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MR. STEPHEN M. WALLACE

Mr. Stephen M. Wallace serves as Instructor, Chief Master Sergeant Leadership Academy (CLA), Barnes Center for Enlisted Education, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Alabama. The CLA provides Chief Master Sergeants the education to bridge strategic vision into tactical execution. At the CLA, he teaches the apex level of Enlisted Professional Military Education, responsible for the development of 750 newly promoted Total Force Chief Master Sergeants annually. As a classroom facilitator, he is responsible for honing their skills as strategic-level leaders. In addition, he makes recommendations to the Commandant on instructional standards, training, policies, and procedures and helps develop academic vision for the future.

CMSgt (Ret) Wallace entered the Air Force in February 1995 and retired in March 2024. Upon graduating Air Force Basic Military Training, he attended the Munitions Systems Technical Training Course at Sheppard AFB, Texas, graduating in May of 1995. Over his career, he had the opportunity to hold positions such as, Munitions Accountability Systems Officer (MASO), Detachment Chief, Commandant, Director of Operations and Munitions Superintendent. Stephen joined the CLA team on 21 October 2024. Additionally, he has deployed in support of Operations JOINT ENDEAVOR, SOUTHERN WATCH, ENDURING FREEDOM, and IRAQI FREEDOM.



EDUCATION

1991 Bachelor of Arts, Religion, Mount Vernon Nazarene College, Mount Vernon, Ohio
1999 Associate of Applied Sciences, Munitions System Technology, Community College of the Air Force
1999 Airman Leadership School, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.
2003 Munitions Accountability Course, Sheppard AFB, Tex.
2005 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
2005 Basic Instructor Course, Sheppard AFB, Tex.
2006 Associate of Applied Sciences, Instructor of Tech and Mil Science, Community College of the Air Force
2009 Assistant First Sergeant Symposium, Sheppard AFB, Tex.
2009 Munitions Inspection Course, Sheppard AFB, Tex.
2010 Master of Arts, Management, American Military University, Charles Town, W.Va.
2010 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
2011 Combat Ammo Planning and Production Course, AF Combat Ammunition Center, Beale AFB, Calif.
2011 Professional Manager Certificate, Community College of the Air Force
2015 Enlisted Professional Military Education Instructor Course, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
2017 SEJPME Correspondence Course II, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
2020 Chief Master Sergeant Leadership Course, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
2020 Contingency Wartime Planning Course, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
2021 Joint Task Force Staff Basic Course, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.





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2022 Group Senior Enlisted Leader Course, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
2022 Chief Master Sergeant Strategic Leader Course, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
2023 Certificate, Systems Thinking, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. February 1995–March 1995, Trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. March 1995–May 1995, Student, Munitions Systems Apprentice Course, 363 TRS, Sheppard AFB, Texas
3. May 1995–May 1997, Conventional Maintenance Crew Member, 7 EMS, Dyess AFB, Texas
(November 1997–December 1997, Conventional Maintenance Crew Member, Ramstein Air Base, Germany)
4. May 1997–May 1998, Flight-line Maintenance Crew Member, 51 MXS, Osan AB, Republic of Korea
5. May 1998–May 2005, Conventional Maintenance Bay Chief, 46 MXS, Eglin AFB, Fla. (February 2001–May 2001, Munitions Controller, Prince Sultan AB, Saudi Arabia) (April 2003–May 2003, Conventional Maintenance Crew Member, 405th Expeditionary Munitions Squadron, Thumrait AB, Oman)
6. May 2005 – June 2009, Element Chief, Advanced Munitions Courses, 363 TRS, Sheppard AFB, Texas
7. June 2009 – June 2010, MASO/SQAE, 607 MMS, Detachment 1, Kwang Ju AB, Republic of Korea
8. June 2010 – July 2011, NCOIC, Equipment Maintenance, 20 EMS, Shaw AFB, S.C.
9. July 2011 – June 2015 Detachment Chief, 372 TRS, Detachment 202, Shaw AFB, S.C.
10. June 2015 – January 2019, Chief of Resources/Flight Instructor, AFSNCOA, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
11. January 2019 – August 2019, Commandant, Airey NCO Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
12. August 2019 – June 2020, Director of Operations, AFSNCOA, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
13. June 2020 – March 2021, Munitions Superintendent, Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea
14. March 2021–March 2024, Instructor, CMSgt Leadership Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
15. Oct 2024–Present, CMSgt Leadership Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with 5 oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1995 Basic Military Training Honor Graduate
1996 Maintenance Professional of the Year
1996 Senior Airman Below-the-Zone
2006 NCO Instructor of the Year
2007 AETC Master Instructor
2017 CCAF Instructor Certification - Level III
2017 AETC CMSgt Billy R. Hunter, Instructor of the Year

(Current as of June 2025)

