



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JOHN K. ELLIOTT

Chief Master Sergeant John K. Elliott is the 172nd Airlift Wing Command Chief, Thompson Field, Jackson, Mississippi. As the Senior Enlisted Leader to the base commander, he is the key enlisted advocate and advisor on operational effectiveness to train and equip the Wing's enlisted Airmen. Chief Master Sgt. Elliott channels communications between the base commander and enlisted force to ensure the commander's directions, policies, and mission are understood and carried out. He works in concert with Group Superintendents and First Sergeants to oversee the professional development, readiness, training, health, morale, welfare, quality of life and proper utilization of assigned personnel.



In September 1991, Chief Elliott enlisted in the United States Air Force as a firefighter. He has held various roles throughout his career, from that of Firefighter, Emergency Medical Technician, Senior Fire Instructor, Special Agent, Chief of Training, President of the Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association, the Mississippi Firefighters Minimum Standards and Certification Board, and Fire Chief. He has served in numerous civilian and military leadership functions within the fire service career field and has deployed in support of Operation's Desert Shield, Storm, Provide Promise, Deny Flight, Sea Signal, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, Noble Eagle, New Dawn, Inherent Resolve, and Freedom Sentinel. Prior to assuming his current position, Chief Master Sgt. Elliott served as the 172nd Mission Support Group Superintendent. In this position, he worked with the Command Chief, Group Superintendents, and First Sergeants to oversee the readiness, training, health, morale, welfare and quality of more than 450 assigned personnel across six squadrons and flights, including Force Support, Civil Engineering, Security Forces, Logistic Readiness, Communications and a Special Operations Civil Engineer Squadron gained by Air Force Special Operations Command.

EDUCATION

- 1991 Firefighter Apprentice Course, Chanute Air Force Base, Ill.
- 1994 Space Shuttle Orbiter Crew Rescue Course, Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.
- 2001 Associate of Science Degree in Fire Science Technology, Pikes Peak Community College, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 2002 Criminal Investigator Training Program, Andrews Air Force Base, Md.
- 2003 Airman Leadership School, Maxwell AFB, Ala., Correspondence
- 2005 State Executive Fire Officer Program, Mississippi Fire Academy, Pearl, Miss.
- 2007 Air Force on Scene Commanders Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2007 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2009 Bachelor of Science, Fire Science, Columbia Southern University, Orange Beach, Ala.
- 2009 Chief Fire Officer Designation, Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association
- 2010 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2012 Army Basic Instructor Course, Fort Harrison, Mont.
- 2013 Civil Engineer Superintendent Course, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

EDUCATION Cont'd

2017 ANG Chiefs Executive Course, Joint Base Andrews, Md.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. December 1991- December 1993, Firefighter, 20th Civil Engineering Squadron, RAF, Upper Heyford, United Kingdom
2. January 1994- September 1995, Firefighter Crew Chief, 49th Civil Engineering Squadron, Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.
3. September 2001- September 2005, Special Agent, AFOSI Detachment 405, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
4. May 2006- October 2018, Fire Chief, 172nd Civil Engineering Squadron, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.
5. October 2018- January 2023, Superintendent, 172nd Mission Support Group, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal

Navy Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Meritorious Unit Award with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with six oak leaf clusters

Air Force Good Conduct Medal

National Defense Service Medal with bronze star

Southwest Asia Service Medal

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with 'N' Device

Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short Tour

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with gold border and oak leaf cluster

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon

Air Force Longevity Service with two oak leaf clusters

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 3 M devices and bronze hour glass

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with bronze star

Air Force Training Ribbon

STATE AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Mississippi War Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2003 & 2004 Firefighter of the Year City of Oxford, Miss.

2004 Squadron Special Agent of the Quarter (Apr-Jun) AFOSI Washington DC Field Office

2004 Region Special Agent of the Quarter (Apr-Jun) AFOSI Region 3

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Mississippi, Active Member

Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States, Active Member

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Lifetime Member

President, Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association

Mississippi Homeland Security Regional Response Team Advisory Board

Executive Board Member of Mississippi Municipal League

Mississippi Municipal League Legislative Committee

Mississippi Firefighters Memorial Burn Foundation Board Member

Executive Board Member of Mississippi Firefighters Association

Member of Mississippi Fire Academy Advisory Board

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS Cont'd

American Association of Airport Executives
Airports Council International - North America
International Association of Fire Chiefs
Air National Guard Fire Chiefs Association

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Staff Sergeant, Nov. 1, 2003
Technical Sergeant, May 05, 2006
Master Sergeant, May 20, 2008
Senior Master Sergeant, July 7, 2011
Chief Master Sergeant, Oct. 18, 2014

(Current as of MARCH 2023)