



BIOGRAPHY



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CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT SEAN M. ELLENBURG

Chief Master Sgt. Sean M. Ellenburg serves as the Senior Enlisted Leader for the Barnes Center for Enlisted Education, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. In this role, he advises the commander and leads the delivery of professional military education across the Airmanship Continuum for more than 423,000 total-force personnel worldwide. These PME courses include Airman Leadership Schools, Noncommissioned Officer Academies, the Senior NCO Academy, Foundations, the Enlisted PME Instructor Course and the Chief Master Sergeant Leadership Course. Additionally, he assures good order and discipline, administration and professional development for more than 230 personnel.

Chief Ellenburg grew up in Charlotte, North Carolina, and entered the Air Force in April 2002. As a helicopter crew chief, he performed various aircraft maintenance duties on MH-53M/J, HH-60G, Mi-17 and CV-22 aircraft. His assignments include bases in Alabama, Afghanistan, Arizona, Florida and New Mexico. He has deployed multiple times in support of Operations Inherent Resolve, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom.



Prior to this assignment, Chief Ellenburg served as the senior enlisted leader for the 58th Maintenance Group, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico. He was the principal enlisted advisor to the commander and provided leadership and technical expertise to 801 active duty, guard and civilian contractors covering 28 Air Force specialties across two squadrons, sustaining a diverse fleet of 40 helicopter, tilt-rotor and fixed-wing aircraft. Chief Ellenburg ensured standardization and compliance with institutional and specialized maintenance programs, policies, practices and safety- development as well as recognition programs for the enlisted corps.

EDUCATION

2006 Airman Leadership School, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
2014 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Tyndall Air Force Base (AFB), Fla.
2016 Associates in Aircraft Maintenance Technology, Community College of the Air Force
2016 USAF Jet Engine Mishap Investigation Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas
2018 Advanced Maintenance and Munitions Operations School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
2019 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education, National Defense University
2019 United States Navy Senior Enlisted Academy, Naval Station Newport, R.I.
2020 Bachelor of Science in Leadership, Trident University International
2021 Joint Special Operations Forces Senior Enlisted Academy, JSOU, MacDill AFB, Fla.
2022 Leader Development Course for Squadron Command, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2022 Chief Master Sergeant Leadership Course, Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, Ala
2024 Senior Enlisted Legal Orientation Course, Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, Ala
2024 Group Command Course, Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, Ala

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Apr. 2002–May 2002, Student, Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
2. May 2002–Nov. 2002, Student, Helicopter Maintenance Apprentice, Ft. Eustis, Va.
3. Nov. 2002–Jan. 2006, Helicopter Crew Chief, 16 Helicopter Maintenance Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.



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4. Jan. 2006–Mar. 2008, Dedicated Crew Chief, 16 Helicopter Maintenance Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
5. Mar. 2008–Apr. 2009, MH-53J/M Flying Crew Chief, 1 Special Operations Maintenance Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
6. Apr. 2009–June 2010, HH-60G Helicopter Crew Chief, 923 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
7. June 2010–Apr. 2011, HH-60G Flying Crew Chief, 923 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
8. Apr. 2011–Aug. 2012, HH-60G Flight Line Expediter, 923 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
9. Aug. 2012–Nov. 2013, Rotary Wing Air Advisor, 440 Air Advisory Squadron, Kabul, Afghanistan
10. Nov. 2013–Dec. 2014, CV-22 Assistant Section Chief, 801 Special Operations Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
11. Dec. 2014–Jan. 2016, CV-22 Flight Line Expediter, 801 Special Operations Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
12. Jan. 2016–Sept. 2016, CV-22 Inspection Section Chief, 801 Special Operations Maintenance Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
13. Sept. 2016–Feb. 2019, CV-22 Production Superintendent, 801 Special Operations Maintenance Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
14. Feb. 2019–June 2021, CV-22 Special Mission Aircraft Superintendent, HQ AFSOC/A4MY, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
15. June 2021–June 2022, AMU Superintendent, 20 Aircraft Maintenance Unit, 727 Special Operations Maintenance Squadron, Cannon AFB, N.M.
16. June 2022–July 2023, Senior Enlisted Leader, 727 Special Operations Maintenance Squadron, Cannon AFB, N.M.
17. July 2023–July 2024, Senior Enlisted Leader, 58 Maintenance Group, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
18. July 2024–Jan. 2025, Director of Operations and Policy, Barnes Center for Enlisted Education, Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, Ala.
19. Jan. 2025–Present, Senior Enlisted Leader, Barnes Center for Enlisted Education, Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, Ala.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with five oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant November 1, 2021

(Current as of July 2025)