



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT THOMAS C. "WOLF CHIEF" SCHAEFER II

Chief Master Sergeant Thomas Schaefer is the Command Chief Master Sergeant (Wolf Chief), 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Chief Schaefer represents the 2,800 Airmen, Soldiers and Civilian members of the Wolf Pack serving as the principal advisor to the commander on all enlisted matters, including those that affect the health, welfare, morale, training, professional development, readiness, quality of life, and effective utilization of assigned personnel. The wing is responsible for the planning and support of counter-air, aerial interdiction, and close-air support in defense of more than 51 million citizens of the Republic of Korea. Chief Schaefer also provides crucial engagement with the senior enlisted leadership of the Republic of Korea Air Force, serving to foster better understanding and improved readiness.



CMSgt Schaefer is a native of Newport Beach, CA. He entered the Air Force in November of 1997 and graduated from the Tactical Air Command and Control Specialist School at Hurlburt Field Florida in June of 1998. He has an extensive background within the Tactical Air Control Party Community serving during deployments in support of Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, JOINT GUARD, JOINT FORGE, ALLIED FORCE, IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, SPARTAN SHIELD and INHERENT RESOLVE.

Prior to assuming his current position, he served as the Superintendent of the 57th Operations Group, Nellis AFB, Nevada.

EDUCATION

- 1995 Bachelors of Science, Criminal Sociology, University of Arizona
- 1997 Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
- 2000 Joint Firepower Course, Nellis AFB, Nevada
- 2001 Airman Leadership School, McGuire AFB, New Jersey
- 2007 Associate of Science, Information Systems Management, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 2008 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Peterson AFB, Colorado
- 2010 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy by Correspondence, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 2011 Senior Enlisted Joint PME Level 1 by Correspondence
- 2011 Professional Management Certification, Community College of the Air Force
- 2012 SNCO Academy in residence, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 2012 USAFWS JTAC WIC Graduate, Nellis AFB, Nevada
- 2016 Senior Enlisted Joint PME Level 2 by Correspondence
- 2017 Chief Leadership Course, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 2020 Senior Enlisted Legal Orientation, by Correspondence
- 2021 Command Chief Master Sergeant Training Course, Andrews AFB, Maryland
- 2021 China, INDOPACOM and the Far East Seminar, by Correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1998 – August 2000, Tactical Air Command and Control Specialist / Fighter Duty Tech 4th Air Support Operations Squadron, Sullivan Barracks, Mannheim, Germany
2. August 2000 – October 2006, Joint Terminal Attack Instructor / Chief of Standardization and Evaluations, 20th Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Drum, New York
3. October 2006 – March 2011, Operations Superintendent, 13th Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Carson, Colorado
4. March 2011 – January 2012, Squadron Superintendent, 604th Air Support Operations Squadron, Camp Red Cloud, Republic of Korea
5. January 2012 – September 2013, Initial Cadre, JTAC Weapons Instructor Course, 66th Weapons Squadron, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nevada
6. September 2013 – September 2014, Squadron Superintendent, 66th Weapons Squadron, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nevada
7. Sep 2014 – June 2015, Squadron Superintendent, 72d Expeditionary Air Support Operations Squadron, Baghdad, Iraq
8. June 2015 – February 2016, Squadron Superintendent, 10th Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Riley, Kansas
9. February 2016 to August 2016, Group Superintendent, 368th Expeditionary Air Support Operations Group, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait
10. August 2016 – July 2018, Squadron Superintendent, 10th Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Riley, Kansas
11. August 2018 - May 2021, Group Superintendent, 57th Operations Group, Nellis AFB, Nevada
12. June 2021 - Present, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star Medal

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Army Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1998 Basic Training Drill Award

1998 Commandant's Award, Tactical Air Command and Control Apprentice Course

1998 Combat Survival Course

1999 Distinguished Graduate, USAFE Air Ground Operations School

2001 Distinguished Graduate, Joint Firepower Course

2001 US Army Air Assault Qualification

2001 John L. Levitow Award, Airman Leadership School

2003 US Army Basic Mountaineering Course

2004 US Army Pathfinder Qualification

2006 US Army Basic Airborne Qualification

2008 John L. Levitow Award, Noncommissioned Officer Academy

2012 Distinguished Graduate, Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy

2013 Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, 57th Wing

2015 Lance P. Sijan Award, 93d Air Ground Operations Wing

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic November 1997

Airman First Class January 1998

Senior Airman, BTZ September 1999

Staff Sergeant August 2001

Technical Sergeant July 2005

Master Sergeant May 2010

Senior Master Sergeant Mar 2013

Chief Master Sergeant Aug 2016

(Current as of June 2021)