May 1999, Trainee, Air Transportation Apprentice Course, Lackland AFB, TX
3. June 1999 – June 2001, Ramp Services Specialist, 436 Aerial Port Squadron, Dover AFB, Delaware
4. June 2001 – June 2003, Passenger Service Specialist, 723 Air Mobility Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany
5. June 2003 – October 2005, Combat Readiness Instructor, 20 Logistics Readiness Squadron, Shaw AFB, South Carolina
6. October 2005 – July 2009, NCOIC, Airlift Operations, AFCENT Headquarters, Shaw AFB, South Carolina

