



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT BRIAN C. THOMAS

Chief Master Sergeant Brian C. Thomas is the Command Chief, 55th Wing, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. As the commander's principle advisor, he gives guidance and helps lead an organization of 7,700 personnel in six groups and 31 squadrons across nine garrison and abroad locations. He ensures commander's intent is understood and executed, while having responsibility for the readiness, morale and welfare, training, personal and professional development within the largest and most diverse wing in Air Combat Command. He provides senior enlisted leadership as the wing conducts worldwide intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR); electronic attack, command and control (C2); presidential support; and treaty verification missions. He also has a responsibility to 52 associate units, including U.S. Strategic Command, 557th Weather Wing, and 57,000 active-duty, civilians, family members and retirees.



Chief Thomas entered the Air Force in May 1997. He has a diverse background in aircraft maintenance having directly worked on or managed eight different types of aircraft to include the KC-135, RC-135S/U/V/W, E-3, MC-130P/H, MC/HC-130J, AC-130H, CV-22 and the HH-60G. He has deployed in support of Operations Allied Force, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom and other Joint Special Operations around the world. Prior to his current assignment, he was the Command Chief, 319th Air Base Wing, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.

EDUCATION

2002 Airman Leadership School, Kadena AB, Japan
2007 Associate of Applied Science degree in Aerospace Maintenance, Community College of the Air Force
2007 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Kadena AB, Japan
2008 Associate of Applied Science degree in Instructor of Technology, Community College of the Air Force
2009 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy by Correspondence, Maxwell-Gunter Annex, Ala.
2011 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunter Annex, Ala.
2013 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Correspondence Course
2014 Joint Special Operations Forces Senior Enlisted Academy
2014 Chief Master Sergeant Leadership Course
2017 Senior Enlisted Legal Orientation Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2018 Continuous Process Improvement for Executives Course, Richmond, Va.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1997 – July 1997, Student, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. July 1997 – October 1997, Student, Technical Training School, Sheppard AFB, Texas
3. October 1997 – January 1999, Isochronal Inspection Team Member, 92nd Maintenance Squadron, Fairchild AFB, Wash.

4. January 1999 – December 2001, Aero Repair Technician, 92nd Maintenance Squadron, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
5. December 2001 – October 2002, Dedicated Flying Crew Chief, 909th Air Refueling Squadron, Kadena AB, Japan
6. October 2002 – September 2004, Repair and Reclamation Journeyman, 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Kadena AB, Japan
7. September 2004 – July 2005, Assistant Repair and Reclamation Section Chief, 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Kadena AB, Japan
8. July 2005 – January 2007, Repair and Reclamation Section Chief, 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Kadena AB, Japan
9. January 2007 – November 2008, Instructor, KC-135/RC-135 APG, 372nd Training Squadron (AETC), Kadena AB, Japan
10. November 2008 – December 2009, Instructor Flight Chief, 372nd Training Squadron (AETC), Kadena AB, Japan
11. December 2009 – July 2011, MC-130P Production Superintendent, 1st Special Operations Maintenance Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
12. July 2011 – April 2012, Aircraft Maintenance Flight Superintendent, 1st Special Operations Maintenance Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
13. April 2012 – December 2012, MC-130 Lead Production Superintendent, 352nd Special Operations Maintenance Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, U.K.
14. December 2012 – August 2014, Superintendent, CV-22 Aircraft Maintenance Unit, 352nd Special Operations Maintenance Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, U.K.
15. August 2014 – December 2014, Superintendent, 352nd Special Operations Maintenance Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, U.K.
16. December 2014 – April 2016, Superintendent, 352nd Special Operations Maintenance Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, U.K.
17. April 2016 – August 2016, Superintendent, 923rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
18. August 2016 – May 2017, Superintendent, 355th Maintenance Group, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
19. May 2017- Feb 2019, Command Chief, 319th Air Base Wing, Grand Forks AFB, N.D
20. February 2019 – Present, Command Chief, 55th Wing, Offutt AFB, Neb.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit
Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2006 18th Wing Airlift Tanker Association Young Leadership Award
2007 John L. Levitow Award, NCO Academy
2007 Team Kadena NCO of the Year
2010 SNCO of the Year, 1st Special Operations Maintenance Squadron
2010 General Lew Allen Jr Award, 1st Special Operations Maintenance Group
2011 Distinguished Graduate, SNCO Academy
2012 AFSOCs Lieutenant General Leo Marquez, SNCO Manager Category

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant December 2014

(Current as of March 2019)