



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT NATHANIEL M. PERRY, JR.

Chief Master Sergeant Nathaniel M. Perry Jr. is the Commandant, United States Air Force First Sergeant Academy, Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, Alabama. In this role, he serves as the principle advisor to the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, the First Sergeant Special Duty Manager, and the Barnes Center for Enlisted Education on the development, education and training of over 700 newly-selected first sergeants per year. The USAF First Sergeant Academy administers a demanding course focused on preparing active duty, guard, and reserve first sergeants to be key advisors to commanders on the readiness, health, morale, and welfare of airmen and families across the Air Force. Chief Perry is the 17th Chief Master Sergeant to serve in this position.

Chief Perry was raised in Hammond, Louisiana and entered the Air Force in September 1992. He began his military career as an Inventory Management Specialist and later retrained into the Mental Health career field. Chief Perry has served in a variety of leadership positions at the squadron, group, Wing, and MAJCOM levels. His duties have included tours as a first sergeant, group superintendent, MAJCOM functional manager, and command chief. Prior to assuming his current position, he served as the Command Chief Master Sergeant for the 11th Wing on Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. Chief Perry has deployed in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and overseas contingencies operations.



EDUCATION

- 1992 Inventory Management Course - Lowry AFB, Colo.
- 1996 Airman Leadership School - Keesler AFB, Miss.
- 1997 Mental Health Apprentice Course - Sheppard AFB, Texas
- 2001 National Certification as Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor
- 2006 Noncommissioned Officer Academy - Keesler AFB, Miss.
- 2006 Associates Degree in Business Administration/Logistics Management - CCAF
- 2006 Associates Degree in Mental Health Services - CCAF
- 2008 USAF SNCO Academy Correspondence Course
- 2011 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy - Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
- 2011 Associates Degree in Human Resource Management - CCAF
- 2012 Bachelors of Science Degree in Management - Wayland Baptist University - Plainview, Texas
- 2013 Air Force Medical Service Intermediate Executive Skills Course - San Antonio, Texas
- 2015 Command Chief Master Sergeant Training Course - San Antonio, Texas
- 2015 Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century - Knoxville, Tenn.
- 2016 Enterprise Leadership Seminar - Chapel Hill, N.C.
- 2016 China and East Asia Seminar - Washington D.C.
- 2017 Master of Arts in Organizational Management - Ashford University, San Diego, Calif.
- 2019 Keystone, National Defense University, Fort Leslie J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1992 - November 1992, Basic Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. November 1992 - January 1993, Student, Inventory Management Technical Training, Lowry AFB, Colo.
3. January 1993 - September 1995, Demand Processing Specialist, March AFB, Calif.
4. September 1995 - January 1997, Storage and Issue Apprentice, Keesler AFB, Miss.
5. January 1997 - October 1997, NCOIC, Individual Equipment Section, Keesler AFB, Miss.
6. October 1997 - January 1998, Student, Mental Health Technical Training School, Sheppard AFB, Texas
7. January 1998 - May 1999, Exceptional Family Member Program Coordinator, Sheppard AFB, Texas
8. May 1999 - August 2000, Neuropsychological Testing Technician, Sheppard AFB, Texas
9. August 2000 - August 2001, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Technician, Osan AB, Republic of Korea

10. August 2001 – June 2002, Assistant NCOIC, Mental Health Clinic, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
11. June 2002 – October 2004, NCOIC, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
12. October 2004 – October 2007, NCOIC, Behavioral Health Flight, Minot AFB, N.D.
13. October 2007 – November 2008, NCOIC, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
14. November 2008 – November 2010, Flight Chief, Mental Health Flight, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska (Deployed 2009- 2010, Superintendent, Combat Stress Detachment, Bagram AB, Afghanistan)
15. November 2010 – May 2012, First Sergeant, 811th Operations Group, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
16. May 2012 – Nov 2013, First Sergeant, 11th Civil Engineer Squadron, Joint Base Andrews, Md. (Deployed, 2012 – 2013, Senior Enlisted Leader, USCENTCOM Forward HQ, Southwest Asia)
17. Nov 2013 – Oct 2014, Mental Health MAJCOM Functional Manager, AFGSC, Barksdale AFB, La.
18. Oct 2014 – January 2016 Group Superintendent, 377th Medical Group, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
19. January 2016 – January 2017, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 79th Medical Wing, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
20. January 2017 – June 2018, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 11th Wing, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
21. July 2018 – present, Commandant, United States Air Force First Sergeant Academy, Maxwell AFB, Gunter Annex, Ala.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with one silver and two bronze oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with one bronze oak leaf cluster Joint

Service Achievement Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal with two bronze oak leaf clusters

Northern Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal (ISAF)

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2005 – Air Combat Command GEICO Military Service Award, Minot AFB, N.D.

2006 – Distinguished Graduate, Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Keesler AFB, Miss.

2007 – Air Combat Command Mental Health Services Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Minot AFB, N.D.

2009 – 455th Expeditionary Air Wing SNCO of the Month, Bagram AB, Afghanistan

2010 – United States Air Force Mental Health Services Outstanding Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year

2011 – Distinguished Graduate, Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.

2011 – 11th Wing First Sergeant of the Year and Team Andrews First Sergeant of the Year

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant November 2014

(Current as of February 2019)