



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT RONNIE J. WOODS

Chief Master Sergeant Ronnie J. Woods is the Command Chief Master Sergeant for the 18th Wing, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan. The 18th Wing, the largest combat wing in the U.S. Air Force, provides the Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, trained and equipped tactical air superiority forces; combat search and rescue forces; command and control platforms; aeromedical evacuation capability; and global mobility resources for contingency operations. Chief Woods serves as the installation's senior enlisted liaison between the 18th Wing and enlisted personnel from five other Air Force major commands and joint partner units. The wing flies the F-15C, KC-135, HH-60 and E-3 aircraft. Additionally, the wing provides the 5th Air Force Commander a responsive, staging and operational air base with integrated, deployable, forward-based air power. Chief Woods is the principal advisor to the commander and senior staff on operational matters and issues affecting the morale, welfare, safety compliance, readiness and effective utilization of more than 6,000 total force personnel.



Chief Woods entered the Air Force from Chicago, Illinois in 1997. He graduated from the Security Forces Apprentice course at Lackland Air Force Base in February 1998. In 2010, Chief Woods retrained into the Command and Control Battle Management Operations career field. His experience includes various duties at the unit, wing and Component Numbered Air Force levels encompassing numerous tactical and operational leadership roles. He has led teams in daily operational campaign Air Tasking Order execution, strategic bomber planning and execution, and tactical command and control battle management in support of the Korea Theatre of Operations. His assignments includes bases in Montana, Illinois, South Carolina, Qatar, Louisiana, South Korea, and Arizona. Additionally, Chief Woods has deployed in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, NEW DAWN, and INHERENT RESOLVE.

Prior to assuming his current position, he served as the Command Chief of the 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea.

EDUCATION

2003 Airman Leadership School, Malmstrom AFB, MT

2011 Associate of Applied Science Degree, Criminal Justice, Community College of the Air Force

2011 USAF Noncommissioned Officer Academy, McGee-Tyson AB, TN

2011 Associate of Arts in Accounting Degree, American Military University 2012

Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy Correspondence Course

2013 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education, National Defense University

2013 Associate of Applied Science Degree, Aerospace Technology, Community College of the Air Force

2013 Professional Manager Certification, Community College of the Air Force

2013 Bachelor of Arts, Organizational Management, Ashford University

2015 USAF Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunter Annex, AL

2015 Advanced Nuclear Concepts, Kirtland AFB, NM

2016 Masters of Business Administration, Ohio Christian University

2018 Chief Leadership Academy, Maxwell-Gunter Annex, AL

2019 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II, National Defense University

2019 Command Chief Master Sergeant Training Course, Andrews AFB, MD

ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 1997 – February 2003, Flight Security Controller, Malmstrom AFB, MT
2. February 2003 – February 2004, Law Enforcement Patrolman, 8th Security Forces Squadron, Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea
3. February 2004 – October 2010, Desk Sergeant/Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, Security Forces Armory, 375th Security Forces Squadron, Scott AFB, IL. (October 2005 – April 2006, Special Housing Unit Non Commissioned Officer in Charge, Camp Bucca, Iraq; August 2006 – April 2007, Base Defense Operations Center Controller, Manas AB, Kyrgyzstan; October 2009 – May 2010, Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, Host Nation Training, Ali Al Salem AB, Kuwait)
4. October 2010 – September 2013, Superintendent of Training, Detachment 1, 609th Air Operations Center, Shaw AFB, SC (December 2011 – July 2012, Senior Air Defense Officer Technician, Al Udeid AB, Qatar; October 2012 – December 2012, Senior Offensive Duty Officer Technician, Al Udeid AB, Qatar)
5. September 2013 – October 2014, Superintendent, Combat Operations Division, 609th Air Operations Center, Al Udeid AB, Qatar
6. October 2014 – April 2016, Operations Enlisted Manager, 608th Air Operations Center, Barksdale AFB, LA
7. May 2016 – June 2017, Squadron Superintendent, 621st Air Control Squadron, Osan AB, Republic of South Korea
8. June 2017 – July 2019, Chief Enlisted Manager, 607th Air Control Squadron, Luke AFB, AZ
9. July 2019 – May 2020, Superintendent, 375th Operations Group, Scott AFB, IL
10. May 2020 – June 2021, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea
11. August 2021 – Present, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 18th Wing, Kadena AB, Japan

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Army Commendation Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Iraq Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Korean Defense Service Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2009 375th Security Forces Squadron Outstanding Staff NCO of the Year, Scott AFB, IL

2009 375th Mission Support Group NCO of the Year, Scott AFB, IL

2009 375th Air Mobility Wing Lance P. Sijan Nominee., Scott AFB, IL

2011 Commandant Leadership Award, NCO Academy

2011 United States Air Forces Central Command Outstanding NCO of the Year, Shaw AFB, SC

2012 609th Air Operations Center C2 Battle Management SNCO of the Year, Shaw AFB, SC

2013 609th Air Operations Center Lance P. Sijan Nominee, Al Udeid AB, Qatar

2013 United States Air Forces Central Command Outstanding SNCO of the Year, Al Udeid AB, Qatar

2014 Air Force Global Strike Command, C2 Battle Management SNCO of the Year, Barksdale AFB, LA

2015 Distinguished Graduate, SNCO Academy

2015 8th Air Forces Outstanding SNCO of the Year, Barksdale AFB, LA

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant 1 Dec 2017

(Current as of August 2021)