



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT THOMAS A. JONES

CMSgt Thomas A. Jones is the tenth State Command Chief Master Sergeant, Ohio Air National Guard, Joint Force Headquarters, Columbus. As the senior enlisted advisor to The Adjutant General, CMSgt Jones is responsible for matters influencing the health, morale, and welfare of assigned enlisted personnel and their families. The Ohio National Guard consists of over 17,000 Soldiers and Airmen. The Ohio Air National Guard consists of approximately 4,700 Airmen, including three flying wings, one intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance wing and six support units that serve our communities, state, and nation for homeland defense and federal missions.

CMSgt Jones entered the uniformed service as a member of the United States Marine Corps in September, 1978 as an Aircrew Survival Equipmentman. He served in the Marine Corps for 4 years where he was assigned to VMFA-232, MCAS Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. He performed his duties on F-4/J Phantom aircraft as shift supervisor and deployed twice on six month WESTPAC tours, serving in Japan, the Philippines, Korea and Okinawa. After leaving the Marine Corps, CMSgt Jones continued his military career by enlisting in the Ohio Air National Guard and becoming a member of the 179th Airlift Wing in 1984 as an Aircrew Life Support Technician. He was selected as the Aircrew Life Support Superintendent in 1999 and was instrumental in implementing the training and equipment needed for the 164th Airlift Squadron to become night vision goggle qualified. During his time in Aircrew Life Support, CMSgt Jones participated in Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, JOINT FORGE, PROVIDE PROMISE, CORONET OAK, ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. In 2006, Chief Jones was chosen as the 179th Logistics Readiness Squadron Supply Management Superintendent. Within a year he was designated as the Squadron Superintendent where he managed two aircraft mission changes. Prior to his current position, the chief was the 179th Airlift Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant, Mansfield Air National Guard Base, Ohio.



EDUCATION

- 1983 Electronics Technician Program Certificate, North Central Technical College, Mansfield, Ohio
- 1985 NCO Orientation Course, Mansfield Lahm Airport, Ohio
- 1985 Water Survival, Non-Parachuting Course, Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.
- 1985 Combat Survival Training Course, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
- 1986 Desert Survival Training Course, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
- 1997 NCO Academy, (in-residence), McGhee Tyson ANGB, Tenn.
- 2000 USAF Senior NCO Academy, (non-residence), Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2003 Life Sciences Equipment Investigation Course, Brooks City Base, San Antonio, Texas
- 2009 Chief's Executive Course, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
- 2012 Leadership Unlimited Class, Mansfield, Ohio
- 2014 Joint SNCO PME Course, Non-residence, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2015 Command Chief's Orientation Course, Lackland AFB, Texas
- 2016 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.
- 2016 Associate of Applied Science Degree, Aircrew Safety Systems Technology, Community College of the Air Force, Montgomery, Ala.
- 2016 Continuous Process Improvement for Executives, San Antonio, Texas

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1979 - September 1982, Aircrew Survival Equipmentman, VMFA-232, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii
2. April 1984 – January 1999, Aircrew Life Support Technician, 164th Airlift Squadron, Mansfield, Ohio
3. January 1999 – July 2006, Aircrew Life Support Superintendent, 164th Airlift Squadron, Mansfield, Ohio
4. July 2006 – April 2007, Supply Management Superintendent, 179th LRS, Mansfield, Ohio
5. April 2007 – March 2015, Squadron Superintendent, 179th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Mansfield, Ohio
6. March 2015 – December 2016, Wing Command Chief, 179th Airlift Wing, Mansfield, Ohio
7. December 2016 – Present, Command Chief, Ohio Air National Guard, Joint Force Headquarters, Columbus, Ohio

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with two devices
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Joint Meritorious Unit Award Meritorious Unit Award
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device
Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal
Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Services Medal with nine devices
National Defense Service Medal with one device
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one device
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Armed Forces Service Medal
Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal with one device
AF Overseas Ribbon Short
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border with one device
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with two M devices
USAF NCO PME Graduate Ribbon
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Rifle)

STATE AWARDS AND DECORATIONS *(optional for ALL, follow guidance above, recommended for state use)*

Ohio Faithful Service Ribbon with three devices
Ohio Special Service Ribbon
Ohio Award of Merit with four devices

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1988 John L. Levitow Award, Noncommissioned Officer Preparatory Military Course, Pope AFB, N.C.
1994 Combat Controller of the Year, Air Combat Command
2007 Summa cum laude, Bachelor of Science, Arizona State University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Ohio ANG Enlisted Field Advisory Council
Enlisted Association of the National Guard
Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Private, Sept. 19, 1978
Private First Class, March 21, 1979
Lance Corporal, Dec. 1, 1979
Corporal, Nov. 1, 1980
Staff Sergeant, May 1, 1986
Technical Sergeant, July 1, 1992
Master Sergeant, April 1, 1998
Senior Master Sergeant, Sept. 1, 2000
Chief Master Sergeant, April 1, 2007

(Current as of January 2017)