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CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT RICHARD A. "DICK" ASHLEY

Chief Master Sergeant Richard A. Ashley is an instructor at the Chief Leadership Academy, Maxwell Air Force Base - Gunter Annex, Alabama. He is responsible for teaching and developing Chief Master Sergeants on a range of topics encompassing strategic leadership, JIIM, organizational functions and domains, and command leadership. Additionally, he makes recommendations to the commandant on instructional standards, training, policies and procedures, and helps develop academic vision and initiatives.

Chief Ashley hails from Louisiana and enlisted in January 1999. He completed the F-15C "Communication Navigation and Penetration Aids" course and has held positions as an F-15C Avionics systems Apprentice/Journeyman, F-22 Acceptance Inspector, Instructor Supervisor F-22 Fighter Avionics, F-22 Avionics Element Chief, Specialist Section Chief, Production Superintendent, Lead Production Superintendent and AMU Superintendent and Squadron SEL. Prior to assuming his current duties as Chief Leadership Academy Instructor, Chief Ashley served as the Senior Enlisted Leader, 95th Fighter Generation Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Florida.



EDUCATION

- 2003 Airman Leadership School, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom
- 2011 Basic Instructor Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas
- 2012 Associate in Applied Science, Avionics Systems Technology, Community College of the Air Force
- 2012 Associate in Applied Science, Instructor of Technology and Military Science, Community College of the Air Force
- 2012 Instructional Systems Design Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas
- 2013 Objectives, Test, and Development Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas
- 2013 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Sheppard AFB, Texas
- 2017 Joint Senior Enlisted Professional Military Education (E-6-E-7) (Correspondence)
- 2017 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB/Gunter Annex, Ala
- 2018 Professional Manager Certification, Community College of the Air Force
- 2022 Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Management, University of Arizona
- 2023 Chief Leadership Course, Maxwell AFB/Gunter Annex, Ala
- 2026 Enlisted Professional Military Education Instructor Course, Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, Ala

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1999 – March 1999, Trainee, Basic Military Training, 342nd Training Squadron, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. April 1999 – December 1999, Student, F-15C Avionics Comm/Nav/Penetration Aids Apprentice Course, 365th Training Squadron, Sheppard AFB, Texas
3. January 2000 – February 2007, F-15C Avionics Craftsman, 493rd Fighter Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, England
4. March 2007 – July 2011, F-22 Acceptance Team Avionics Inspector, HQ ACC/A8F, Marietta, Georgia
5. August 2011 – August 2015, F-22 Fighter Avionics Element Chief, 365th Training Squadron, Sheppard AFB, Texas
6. September 2015 – July 2022, RQ-4 AMU Superintendent, 319th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Detachment 1, Beale AFB, California
7. October 2022 – July 2023, Senior Enlisted Leader, 80th Fighter Generation Squadron, Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea





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8. August 2023 – April 2026, Senior Enlisted Leader, 95th Fighter Generation Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Florida
9. May 2026 – Present, Instructor, Chief Leadership Academy, Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, Ala

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters

Air and Space Force Commendation Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters

Air and Space Force Achievement Medal

Meritorious Unit Award with 2 oak leaf clusters

Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device and 5 oak leaf clusters

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2013 Distinguished Graduate, Non-Commissioned Officer Academy

2017 ISR Contributor of the Year, 9th Aircraft Maintenance Academy

2017 Tuskegee Airmen Inc., CMSgt Fred Archer Award, 25th Air Force

2018 Lieutenant General Leo Marquez Award, 9th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

2019 General Lew Allen, Jr. Trophy, 9th Reconnaissance Wing

2021 General Lew Allen, Jr. Trophy, 319th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Detachment 1

2022 Lance P. Sijan U.S. Air Force Leadership Award, 319th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Detachment 1

2022 Tuskegee Airmen Inc., CMSgt Fred Archer Award, 319th Operations Group

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman First Class March 5, 1999

Senior Airman July 5, 2001

Staff Sergeant November 1, 2003

Technical Sergeant September 1, 2011

Master Sergeant February 1, 2016

Senior Master Sergeant August 1, 2020

Chief Master Sergeant September 1, 2023

(Current as of August 2026)

