



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### Chief Master Sergeant Douglas R. Smelcer



#### State Command Chief Master Sergeant, Tennessee Air National Guard

Chief Master Sergeant Douglas R. Smelcer is the State Command Chief Master Sergeant for the Tennessee Air National Guard. As the State Command Chief, he serves as the senior advisor to the Assistant Adjutant General for Air on quality-of-life issues and concerns for the 3000 plus enlisted members of the Tennessee Air National Guard. His responsibilities also include providing advice and counsel to the Wing and Unit Commanders and Wing Command Chief Master Sergeants on the concerns of the enlisted force. Chief Smelcer has been assigned to Joint Force Headquarters, Tennessee Air National Guard since January 2007. The Tennessee Air National Guard consists of three wings and four Geographically Separated Units that serve our communities, state, and nation.

Chief Smelcer currently has more than 34 years of military experience and his career began in 1976 when he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. In 1978 he transferred into the 119th Tactical Control Flight, Tennessee Air National Guard and served for more than 28 years as part of this unit. Chief Smelcer has held various positions throughout his career, to include more than 22 years in supervision and management before transferring to Joint Force Headquarters Tennessee.

Chief Smelcer has been recognized for accomplishments throughout his career and his achievements include: Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year for the State of Tennessee, 2005; promotion to Chief Master Sergeant through the Exceptional Performance Program, 2005; 119th's Senior NCO of the Year, 2004, 1997 and 1994; and the 119th's Airman of the Year, 1984.

Chief Smelcer also serves as a member of the Enlisted Field Advisory Council for the Air National Guard. This council serves to advise the Director of the Air National Guard and to propose solutions, changes, and other policy actions that impact the 94,000 enlisted members.

Chief Smelcer has been employed at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge Tennessee, for more than 28 years and currently works in support of Information Technology operations.

#### **MILITARY EDUCATION:**

- 2009 – Chief's Leadership Course
- 1992 – USAF Senior NCO Academy
- 1986 – NCO Academy
- 1982 – Supervisory Development Course

## **AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 oak leaf cluster)  
Air Force Commendation Medal  
Air Force Achievement Medal  
Joint Meritorious Unit Award  
AF Outstanding Unit Award (with 4 oak leaf clusters)  
Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 silver and 4 oak leaf clusters)  
National Defense Service Medal (with 1 device)  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
AF Longevity Service (with 4 oak leaf clusters)  
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with 2 devices)  
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Rifle)  
AF Training Ribbon  
Tennessee National Guard Commendation Ribbon (with 1 oak leaf cluster)  
Tennessee National Guard Individual Achievement Ribbon  
Tennessee National Guard Professional Development Ribbon  
Tennessee National Guard Service Ribbon (with 3 oak leaf clusters)  
Tennessee National Guard Volunteer Ribbon  
Tennessee National Guard Distinguished Unit Commendation  
Tennessee National Guard Outstanding Unit Performance Commendation  
Tennessee National Guard Volunteer Recruiting and Retention Unit Citation

## **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. 1976, Basic Trainin, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. 1977 –1978, Bomb Navigation Systems Mechanic, 68th Avionics Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC
3. 1978 –1984, Ground Radio Communications Equipment Repairman, 119th Tactical Control Flight, McGhee Tyson ANG Base, TN
4. 1984 –1992 Ground Radio Communications Supervisor, 119<sup>th</sup> Air Control Squadron, McGhee Tyson ANG Base, TN
5. 1992 –2004 Communications Maintenance Supervisor, 119<sup>th</sup> Air Control Squadron and 119<sup>th</sup> Command and Control Squadron, McGhee Tyson ANG Base, TN
6. 2004 –2006 Communication Systems Superintendent, 119<sup>th</sup> Command and Control Squadron, McGhee Tyson ANG Base, TN
7. 2007–2008, Staff Chief, Joint Force Headquarters Tennessee Air National Guard, Nashville, TN
8. 2009–Present State Command Chief, Joint Force Headquarters, Tennessee Air National Guard, Nashville, TN

## **AFFILIATIONS:**

Enlisted Association National Guard of Tennessee  
Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States  
Air Force Sergeants Association

(Current as of July 2011)