



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT MARK A HARRIS

CMSgt Mark A. Harris is the Command Chief Master Sergeant of the Tennessee Air National Guard. As 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. He formally served as the Command Chief Master Sergeant 118th Wing, Nashville TN.



CMSgt Harris was born in Nashville, Tennessee, and attended Volunteer State Community College prior to enlisting in the Tennessee Air National Guard at Berry Field ANGB in 1988. He was initially assigned as C-130 Crew Chief until selected as a Flight Engineer in 1990. While a traditional Guardsman, he was employed as a heating and air conditioning technician and later as a police officer. In 2001, he became a full-time Guardsman. During the C-130 schoolhouse operations, he served as Formal Training Unit (FTU) Flight Engineer Course Manager and additionally as Flight Engineer technician supervisor. As the Operations Group transitioned from the C-130 to the MQ-9 Reaper, he assumed the role of Group Chief and cross-trained to sensor operator while establishing the foundation and developing personnel for Reaper Operations. In November 2013, Chief Harris was selected as the Wing Command Chief.

EDUCATION

2015 University North Carolina Chapel Hill Enterprise Leadership Course
2015 DSCA Phase 1
2015 AFSO 21
2014 Command Chief Orientation Course
2013 Chief's Executive Leadership Course
2013 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education
2011 Associate Degree in Applied Science Aviation Operations, Community College of the Air Force
2011 Associate Degree in Applied Science Instructor of Technology and Military Science, CCAF
2008 Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy
2001 Non-Commissioned Officer Academy

ASSIGNMENTS

September 1988: Crew Chief, 118th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Berry Field ANGB
February 1991: Flight Engineer, 105th Airlift Squadron, Berry Field ANGB
January 2004: Aircrew Training NCOIC, 105th Airlift Squadron, Berry Field ANGB
August 2007: Flight Engineer Course Manager, 118th Operations Group, Berry Field ANGB
February 2009: Flight Engineer Supervisor, 105th Airlift Squadron, Berry Field ANGB
February 2012: Group Chief/Sensor Operator, 118th Operations Group, Berry Field ANGB
November 2013: Command Chief, 118th Wing, Berry Field ANGB
October 1st, 2015: Command Chief, State of Tennessee

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Flight Engineer, civilian Pilot
Flight hours: 5,200 +
Aircraft flown: C-130E, C-130H1, C-130H2, WC-130H

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal
Air Medal
Aerial Achievement Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Meritorious Unit Award
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor
Combat Readiness Medal
Air Reserve Force Meritorious Service Medal
National Defense Service Medal
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Armed Forces Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal
AF Overseas Ribbon Short
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border
Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon
Armed Forces Reserve Medal, two "M" devices
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon
Air Force Training Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Airman First Class	Oct 1, 1989
Senior Airman	July 1, 1990
Staff Sergeant	July 1, 1992
Technical Sergeant	Apr 1, 2000
Master Sergeant	April 1, 2002
Senior Master Sergeant	Mar 1, 2009
Chief Master Sergeant	Sept 1, 2011

(Current as of Mar 2014)