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CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT SHARRY L. BARNSHAW

Chief Master Sergeant. Sharry L. Barnshaw is an Instructor of the Chief Leadership Course, Maxwell Air Force Base - Gunter Annex, Alabama. She is responsible for teaching and developing over 1000 Chief Master Sergeants annually on a range of topics such as doctrine, strategy, mission command, and critical thinking. Additionally, she makes recommendations to the commandant on instructional standards, training, policies and procedures, and helps develop academic vision and initiatives for the future.

Chief Barnshaw is from Brooklyn, New York and enlisted in the Air Force in June 2004. She graduated from technical training school in September 2004 as an Information Technology Apprentice. Chief Barnshaw has served for 20 years at 7 different bases both overseas and stateside. She has also served on four deployments in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, FREEDOM SENTINEL, JUNIPER STALLION, JUNIPER SHIELD and other global contingency operations. Prior to her current position, Chief Barnshaw was the Senior Enlisted Leader of the 28th Mission Support Group, Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota.



EDUCATION

2009 Airmen Leadership School, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, North Carolina

2011 Associate Degree, Information Systems Management, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.

2015 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2015 Bachelor of Science, Information Technology Management, American Military University, Charlestown, W. Va.

2015 Noncommissioned Officer Academy-Intermediate Learning Experience, Keesler AFB, Miss.

2016 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education, by correspondence

2016 Air Force Reserve Command Senior Noncommissioned Officer Professional Enhancement, Dover AFB, Del.

2016 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2018 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II, by correspondence

2018 Professional Manager Certification, Air University, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.

2018 Air Force First Sergeant Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.

2019 Associate Degree, Human Resources, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.

2020 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy- Advanced Learning Experience, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.

2021 Cyberspace Superintendent Course, by correspondence

2022 Master of Science, Management, Organizational Leadership concentration, Wilmington University, Wilmington, Del.

2024 Chief Leadership Course, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2004 – July 2004, Trainee, 321st Basic Military Training Squadron, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas

2. July 2004 – September 2004, Student, 336th Student Training Squadron, Keesler AFB, Miss.

3. October 2004 – January 2008, Client Support Administrator, 494th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom (October 2005 – February 2006, Client Systems Administrator, 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron, Ali Base, Iraq)

4. January 2008 – January 2012, Client Systems Craftsman, 4th Communications Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C. (March – November 2010, NCOIC, Communications Focal Point, 380th Expeditionary Communications Squadron, Al Dhafra AB, United Arab Emirates)

5. January 2012 – February 2013, Section Chief, Client Service Center, 436th Communications Squadron, Dover AFB, Del. (September 2012 – January 2013, Client Support Team, Joint Task Force – Armed Forces Inaugural Committee, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.)

6. February 2013 – August 2014, Unit Training Manager and NCOIC, Readiness Cell, 436th Communications



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Squadron, Dover AFB, Del.

7. August 2014 – July 2016, NCOIC, Cyber Warfare Systems, 436th Communications Squadron, Dover AFB, Del., (NCOIC, Client Systems, 324th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron, Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy)
8. July 2016 – March 2018, Section Chief, Client Service Center, 436th Communications Squadron, Dover AFB, Del.
9. March 2018 – June 2019, First Sergeant, 3d Airlift Squadron, Dover AFB, Del.
10. June 2019 – August 2020, First Sergeant, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Det 10, Robins AFB, GA.
11. August 2020 – July 2021, First Sergeant, 78th Medical Group, Robins AFB, GA.
12. July 2021– July 2022, First Sergeant, 96th Security Forces Squadron, Eglin AFB, FL.
13. July 2022 – August 2023, Senior Enlisted Leader, 33d Fighter Wing, Wing Staff Agencies, Eglin AFB, FL.
14. August 2023 – September 2024, Senior Enlisted Leader, 28th Communications Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, SD.
15. September 2024 – February 2025, Senior Enlisted Leader, 28th Mission Support Group, Ellsworth AFB, SD.
16. February 2025 – Present, Instructor, Chief Leadership Course, Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air and Space Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air and Space Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Achievement Medal

Air and Space Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Outstanding Airman of the Year with one service star

National Defense Medal

Iraq Campaign Medal with one service star

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal

Air and Space Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border and one oak leaf cluster

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2005 48th AMXS General Edwin Rawlings Team of the Year

2006 4th Fighter Wing Work Group Manager of the Year

2014 436th Mission Support Group Sijan NCO of the Year

2015 Academic Achievement Award and Distinguished Graduate, Mathies Noncommissioned Officer Academy

2015 436th Airlift Wing Noncommissioned Officer of the Year

2016 18th AF Noncommissioned Officer of the Year

2016 Air Mobility Command Noncommissioned Officer of the Year

2016 Air Force 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year

2017 436th Airlift Wing Cyber Systems Noncommissioned Officer of the Year

2017 436th Mission Support Group Team of the Year

2018 436th Airlift Wing National Image Award

2020 78th Air Base Wing First Sergeant of the Year

2022 96th Security Forces Squadron Tuskegee SNCO of the Year

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant 1 Nov 2023

(Current as of March 2025)