



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JOHN W. MYERS

Chief Master Sergeant John W. Myers is the 172d 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 Myers 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 1991, Chief Myers enlisted in the United States Navy as a Petty Officer 2nd Class, Yeoman for his first enlistment. After a short break in service, he joined the Naval Reserve Center, Meridian, Mississippi as a Petty Officer 3rd Class, Yeoman in 1999. Then Chief Myers transferred to the Mississippi Air National Guard in 2001 where he trained as an Air Transportation Specialist for the 172d Aerial Port Squadron, Thompson Field, Jackson, Mississippi. In 2008, he became the First Sergeant for the 172d Logistic Readiness Squadron. Four years later, Chief Myers served as 172d Airlift Wing's First Sergeant, advocating and mentoring the wing's 1,200 members, as well as advisor to the Wing Commander and Unit Commanders on the professional development, military readiness, health, morale, and welfare of assigned enlisted personnel. As the chair of the Wing's First Sergeants Council and the First Sergeant liaison to the Wing's Chief Council, he ensured the wing's senior enlisted force was united in the Wing Command Chief's vision. Additionally, he balanced leadership and guidance of the command's 13 First Sergeants while representing the enlisted force at various military and civilian speaking engagements.



Prior to this assignment, Chief Myers served as the 172d Maintenance Group Superintendent. In this position, he served as the commander's senior enlisted leader for operational effectiveness and organization, training and equipping approximately 300 enlisted Airmen with specific focus on professional development of Senior Noncommissioned Officers. Chief Myers worked in concert with the Command Chief, Group Superintendents and First Sergeants to oversee the readiness, training, health, morale, welfare and quality of life of assigned personnel. In addition, Chief Myers served as the 172d AW Chiefs Council President and Chair of the 172d AW Community Action Team.

EDUCATION

- 2007 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Knoxville, Tenn.
- 2009 First Sergeant Academy, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala.
- 2010 Bachelor of Science in Management, Belhaven University, Jackson, Miss.
- 2012 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2015 Associate of Applied Science Degree, Air Transportation, Community College of the Air Force
- 2015 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
- 2015 Associate of Applied Science Degree, Human Resource, Community College of the Air Force
- 2016 Chief's Executive Course, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
- 2017 Chief's Leadership Course, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.

EDUCATION Cont'd

2019 MSNG Lecture Series (LS-01)

2020 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education (SEJPME 1)

2021 Command Chief Master Sergeant Training Course, Lackland AFB, Texas

ASSIGNMENTS

1. March 1991 – March 1995, Yeoman, USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), Alameda, Calif.
2. June 1999 – July 2001, Yeoman, Naval Reserve Center, Meridian, Miss.
3. August 2001 – June 2008, Air Transportation Craftsman, 172d Aerial Port Squadron, Jackson, Miss.
4. July 2008 – April 2012, First Sergeant, 172d Aerial Port Squadron, Jackson, Miss.
5. May 2012 – December 2015 - Wing First Sergeant, 172 Airlift Wing, Jackson, Miss. (July 2015, Joint First Sergeant, Patriot Exercise, Volk Field Combat Readiness Training Center, Wis.)
6. February 2016 – April 2021, Superintendent, 172d Maintenance Group, Jackson, Miss.
7. May 2021 to present – Wing Command Chief, 172d Airlift Wing, Jackson, Miss.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with two bronze oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal with one bronze oak leaf cluster

Navy Achievement Medal with one gold star

Southwest Asia Service Medal with one bronze star

Iraq Campaign Medal with one bronze star

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border

Air Force Special Duty Ribbon

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with four "M" Devices and one silver hour glass

STATE AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Mississippi Medal of Efficiency

Mississippi War Medal

Mississippi Service School Medal

Mississippi Longevity Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2010 First Sergeant of the Year, 172nd Airlift Wing

2010 Cum Laude Graduate, Belhaven University

2011 First Sergeant of the Year, MS Air National Guard

2016 GV Sonny Montgomery Patriot Leadership Award

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Mississippi Noncommissioned Officers Association

American Legion

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant, February 06, 2016

(Current as of Jul 2021)