



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COMMAND CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT SUZAN K. SANGSTER

Chief Master Sergeant Suzan K. Sangster is the Command Chief Master Sergeant, 55th Wing, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. She is the principal enlisted advisor to the Commander, 55th Wing and is responsible for assessing factors influencing the mission readiness, utilization, morale, and quality of life of 5,100 enlisted airmen assigned to the largest and most diverse wing in Air Combat Command, which consist of six groups and 30 squadrons executing worldwide reconnaissance, electronic attack, command and control, presidential support, and treaty verification directed by the President of the United States, Secretary of Defense, Joint Chiefs of Staff, theater commands, major commands and national intelligence agencies. Other responsibilities include coordinating with 50 associate units, including United States Strategic Command, Air Force Weather Agency and more than 57,000 active duty members, civilians, dependents, and retirees on matters of administration and implementation of wing policies.



Chief Sangster is from Cedar Springs, Mich., and entered the Air Force in July 1982. The chief has held a variety of leadership positions to include chief enlisted manager throughout her tenure in the Air Force. Her assignments include bases in California, Texas, Maryland, Virginia, Georgia and Hawaii. She served two tours in the Republic of Korea and has deployed to the Middle East in support of Operations DESERT CALM, SOUTHERN WATCH, ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM, and Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa.

EDUCATION

1983 Basic Chinese Mandarin course, Defense Language Institute, Monterey, Calif.
1985 Noncommissioned Officer Preparatory Course, Wheeler AFB, Hawaii
1988 Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School, Goodfellow AFB, Texas
1998 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Lackland AFB, Texas
2000 Associate Degree in Communications Applications Technology, CCAF, Maxwell AFB, Texas
2001 Bachelor of Science in Intelligence, Defense Intelligence Agency, Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C.
2003 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2008 Air Force Smart Operations 21, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn.
2008 KEYSTONE, Joint Senior Enlisted Leaders Course, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.
2009 Enterprise Management Seminar, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, N.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1982 - May 1983, student, Defense Language Institute, Monterey, Calif.
2. May 1982 - July 1984, student, Goodfellow AFB, Texas
3. August 1984 - August 1987, Voice Systems Operator, 6924th Electronic Security Group, Wheeler AFB, Hawaii
4. August 1987 - August 1989, NCOIC, Language Maintenance Program, 3480th TTW, Goodfellow AFB, Texas
5. August 1989 - August 1990, Cryptologic Linguist, 303rd Intelligence Squadron, Osan Air Base, Korea
6. August 1990 - April 1992, Secure Area Manager, 3480th TTW, Goodfellow AFB, Texas
7. April 1992 - April 1993, Cryptologic Linguist, 303rd Intelligence Squadron, Osan Air Base, Korea
8. April 1993 - April 1997, NCOIC, Tactical Air Analysis Branch, Kunia Regional SIGINT Operations Center, 324th Intelligence Squadron, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
9. April 1997 - February 1998, NCOIC, Information Operations, 67th Intelligence Wing, Kelly AFB, Texas
10. February 1998 - August 2000, Superintendent, Information Warfare Integration, Headquarters Air Intelligence Agency, Kelly AFB, Texas
11. August 2000 - September 2001, student, Joint Military Intelligence College, Defense Intelligence Agency, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington D.C.
12. September 2001 - March 2004, Superintendent, Signals Intelligence Systems Acquisition & Operations Directorate, National Reconnaissance Office, Washington D.C
13. March 2004 - March 2005, Senior Enlisted Leader to Deputy Director for Analysis & Production, Signals Intelligence Directorate, National Security Agency, Fort Meade, Md.
14. March 2005 - September 2006, Operations Superintendent, 94th Intelligence Squadron, Ft. Meade, Md.
15. September 2006 - December 2007, Squadron Superintendent, 31st Intelligence Squadron, Ft. Gordon, Ga.
16. December 2007 - July 2009, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 480th ISR Wing, Langley AFB, Va.
17. August 2009 - July 2010, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 380th Air Expeditionary Wing, Southwest Asia
18. July 2010 - Present, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 55th Wing, Offutt AFB, Neb.

DEPLOYMENTS

1. December 1995 - March 1996, Senior Analyst Tactical Interface Center, Operations DESERT CALM and SOUTHERN WATCH, Riyadh Air Base, Saudi Arabia
2. January 2006 - May 2006, Chief Enlisted Manager, A-2 AFFOR CENTAF, Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM and Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one bronze oak leaf cluster
 Meritorious Service Medal with three bronze oak leaf clusters
 Joint Service Commendation Medal
 Air Force Commendation Medal with three bronze oak leaf clusters
 Joint Service Achievement Medal
 Air Force Achievement Medal with one bronze oak leaf cluster

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1988 Distinguished Graduate, Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School
 1996 National Military Intelligence Association Major General Jack Thomas Intelligence Award Recipient
 1997 United States Air Force Twelve Outstanding Airmen of the Year
 2001 Military Excellence Award for Leadership & Academic Achievement, Joint Military Intelligence College
 2003 Distinguished Graduate, Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic July 26, 1982
 Airmen First Class Sept. 04, 1982
 Senior Airman July 20, 1984
 Staff Sergeant Nov. 1, 1987
 Technical Sergeant Nov. 1, 1995

Master Sergeant Nov. 25, 1998
Senior Master Sergeant March 1, 2002
Chief Master Sergeant Dec. 1, 2004

(Current as of July 2010)