



# BIOGRAPHY

**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

## CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT SCOTTY M. COLE

Chief Master Sergeant Scotty M. Cole 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 and the organization, training and equipping of enlisted Airmen. Chief Cole channels communications between the base commander and enlisted force to ensure the commander's directions and policies are carried out, and the Airmen understand and are dedicated to the mission of the command. He works in concert with other enlisted leaders such as Group Superintendents and First Sergeants to oversee the professional development, readiness, training, health, morale, welfare and quality of life of assigned personnel in order to properly utilize the command's enlisted force.

In June 1980, Chief Cole enlisted in the Mississippi Air National Guard as a Fabrication and Parachute Specialist. After graduating basic military training in July 1980, he was assigned to the 172d Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron's Survival Equipment Section, completing on-the-job training by September 1980. In 1983, Chief Cole applied for a full-time civilian technician position in the Corrosion Control Section where he worked until 1987. He returned to the Survival Equipment Section, becoming the section supervisor in 1989. Chief Cole has worked on a variety of aircraft, including C-130E/H models, C-141B/C models and the C-17 Globemaster III. Additionally, he was the Structural Repair Superintendent, 172d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, receiving the "Top Shop" award for the best shop in Aircraft Maintenance.

As a member of the 172d Maintenance Group and the 172d Operations Group, he deployed and/or supported Operations DESERT SHIELD, DESERT STORM, IRAQI FREEDOM, and ENDURING FREEDOM. During Hurricane Katrina, Chief Cole provided security for a Red Cross Relief Center at Brookhaven, Mississippi. Chief Cole served as the group commander's key enlisted advisor on operational effectiveness and the organization, equipping, and training of assigned personnel, ensuring mission readiness. He initiated actions to improve organizational efficiencies, professional development, and proper force utilization through the execution of the group commander's directives and policies. Additionally, Chief Cole planned, directed, organized, trained, inspected and evaluated Aircrew Flight Equipment operational and continuation training aspects pertaining to personnel, equipment, tools, accountability, and readiness. Prior to assuming his current position, he was the 172d Operations Group Superintendent and Aircrew Flight Equipment Superintendent.



### EDUCATION

- 1980 Fabrication and Parachute Specialist, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.
- 1981 United States Air Force Noncommissioned Officer Orientation Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., by correspondence
- 1991 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2001 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2014 Air National Guard Chief's Executive Course, Joint Base Andrews AFB, Md.
- 2016 AFE Superintendent Development and Certification Course, Combat Readiness Training Center, Gulfport, Miss.
- 2018 Command Chief Orientation Course, Joint Base Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. June 1980–December 1983, Survival Equipment Specialist, 172d Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.
2. January 1984–June 1987, Corrosion Control Specialist, 172d Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.
3. July 1987–August 1989, Survival Equipment Specialist, 172d Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Thompson Field, Jackson Miss.
4. August 1989–September 2008, Survival Equipment NCOIC, 172d Maintenance Squadron, Thompson Field, Jackson Miss. (October 2005–November 2007, Aircrew Flight Equipment Specialist, 172d MXS, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.; August 2005–September 2005, Aircrew Flight Equipment Specialist, 172d MXS, Brookhaven, Miss.; April 2006–May 2006, Aircrew Flight Equipment Superintendent, Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany)
5. September 2008–May 2011, Aircraft Structural Repair Superintendent, 172d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss. (May 2010–September 2010, Aircraft Structural Repair Superintendent, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.)
6. May 2011–January 2014, 172d Operations Support Squadron, Aircrew Flight equipment Superintendent, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.
7. January 2014–August 2017, 172d Operations Group Superintendent, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.
8. August 2017–Present, 172d Airlift Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with three silver oak leaf clusters

Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with eleven oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal with bronze star

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon

Air Force Longevity Service with six oak leaf clusters

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with two M devices and gold hour glass

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with bronze star

Air Force Training Ribbon

## **STATE AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Mississippi Medal of Efficiency

Mississippi War Medal with oak leaf cluster

Mississippi Emergency Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Mississippi Service School Medal

Mississippi Longevity Medal with four oak leaf clusters

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS**

National Guard Association of the United States, life member

American Legion, Post 67, active member

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Airman, Dec. 6, 1980

Airman First Class, Jan. 11, 1982

Senior Airman, July 12, 1982

Sergeant, Dec. 3, 1983

Staff Sergeant, July 14, 1984

Technical Sergeant, 4 Aug. 4, 1986

Master Sergeant, June 1, 1991

Senior Master Sergeant, Nov.2, 2008

Chief Master Sergeant, Jan. 11, 2014

(Current as of February 2018)