



# BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

## CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT RICH J. BROWNLEE

Chief Master Sergeant Rich J. Brownlee is the Chief of Operations, Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Gunter Annex, Alabama. In this position he directs the daily operations for 47 cadre members performing six classes annually serving over 1,800 SNCOs from the Air Force, Sister Services and Allied and Partner Nations.

CMSgt Brownlee hails from Florida and entered the Air Force in October 2003. He began his career as a Security Forces member and cross trained into the Aircraft Loadmaster career field in 2013. CMSgt Brownlee has been assigned to ACC, PACAF, AFGSC and AMC filling roles as Security Forces Instructor, Evaluator Loadmaster, and Additional Duty First Sergeant. His operational assignments have included bases in Missouri, Georgia, Washington, Illinois, and Delaware. He also has served overseas in South Korea and deployed multiple times to Southwest Asia.

Prior to his current position, he served as Senior Enlisted Leader, 3<sup>rd</sup> Airlift Squadron, Dover AFB, DE.

### EDUCATION

2007 Airman Leadership School, Whiteman AFB, MO.  
2010 Associate Degree, Criminal Justice, CCAF  
2012 AFGSC Tactical Breachers Course, Camp Guernsey, WY.  
2014 Associate Degree, Aviation Operations, CCAF  
2014 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education, by Correspondence  
2015 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Correspondence  
2015 Bachelor of Sciences, Applied Management, National American University  
2016 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Correspondence  
2016 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II, by Correspondence  
2018 Master of Arts, Organizational Leadership, Brandman University  
2019 Air Mobility Command Superintendent 101 Course, Scott AFB, IL.  
2020 Advanced Nuclear Concepts, (Nuc 300), Kirtland AFB, NM.  
2020 USN Senior Enlisted Academy, Newport, RI.  
2021 Leadership Development Course for Squadron Command, Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL.  
2022 CMSgt Leadership Course, Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL.



### ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 2003 - November 2003, Student, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, TX.
2. December 2003 - March 2004, Student, Technical Training, Lackland AFB, TX.
3. March 2004 - November 2007, Master Surveillance Control Facility Operator, 509th SFS, Whiteman AFB, MO.
4. December 2007 - December 2008, Town Patrolman/Law Enforcement Desk Sergeant, Kunsan AB, South Korea.
5. December 2008 - January 2010, NCOIC, Standardization and Evaluation, 23<sup>rd</sup> SFS, Moody, AFB, GA.
6. January 2010 - January 2014, SF Training Instructor, 509<sup>th</sup> SFS, Whiteman AFB, MO.

7. January 2014 - May 2016, Operations Superintendent, 10<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.
8. May 2016 - July 2018, Loadmaster Superintendent, 4<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.
9. July 2018 - March 2019, Superintendent, 62<sup>d</sup> Operations Group Stan-Eval, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.
10. April 2019 - July 2020, Command Manager, Nuclear Airlift Operations, Scott AFB, IL.
11. July 2020 - July 2021, Superintendent, Nuclear Operations Division, Scott AFB, IL.
12. July 2021 - April 2023, Senior Enlisted Leader, 3<sup>d</sup> Airlift Squadron, Dover AFB, DE.
13. April 2023 – Present, Chief of Ops, Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, AL.

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Senior Enlisted Aircrew

Flight Hours: More than 2,600

Aircraft Flown: C-17A

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Army Achievement Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

#### **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

2011 NCO of the Year, 509<sup>th</sup> SFS, Whiteman AFB, MO.

2015 NCO of the Year, 10<sup>th</sup> AS, JBLM, WA.

2015 AFA Pitsenbarger Award

2016 62<sup>d</sup> Operations Group SNCO of the Year, JBLM, WA.

2017 4<sup>th</sup> AS SNCO of the Year, JBLM, WA.

2018 62<sup>d</sup> Operations Group SNCO of the Year, JBLM, WA.

2019 AMC/A10N SNCO of the Year, Scott AFB, IL.

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION**

Airman First Class, November 28, 2003

Senior Airman, March 28, 2006

Staff Sergeant, February 1, 2009

Technical Sergeant, May 1, 2013

Master Sergeant, June 1, 2016

Senior Master Sergeant, December 1, 2019

Chief Master Sergeant, November 1, 2022

(Current as of Apr 2023)