



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JASON L. HODGES

Chief Master Sergeant Jason L. Hodges is the Commandant, Air Force First Sergeant Academy, Ira C. Eaker Center for Leadership Development, Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, Alabama. In this role, he serves as the principal advisor to the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, the First Sergeant Special Duty Manager, and the Ira C. Eaker Center for Leadership Development on the development, education, and training of over 700 newly selected first sergeants per year. The Air Force 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 Hodges is the 19th Chief Master Sergeant to serve in this position.



Chief Hodges entered the Air Force in March 1994. His background includes various duties in logistics readiness. Throughout his career he has also served as a Convoy Commander, Combat Instructor, Curriculum Developer, Mediator, Senior Enlisted Leader, First Sergeant and First Sergeant MAJCOM Functional Manager. Chief Hodges has deployed in support of numerous contingencies and joint tours, including OPERATIONS SOUTHERN WATCH, JOINT GUARD, TASK FORCE DANGER, IRAQI FREEDOM, NEW DAWN, ENDURING FREEDOM, FREEDOM SENTINEL and INHERENT RESOLVE. Prior to his current position, Chief Hodges was the Command Chief, 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri.

EDUCATION

- 1999 Airman Leadership School, Charleston AFB, South Carolina
- 2001 Vehicle Operations Craftsman Course, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri
- 2004 Combat Life Saver Course, Camp Wolf Kuwait
- 2005 Non-commissioned Officer Academy, Kessler AFB, Mississippi
- 2006 Basic Instructor Course, Lackland AFB, Texas
- 2008 Technical Training Supervisor Course, Lackland AFB, Texas
- 2010 Associates Degree in Business Admin/Transportation Management, CCAF
- 2011 Technical Training Teaching Internship, Lackland AFB, Texas
- 2011 Professional Manager Certification, CCAF
- 2011 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Course
- 2011 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 2012 First Sergeant Academy, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 2012 Associates Degree in Human Resource Management, CCAF
- 2012 Mediation/Alternative Dispute Resolution Course, Harris County, Texas
- 2016 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II
- 2017 Logistics Readiness Senior Noncommissioned Officer Course
- 2017 PACOM Theater for Special Operations Forces Course, USAF Special Operations School
- 2017 Senior Enlisted Legal Orientation Course (18-A), Judge Advocate General's School
- 2018 Chief Leadership Course (18-D), Air University
- 2019 Command Chief Master Sergeants Training Course, (19A), Joint Base Andrews, Maryland
- 2019 Enterprise Perspective Seminar, (19A), Washington DC
- 2019 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, (19D), University of North Carolina
- 2021 Executive Coach Training Program, College of Executive Coaching
- 2022 Bachelor of Arts, Management, American Military University

ASSIGNMENTS

1. March 1994 – June 1994, Trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. July 1994 – August 2002, Vehicle Operator/Dispatcher, Charleston AFB, South Carolina
3. August 2002 – December 2005, NCOIC, Vehicle Training, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana
4. December 2005 – September 2010, NCOIC, Basic Combat Convoy Course, Camp Bullis, Texas
5. October 2010 – February 2012, Operations Superintendent, Operating Location-Alpha, Texas
6. February 2012 – November 2013, First Sergeant, Medical Education Training Campus, Texas
7. November 2013 – February 2014, Interim AETC First Sergeant/MFM, Randolph AFB, Texas
8. February 2014 – February 2016, First Sergeant, Headquarters AFPC, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas (April 2015 – October 2015, Senior Enlisted Leader/First Sergeant USCENTCOM Forward HQ)
9. March 2016 – April 2017, Superintendent Distribution Section, Hurlburt Field, Florida
10. May 2017 – June 2019, Command First Sergeant, Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.
11. July 2019 – October 2020, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 92d Air Refueling Wing, Fairchild AFB, WA.
12. November 2020 – June 2022, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman AFB, Missouri.
13. June 2022 – Present, Commandant, Air Force First Sergeant Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit
Bronze Star
Purple Heart
Meritorious Service Medal with silver oak leaf cluster
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Combat Action Medal
Joint Meritorious Unit Award
Meritorious Unit Award
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device
Air Force Recognition Ribbon
Southwest Asia Service Medal
Kosovo Campaign Medal
Afghanistan Campaign Medal
Iraq Campaign Medal
NATO Medal for Yugoslavia

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2004 1st Infantry Division Combat Sleeve Insignia
2004 Army Drivers Badge (Wheeled Vehicle)
2005 Air Force Team of the Year
2006 Air Force Chief of Staff's Team Excellence Award
2007 General George C. Kenney Team Award
2009 Vehicle Operations NCO of the Year, Air Education Training Command
2010 SNCO Instructor of the Year, 37th Training Group
2011 Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award, 37th Training Wing
2012 Unsung Hero Award, 937th Training Group
2013 First Sergeant of the Year, 2nd Air Force

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant March 2017

(Current as of June 2022)