



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT LYNN R. COLE

Chief Master Sergeant Lynn R. Cole is the 13th State Command Chief Master Sergeant for the Mississippi Air National Guard, Joint Force Headquarters, Jackson, Mississippi. Chief Cole serves as the principal advisor to commanders and senior staff on matters of mission effectiveness, professional development, military readiness, training, promotion, retention, utilization, health, morale, welfare and assignment policy affecting over 2,300 enlisted personnel; conducting counseling and interviewing sessions through a visitation program to 29 units; and identifying issues and recommending action directly to commanders. She is the liaison between the enlisted personnel, the Adjutant General and the Assistant Adjutant General for Air, Mississippi Air National Guard.

A native Mississippian, Chief Cole enlisted in the Mississippi Air National Guard in February 1985 with the 186th Tactical Reconnaissance Group, Meridian, Mississippi. In 1999, she was selected as the first sergeant for the 186th Security Forces Squadron. In August of 2004, Cole then became the 186th Air Refueling Wing human resource advisor for headquarters. She then transferred to the Joint Force Headquarters, Mississippi Air National Guard in September 2007 to fill the position as state human resource advisor. Chief Cole was responsible to the commander of the MSANG by advising leadership on force management and force development issues. In addition, Chief Cole oversaw the schoolhouse administration of the MC-12 Project Liberty from November 2008 until January 2012. She has supported Operations DESERT SHIELD, DESERT STORM, IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, PROJECT LIBERTY and FREEDOM'S SENTINEL.



Prior to assuming her current position, Chief Cole was the chief enlisted manager, Combat Readiness Training Center – Battlefield Airman Center, Gulfport, Mississippi. She assumed responsibility as the MSANG State Command Chief Master Sgt. on December 2, 2017.

EDUCATION

- 1988 Noncommissioned Officer Preparatory Military Course, by correspondence
- 1994 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, by correspondence
- 1999 USAF First Sergeant's Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 1999 Associate in Applied Science in Information Management, CCAF, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2000 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, by correspondence
- 2004 USAF Honor Guard School, F.E. Warren AFB, Cheyenne, Wyo.
- 2004 ANG Human Resource Advisory Course, Patrick AFB, Fla.
- 2005 Defense Opportunity Management Institution Mediation Course, Patrick AFB, Fla.
- 2005 Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals Roster of Neutrals
- 2006 Sexual Assault Coordinator/Victim's Advocate Course, St. Louis, Mo.
- 2010 Chief Master Sergeant's Executive Course, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
- 2010 Gettysburg Leadership Experience, Carlisle Barracks Army Base, Pa.
- 2013 Diversity Leadership Program, CRTC, Gulfport, Miss.
- 2014 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education, by correspondence
- 2017 Chief Leadership Course, Maxwell AFB/Gunter Annex, Montgomery, Ala.

- 2017 Leadership Challenge Program II, Camp Shelby, Miss.
- 2017 Lexington Concord Leadership Experience, Hanscom AFB, Mass.
- 2017 Leadership Challenge Program II, Camp Shelby, Miss.
- 2018 Command Chief Master Sergeant Orientation Course, Lackland AFB, Texas

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1985 – October 1985, Student, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. October 1985 – November 1985, Student, Keesler AFB, Miss.
3. November 1985 – September 1999, Administration, 186th ARW/SFS, Key Field ANG Base, Miss.
4. September 1999 – August 2004, First Sergeant, 186th ARW/SFS, Key Field ANG Base, Miss.
5. August 2004 – September 2007, Wing Human Resource Advisor, Key Field ANG Base, Miss.
6. September 2007 – November 2011, State Human Resource Advisor, JFH, MSANG, Jackson, Miss.
7. November 2008 – January 2012, Superintendent, Student Administration Office for the MC-12 Project Liberty, Key Field ANG Base, Miss.
8. October 2012 – November 2017, Chief Enlisted Manager, CRTC-BAC, Gulfport, Miss.
9. December 2017 – Present, State Command Chief, JFH, Jackson, Miss.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- Air Force Meritorious Service Medal
- Air Force Commendation Medal
- Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster
- Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with nine oak leaf clusters
- Armed Forces Reserve Medal with one "M" device and gold hourglass
- Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon

STATE AWARDS

- Mississippi Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
- Mississippi Outstanding Airman of the Year Ribbon

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

- Enlisted National Guard Association of the United States
- Mississippi Noncommissioned Officers Association
- Base Honor Guard

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

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| Airman | 08 Feb 1986 |
| Airman First Class | 03 August 1986 |
| Senior Airman | 19 April 1987 |
| Sergeant | 04 August 1988 |
| Staff Sergeant | 07 April 1990 |
| Technical Sergeant | 06 March 1997 |
| Master Sergeant | 06 March 1999 |
| Senior Master Sergeant | 07 August 2004 |
| Chief Master Sergeant | 01 November 2007 |

(Current as of 01 August 2019)