



CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT MYKAL “DB” DONATHAN

Chief Mykal Donathan is Instructor of the Chief Leadership Course at Maxwell Air Force Base (AFB) – Gunter Annex, Alabama. He is responsible for teaching and developing over 1,000 Chief Master Sergeants annually on a range of topics such as doctrine, strategy, mission command, and critical thinking. Additionally, he makes recommendations to the commandant on instructional standards, training, policies and procedures, and helps develop academic vision and initiatives for the future.

Chief Donathan was born at Griffiss AFB, Rome, New York and entered Active-Duty service December of 2002 as a F-15 Tactical Aircraft Maintainer. He has since gained extensive aircraft experience on several mission design series aircraft to include the F-15C/D/E/EX, F-16CJ, MQ-B, MQ-9, HC-130J, EC-130H, F-35, and A-10C. During his career, he has thrived in contingency tours to Afghanistan, Puerto Rico, Djibouti, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, and Iraq. Chief Donathan has deployed to various austere locations in support of Operations COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE - HORN OF AFRICA, INHERENT RESOLVE, FREEDOM’S SENTINEL, ENDURING FREEDOM, and UNIFIED RESPONSE. Prior to his current position, Chief Donathan served as the Senior Enlisted Leader, 357th Fighter Generation Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.



EDUCATION

- 2006 Airman Leadership School, Kadena Air Base (AB), Japan
- 2012 Associate of Applied Science, Aircraft Maintenance Technology, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base (AFB), Ala.
- 2013 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Kapaun Air Station (AS), Germany (Distinguished Graduate)
- 2014 Bachelor of Science, Aeronautics, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Worldwide Online
- 2014 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education I, by correspondence
- 2015 Professional Manager Certification, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
- 2016 Joint Government Ground Flight Representative, Defense Acquisition University, Richmond, VA
- 2017 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II, by correspondence
- 2018 Master of Science, Aeronautics, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Worldwide Online
- 2019 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
- 2020 Airframe & Powerplant License, Federal Aviation Administration, Pensacola, Fla.
- 2021 Project Management Professional Certification, Project Management Institute
- 2023 Chief Master Sergeant’s Leadership Course, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
- 2024 Leader Development Course, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
- 2026 Enlisted Professional Military Education Instructor Course, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. December 2002 - January 2003, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. January 2003 - August 2003, Student, Tactical Aircraft Maintenance Training, Sheppard AFB, Texas
3. August 2003 – February 2005, Inspection Dock Member, 325 MXS, Tyndall AFB, Fla.





BIOGRAPHY

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

4. February 2005 – February 2007, Dedicated Crew Chief, 44 AMU, Kadena AB, Japan
February 2007 - June 2011, Dedicated Crew Chief, 432 AMXS, Creech AFB, Nev. (September 2007 - February 2008, Dedicated Crew Chief, Kandahar Airfield (AF), Afghanistan) (May 2008 - September 2008, Flightline Expediter, 62 ERS Det 1, Jalalabad Army AF, Afghanistan) (September 2007 - February 2008, Dedicated Crew Chief, 62 ERS, Kandahar AF, Afghanistan) (May 2009 - October 2009, Dedicated Crew Chief, 62 ERS, Kandahar AF, Afghanistan) (January 2010 - March 2010, Flightline Expediter, 432 EAMXS, Aguadilla, Puerto Rico) (June 2010 - September 2010, Camp Lemonnier, Quality Assurance Inspector, 60 ERS, Djibouti, Horn of Africa) June 2011 - June 2014, Assistant Inspection Section Chief (Inspection Section Dock Chief), 48 EMS, Royal Air Force Lakenheath, United Kingdom (September 2012 - April 2013, Lead Inspection Dock Chief, 380 EMXS, Al Dhafra AB, United Arab Emirates)
5. June 2014 – June 2015, NCOIC, Cannibalization Dock, 8 AMXS, Kunsan AB, ROK
6. June 2015 – May 2020, Assistant AMU Superintendent (Flightline Expediter, Aircraft Section Chief, Weight & Balance Manager, A-10 Phase Section Chief, Production Superintendent), 354 AMU, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. (September 2016 - April 2017, Government Ground Representative, 451 AEG, Ali Al Salem AB, Kuwait/ Al Asad AB, Iraq/Kandahar AF, Afghanistan) (July 2019 - January 2020, Assistant AMU Superintendent, 451 EAMXS, Kandahar AF, Afghanistan)
7. May 2020 – January 2023, Red AMU Superintendent, 96 AMXS, Eglin AFB, Fla.
8. January 2023 – May 2023, 58 AMU Superintendent, 33 AMXS, Eglin AFB, Fla.
9. May 2023 – July 2024, Senior Enlisted Leader, 33 AMXS, Eglin AFB, Fla.
10. July 2024 – April 2026, Senior Enlisted Leader, 357 FGS, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
11. April 2026 – Present, Instructor, Chief Leadership Academy, Maxwell AFB – Gunter Annex, Ala.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Commendation Medal with two C-devices and six oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster
 Meritorious Unit Award with oak leaf cluster
 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with silver oak leaf cluster
 Afghanistan Campaign with three service stars
 Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal with two service stars
 Global War on Terrorism Medal with service star
 Korean Defense Service Medal
 Armed Forces Service Medal
 Humanitarian Service Medal
 Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2003 Crew Chief F-15 ACE Award, 362d Training Squadron, Sheppard AFB, Texas
 2003 Senior Airman Below-The-Zone, 325th Maintenance Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
 2012 Lance P. Sijan USAF Leadership Award, 48th Equipment Maintenance Squadron
 2013 Distinguished Graduate, Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Kapaun AS, Germany
 2014 Volunteer of the Year Award, 8th Fighter Wing
 2016 General Lew Allen, Jr. Trophy, Aircraft Maintenance, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron
 2018 National Image, Inc. Meritorious Service Award, 355th Maintenance Group
 2020 Air Force Diversity and Inclusion Innovation Award, 355th Wing
 2020 Chief Master Sergeant Fred Archer Military Award, 96th Test Wing

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant 1 November 2022

(Current as of April 2026)

