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CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT NEEL A. RODGERS

Chief Master Sergeant. Neel A. Rodgers 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 Rodgers entered the Air Force in December 2002 and graduated as a Weather Forecaster in June 2003. He has held positions as a flight chief, requirements manager, first sergeant and senior enlisted leader. Prior to his current position, Chief Rodgers was the senior enlisted leader for the 60th Operations Group, Travis Air Force Base, California, where he led 1,200 active duty and civilian personnel across six squadrons operating and supporting C-5, C-17, KC-10 and KC-46 aircraft providing global mobility to combatant commanders worldwide, as well as rapid transport patient movement across the full spectrum of the Theater Aeromedical Evacuation System.

Chief Rodgers has deployed twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, three times in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and once in support of Operation Spartan Shield.



EDUCATION

- 2002 Associate of Science, North Harris Montgomery Community College District, Tomball Texas
- 2007 Airman Leadership School, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas
- 2007 Associate in Applied Science, Weather Technology, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, Ala.
- 2011 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Sheppard AFB, Texas
- 2012 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education, National Defense University, Washington, D.C., by correspondence
- 2014 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy "Course 14", Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, Ala., by correspondence
- 2015 Associate in Applied Science, Human Resource Management, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, Ala.
- 2015 Professional Management Certification, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, Ala.
- 2016 Bachelor of Science, Geosciences with Operational Meteorology Certification, Mississippi State University, Miss.
- 2016 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II, National Defense University, Washington, D.C., by correspondence
- 2017 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Advanced Leadership Experience, Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, Ala.
- 2021 Chief Leadership Course, Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, Ala.
- 2022 Master of Arts, Management, American Military University, Charles Town, W Va.
- 2023 Group Leadership Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala
- 2023 Senior Enlisted Legal Orientation, Maxwell AFB, Ala
- 2024 Strategic Leader Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala
- 2024 Enlisted Professional Military Education Instructor Course, Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, Ala





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ASSIGNMENTS

1. December 2002 – February 2003, Trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
2. February 2003 – June 2003, Student, Weather Initial Skills Training, Keesler AFB, Miss.
3. July 2003 – March 2006, Regional Operations Apprentice, 26th Operational Weather Squadron, Barksdale AFB, La.
4. March 2006 – December 2012, Battlefield Weather Forecaster, 3rd Weather Squadron, Fort Hood Army Installation, Texas (October 2006 – May 2007, Battlefield Weather Forecaster, Multinational Division-Baghdad, Iraq) (April 2008 – October 2008, Battlefield Weather Forecaster, Multinational Division-North, Iraq) (October 2009 – April 2010, Battlefield Weather Forecaster, Oruzgan Province, Afghanistan) (January 2012 – August 2012, Brigade Staff Weather Officer, Paktika Province, Afghanistan)
5. December 2012 – February 2015, Flight Chief, 3rd Weather Squadron, Fort Hood AIN, Texas (February 2014 – September 2014, Staff Weather Office NCOIC, Regional Command-South, Afghanistan)
6. February 2015 – February 2016, First Sergeant, 607th Air Control Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.
7. February 2016 – July 2016, First Sergeant, 56th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.
8. August 2016 – May 2017, First Sergeant, 72nd Medical Group, Tinker AFB, Okla.
9. June 2017 – December 2018, First Sergeant, 72nd Security Forces Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
10. December 2018 – June 2020, Manager, Ground Based Space Weather Systems, Air Combat Command Directorate of Plans, Programs, and Requirements, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.
11. June 2020 – December 2022, Senior Enlisted Leader, 28th Operational Weather Squadron, Shaw AFB, S.C. (January 2022 – April 2022, Senior Enlisted Leader, 407th Air Expeditionary Group, Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait) (April 2022 – July 2022, Senior Enlisted Leader, 378th Air Expeditionary Wing Directorate of Installation Management and Mission Support, Prince Sultan AB, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)
12. January 2023 – July 2024, Senior Enlisted Leader, 60th Operations Group, Travis AFB, Calif.
13. August 2024 – Present, Instructor, Chief Leadership Academy, Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, Ala

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters

Air and Space Commendation Medal

Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air and Space Achievement Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal with three stars

Iraq Campaign Medal with star

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2007 John L. Levitow Award, Airman Leadership School, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas

2010 3rd Weather Squadron Battlefield Weather Noncommissioned Officer of the Year

2011 Honor Graduate and Commandant's Award, Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Sheppard AFB, Texas

2014 3rd Weather Squadron Battlefield Weather Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year

2017 72nd Mission Support Group First Sergeant of the Year

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Air Force Association

Air Force Security Forces Association

Air Force Sergeants Association

Airlift/Tanker Association

American Legion

Veterans of Foreign Wars





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EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Senior Airman	17 April 2005
Staff Sergeant	01 May 2007
Technical Sergeant	01 July 2010
Master Sergeant	01 July 2014
Senior Master Sergeant	01 February 2017
Chief Master Sergeant	01 July 2020

(Current as of May 2025)

