



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JOHN K. PIERCE

Chief Master Sergeant John K. Pierce is the Group Superintendent, 55th Maintenance Group, Offutt AFB, Nebraska. He is the principal enlisted advisor to the Commander, 55th Maintenance Group, and leads 1,200 assigned active duty, civilian and contract personnel to maintain and generate twenty-nine C-135 special mission aircraft and provide maintenance support to four E-4B National Airborne Operations Center aircraft worth 7.2 billion dollars. He is responsible to organize, train and equip Airmen to execute Command and Control, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance missions anytime, anyplace.



Chief Pierce entered the Air Force in April 1993. During his tenure, he has held numerous positions in the F-15 Avionics and the Helicopter Crew Chief career fields as well as unit, squadron and group level maintenance management. His extensive experience includes maintaining, inspecting, repairing, generating and managing the F-15C/D Eagle, MH-53 Pave Low helicopter, HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter, Mi-17 helicopter, Mi-171 helicopter, Mi-35 helicopter, CV-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft, AC-130U/J Gunships, E-4B aircraft and C-135 special mission variant aircraft fleets. He has deployed in support of Operations Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn and Freedom's Sentinel.

EDUCATION

- 1993 - F-15 Avionics Intermediate Repair Station Technical School, Lowry AFB, Colorado.
- 1998 - Airman Leadership School, Bitburg AB, Germany
- 1999 - MH-53 Helicopter Crew Chief Technical School, Fort Eustis, Virginia
- 2005 - Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Kadena AB, Japan
- 2006 - Associates of Applied Science in Aircraft Maintenance Technology, Community College of the Air Force
- 2010 - Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Gunter Annex, Alabama
- 2012 - Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education, by correspondence
- 2012 - Professional Manager Certification, Community College of the Air Force
- 2012 - Bachelor of Science in Aeronautics, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April - June 1993, trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. June 1993 - February 1994, student, F-15 Avionics Intermediate Repair Station Apprentice Course, Lowry AFB, Colorado
3. February 1994 - June 1996, F-15 Avionics Intermediate Repair Station Technician, 33d Maintenance Squadron, Eglin AFB, Florida
4. June 1996 - March 1999, F-15 Avionics Intermediate Repair Station Technician, 52d Component Repair Squadron, Spangdahlem AB, Germany
5. March - October 1999, student, MH-53 Helicopter Crew Chief Course, Fort Eustis, Virginia
6. October 1999 - February 2004, MH-53 Helicopter Crew Chief, 16th Helicopter Maintenance Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Florida
7. February 2004 - February 2008, HH-60 Production Superintendent, 718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Kadena AB, Japan
8. February 2008 - February 2009, CV-22 Production Superintendent, 1st Special Operations Helicopter Maintenance Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Florida

9. February 2009 - February 2010, Lead Afghan Rotary Wing Maintenance Advisor, 440th Air Expeditionary Advisory Squadron, Kabul, Afghanistan
10. February 2010 - November 2013, CV-22 Maintenance Superintendent, 801st Special Operations Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Florida
11. November 2013 - October 2015, AC-130U/J Maintenance Superintendent, 1st Special Operations Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Florida
12. October 2015 - July 2016, E-4B Maintenance Superintendent, 1st Aircraft Maintenance Unit, Offutt AFB, Nebraska
13. July 2016 – May 2017, Maintenance Superintendent, 55th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Offutt AFB, Nebraska
14. June 2017 – Present, Group Superintendent, 55th Maintenance Group, Offutt AFB, Nebraska

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal

Army Achievement Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Meritorious Unit Award with five oak leaf clusters

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device and five oak leaf clusters

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1994 Maintenance Professional Airman of the Year, 33d Fighter Wing

2007 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Lance P. Sijan Award, 18th Maintenance Group

2009 Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, 440th Air Expeditionary Advisory Squadron

2010 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Lance P. Sijan Award, 801st Special Operations Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant August 2013

(Current as of June 2017)