



U.S. Strategic Command Biography



Chief Master Sergeant Patrick F. McMahon **Command Senior Enlisted Leader, USSTRATCOM**

Chief Master Sergeant Patrick F. McMahon is the Command Senior Enlisted Leader, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. U.S. Strategic Command provides a broad range of strategic capabilities and options for the President and Secretary of Defense. The mission is to deter strategic attack and employ forces, as directed, to guarantee the security of our Nation and our Allies. The command's assigned responsibilities include strategic deterrence; nuclear operations; space operations; joint electronic spectrum operations; global strike; missile defense; and analysis and targeting. The command's forces and capabilities underpin and enable all other Joint Force operations.

CMSgt McMahon enlisted in the Air Force in October 1989. He has held diverse duties within the communication-electronics maintenance career field. He served as a squadron and group superintendent before becoming a command chief master sergeant at the wing, numbered Air Force, and Major Command levels. Chief McMahon has deployed in support of Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Provide Comfort II, Provide Promise/Deny Flight, Support Hope, Iraqi Freedom, and Enduring Freedom.

CMSgt McMahon has completed the following military courses: Ground Mobile Forces satellite communications course, all levels of service PME, Space Operations Executive Level Course, Senior Leader Course at Gettysburg, Enterprise Management Seminar, Leadership Development Program, Enterprise Perspective Seminar and the Keystone Course at the National Defense University.

His decorations include: Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal w/ silver leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal w/ three oak leaf clusters, and Air Force Achievement Medal w/ three oak leaf clusters.

CMSgt McMahon has earned an Associates of Science in Electronic Systems Technology from the Community College of the Air Force and graduated with honors from American Military University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in military management and program acquisition.

EDUCATION

1995 Airman Leadership School, Robins AFB, Ga.

2002 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, McGuire AFB, N.J.

2003 Associates of Science, Electronic Systems Technology, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
 2003 Middle East Orientation Course, Joint Special Operations University, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
 2004 Additional Duty First Sergeant Symposium, Pope AFB, N.C.
 2005 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
 2007 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education, Washington D.C., by correspondence
 2009 Chief's Leadership Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
 2009 AFSSO 21 Executive Leadership Course, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
 2010 Commander Air Force Forces Senior Staff Course, USAF Expeditionary Center, N.J.
 2011 USAF Command Chief Orientation Course, Lackland AFB, Texas
 2012 Space Operations Executive Level Course, Advanced Space Operations School, Colorado Springs, Colo.
 2012 USAF Senior Leaders Course, Gettysburg Leadership Experience, Gettysburg College, Pa.
 2012 USAF Enterprise Management Seminar, Darden School of Business, University of Virginia, Charlottesville
 2012 USAF Leadership Development Program, Center for Creative Leadership, Greensboro, N.C.
 2013 Keystone CSEL course, National Defense University, Ft. Leslie J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
 2013 Bachelor of Arts, Military Management and Program Acquisition w/honors, American Military University, Charlestown, W.Va.
 2015 Enterprise Perspective Seminar, Alan L. Freed Associates, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 1989–November 1989, Trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
2. November 1989–July 1990, Student, Ground Mobile Forces Satellite Communications Course, Keesler AFB, Miss.
3. August 1990–October 1992, Satellite Communications Equipment Systems Specialist, 22nd Combat Communication Squadron, Patrick AFB, Fla. (August 1990–May 1991, Operation DESERT SHIELD/STORM, Masirah, Oman; August–November 1991, Khamis Mushayt, Saudi Arabia; August–September 1992, Khamis Mushayt, Saudi Arabia)
4. October 1992–October 1994, Secure Communications Systems Maintenance Journeyman, 352nd Special Operations Support Squadron, Alconbury Air Base, U.K. (February–March 1993–January 1994 Operation Provide Promise/Deny Flight, San Vito AB, Italy; August 1994, Operation Support Hope, Kampala, Uganda)
5. November 1994–February 1997, Maintenance Support Inspector, 5th Combat Communications Group, Robins AFB, Ga.
6. February 1997–February 1998, Tactical Communications Team Chief, 607th Combat Communications Squadron, Camp Humphreys, South Korea
7. February 1998–February 2000, Alternate Shift Supervisor, 374th Communications Squadron, Operating Location Charlie, Camp Zama, Japan (May–October 1998, Systems Controller, J6 Division, Combined Air Operations Center, 5th Allied Tactical Air Force, NATO, Vicenza, Italy)
8. February 2000–February 2002, NCOIC, Communications Maintenance, 831st Munitions Support Squadron, Ghedi AB Italy
9. February 2002–March 2004, Chief, Configuration Management, Air Force Cryptologic Office, Ft. George G. Meade, Md.

10. March 2004–March 2005, Superintendent, A63 (Theater, C4I Operations and Engineering Division), CENTAF Forward, Southwest Asia
11. March 2005–September 2006, Superintendent, Weapons Data Link, Air Force Research Laboratory Munitions Directorate, Eglin AFB, Fla.
12. September 2006–December 2008, Flight Chief, Mission Systems 728th Air Control Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla. (January 2007–May 2007, Site Superintendent, OL-A 727th EACS, Kirkuk AB, Iraq; January 2008 – May 2008, Maintenance Superintendent 727th EACS, Balad AB, Iraq)
13. January 2009–February 2010, Superintendent, 505th Training Group, Hurlburt Field, Fla. (May 2009–June 2009, interim 505th CCW Command Chief Master Sergeant)
14. February 2010–June 2011, Superintendent, 608th Air Communications Squadron and Chief Enlisted Manager, Communication and Information (A6), Headquarters 8th Air Force, Barksdale AFB, La. (February 2011–June 2011, interim 8th Air Force Command Chief Master Sergeant)
15. July 2011–November 2011, Superintendent, 2nd Mission Support Group, Barksdale AFB, La.
16. November 2011–March 2013, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 50th Space Wing, Schriever AFB, Colo.
17. April 2013–July 2015, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 14th Air Force (Air Forces Strategic), Command for Space, USSTRATCOM, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
18. August 2015–May 2016, Command Chief Master Sergeant, Air Force Space Command, Peterson, AFB, Colo.
19. May 2016 – Present, Command Senior Enlisted Leader, USSTRATCOM, Offutt AFB, Neb.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1995 Military Leadership Award, Airman Leadership School

2002 Academic Achievement Award and Distinguished Graduate, NCO Academy

2002 NCO of the Year, Air Force Cryptologic Office

2002 NCO Communications and Information Professional Award, Air Intelligence Agency

2003 Lance P. Sijan NCO nominee, Air Force Cryptologic Office

2004 SNCO Communications and Information Professional Award, Air Combat Command

2004 SNCO of the Year, Combined Air and Space Operations Center

2005 Distinguished Graduate, United States Air Force Senior NCO Academy

2006 Lance P. Sijan SNCO nominee, Air Force Research Laboratory

2007 SNCO of the Year, 33rd Fighter Wing

(Current as of August 2019)