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MICHAEL L. (MIKE) WESTER

Mr. Michael Wester is the Director of Operations for the United States Air Force CMSgt Leadership Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Alabama. Mr. Wester is responsible for academic operations and support functions to develop Chief Master Sergeants into strategic-level leaders, supporting an annual throughput of more than 700 Total Force Chief Master Sergeants through in-residence and virtual learning programs.

Mr. Wester served 29 years in the United States Air Force and retired in the grade of Chief Master Sergeant. His background includes various duties in the communications systems career field, to include multiple assignments in tactical communications units. He has served at several stateside and overseas bases and has deployed in support of Operations Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and the Combined Air Defense of the Arabian Gulf.



EDUCATION

- 1996 Airman Leadership School, Kadena AB, Japan
- 2003 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Kadena AB, Japan
- 2006 Associate in Applied Science, Electronic Systems Technology, CCAF
- 2009 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2010 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Correspondence Course
- 2011 Associate in Applied Science, Instructor of Technology & Military Science, CCAF
- 2013 Bachelor of Arts, Organizational Management, Ashford University, San Diego, Calif
- 2016 Command Chief Master Sergeant Training Course, Randolph AFB, TX
- 2016 Senior Enlisted Legal Orientation, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2020 Master of Science, Adult Education, Troy University, Troy, Ala.

CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. March 1992 – May 1992, Student, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, TX
2. May 1992 – February 1993, Student, Technical Training, Keesler AFB, Miss
3. February 1993 – April 1995, Computer Maintenance Technician, Southwest Air Defense Sector, March AFB, CA
4. April 1995 – November 1997, Computer and Switching Systems Technician, 33 Combat Communications Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okl
5. November 1997 – March 1999, Secure Communications and Computer Systems Technician, 303 Intel Squadron Osan AB, S. Korea
6. March 1999 – March 2003, Voice Systems Supervisor, 612 Air Communications Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz



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7. March 2003 – March 2004, NCOIC, Maintenance Control, 303 Intel Squadron, Osan AB, S. Korea
8. March 2004 – September 2006, NCOIC, Network Systems, 54 Combat Communications Squadron, Robbins AFB, GA
9. September 2006 – September 2010, Maintenance Superintendent, 373 Support Squadron, Misawa AB, Japan
10. September 2010 – June 2014, Instructor and Chief, Programs and Resources Division, AF Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
11. June 2014 – May 2016, Squadron Superintendent, 606 Air Control Sq, Spangdahlem AB, Germany (October 2014 - April 2015, Superintendent, 727 Expeditionary Air Control Squadron, Det 3, Southwest Asia)
12. May 2016 – May 2017, Group Superintendent, 52 Operations Group, Spangdahlem AB, Germany
13. May 2017 – March 2021, Commandant, Chief Master Sergeant Leadership Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala
14. November 2021 – January 2023, Director of Enlisted Professional Military Education Distance Learning, Global College of PME, Maxwell AFB, Ala
15. January 2023 – Present, Director of Operations, Chief Master Sergeant Leadership Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

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