



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT MICHAEL L. WESTER

Chief Master Sergeant Michael L. Wester serves as the Director of the Chief Master Sergeant Leadership Course, Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, Alabama. He directs the capstone and pinnacle level of Enlisted Professional Military Education and is responsible for the leadership and development of more than 750 Total Force Chief Master Sergeants annually through an in-residence program of instruction. He makes decisions on instructional standards, training, policies, and procedures while developing future Chief Master Sergeants into strategic-level leaders, inspiring them to effectively lead, manage, and mentor today's Airmen.



Chief Wester entered the Air Force in March 1992. After basic training, he graduated from the electronics, computer and switching systems course at Keesler AFB, Miss, in September 1992. His background includes various duties in the communications systems career field, to include multiple assignments in tactical communications units. He has served at several stateside and overseas bases and has deployed in support of Operations Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and the Combined Air Defense of the Arabian Gulf.

Prior to assuming his current position, he served as the Group Superintendent, 52d Operations Group, Spangdahlem AB, Germany.

EDUCATION

- 1996 Airman Leadership School, Kadena AB, Japan
- 2003 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Kadena AB, Japan
- 2006 Associate in Applied Science, Electronic Systems Technology, CCAF
- 2009 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala
- 2010 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Correspondence Course
- 2011 Associate in Applied Science, Instructor of Technology & Military Science, CCAF
- 2013 Bachelor of Arts, Organizational Management, Ashford University, San Diego, Calif
- 2016 Command Chief Master Sergeant Training Course, Randolph AFB, TX
- 2016 Senior Enlisted Legal Orientation, Maxwell AFB, Ala

ASSIGNMENTS

1. March 1992 – May 1992, Student, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, TX
2. May 1992 – February 1993, Student, Technical Training, Keesler AFB, Miss
3. February 1993 – April 1995, Computer Maint Tech, Southwest Air Defense Sector, March AFB, Calif
4. April 1995 – November 1997, Computer & Switching Sys Tech, 33 Combat Comm Sq, Tinker AFB, OKI
5. November 1997 – March 1999, Secure Comm & Computer Sys Tech, 303 Intel Sq, Osan AB, S. Korea
6. March 1999 – March 2003, Voice Systems Supervisor, 612 Air Comm Sq, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz
7. March 2003 – March 2004, NCOIC, Maintenance Control, 303 Intel Sq, Osan AB, S. Korea
8. March 2004 – September 2006, NCOIC, Network Systems, 54 Combat Comm Sq, Robbins AFB, GA
9. September 2006 – September 2010, Maintenance Superintendent, 373 Support Sq, Misawa AB, Japan
10. September 2010 – June 2014, Instructor & Chief, Programs & Resources Division, AF SNCO Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala
11. June 2014 – May 2016, Squadron Superintendent, 606 Air Control Sq, Spangdahlem AB, Germany (October 2014 - April 2015, Superintendent, 727 Expeditionary Air Control Sq, Det 3, Southwest Asia)

12. May 2016 – May 2017, Group Superintendent, 52 Operations Gp, Spangdahlem AB, Germany
13. May 17 – Present, Instructor, Chief Leadership Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2003 Distinguished Graduate, Noncommissioned Officer Academy
2007 373 ISR Gp Communications & Information SNCO of the Year
2008 373 Support Sq SNCO of the Year
2009 Misawa Security Operations Center SNCO of the Year
2012 AF SNCO Academy Educator of the Year

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant April 2014

(Current as of July 2018)