



# BIOGRAPHY

**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

## **CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT DENNIS L. VANNORSDALL**

Chief Master Sergeant Dennis L. Vannorsdall is the Command Chief Master Sergeant, Fourteenth Air Force (Air Forces Strategic), Air Force Space Command; and Command Senior Enlisted Leader, Joint Functional Component Command for Space, U.S. Strategic Command, Vandenberg Air Force Base, California. He advises the commander on matters influencing the health, welfare, morale and effective utilization of more than 20,500 personnel responsible for providing missile warning, space superiority, space situational awareness, satellite operations, space launch and range operations. As the command senior enlisted leader for JFCC, he advises the commander on mission effectiveness, professional development, and military readiness and training of all assigned and attached enlisted USSTRATCOM space forces providing tailored, responsive, local and global space effects in support of national, USSTRATCOM and combatant commander objectives.

Chief Vannorsdall enlisted in the Air Force in May 1983. His background includes extensive leadership experience in security forces, and enlisted professional military education. His assignments include stateside bases in Wyoming, Indiana, Louisiana, Nevada, Georgia, Florida, and California. The chief has multiple overseas tours serving in the United Kingdom, Hawaii, Republic of Korea, and Germany. The chief has deployed four times in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. Chief Vannorsdall has served as a security forces squadron and group superintendent before becoming a command chief master sergeant at the wing, air expeditionary wing, and numbered Air Force levels.



### **EDUCATION**

1988 Third Air Force Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School, RAF Upwood, United Kingdom  
1991 Strategic Air Command Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Barksdale AFB, La.  
1992 Associate of Applied Science Degree in Security Administration, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AB, Ala.  
1994 Academic Instructor School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
1995 Associate of Applied Science Degree in Instructor of Technology/Military Studies, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
1998 USAF Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Gunter Annex, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
1999 Bachelor of General Studies degree, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston La.  
2006 USAF Chief Master Sergeant Leadership Course, Gunter Annex, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
2007 USAF Senior Leadership Course, Center for Creative Leadership, San Diego, Calif.  
2007 Gettysburg Leadership Experience, Gettysburg, Pa.  
2007 Space Operations Course-Executive level, National Security Space Institute, Colorado Springs, Colo.  
2008 Air Force Enterprise Management Seminar, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.  
2008 Keystone Command Senior Leader Course, National Defense University, Washington D.C.  
2010 COMAFFOR Senior Staff Course, USAF Expeditionary Center, Ft Dix, N.J.  
2010 AFSSO21 Executive Leadership Course, Porsche Consulting Group, Stuttgart, Germany  
2010 Africa: U.S. Foreign Policy and Security Challenges, Alan L. Freed Associates, Washington D.C.

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. May 1983 – June 1983, Trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Tex.
2. June 1983 – August 1983, Student, Security Specialist Technical Training, Lackland AFB, Tex.
3. August 1983 – December 1986, Security Response Team Leader, Entry Controller, Alarm Monitor, Master Surveillance Control Facility Operator, 90th Security Police Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
4. December 1987 – December 1988, Security Response Team Leader, Entry Controller, Master Surveillance Control Facility Operator, Security Controller, 48th Security Police Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom
5. December 1988 – December 1990, Quality Control Evaluator, 48th Security Police Group, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom

6. December 1990 – August 1994, Flight Sergeant, Noncommissioned Officer In Charge Base and Installation Security Systems, 305th Security Police Squadron, Grissom AFB, Ind.
7. August 1994 – August 1997, Instructor, Superintendent of Leadership, Barksdale Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Barksdale AFB, La.
8. August 1997 – April 2000, Director of Education, Hickam Professional Military Education Center, 15th Support Group, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
9. April 2000 – April 2001, Operations Superintendent, 8th Security Forces Squadron, Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea
10. April 2001 – December 2001, Superintendent Security Forces Administration, 99th Security Forces Group, Nellis AFB, Nev.
11. December 2001 – July 2002, Operations Superintendent, 99th Security Support Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
12. July 2002 – September 2003, Security Forces Manager, 99th Security Forces Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.  
(April 2003 – August 2003, Squadron Superintendent, 506th Air Expeditionary Group, Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq)
13. September 2003 – April 2005, Security Forces Manager, 823d Security Forces Squadron, Moody AFB, Ga.  
(December 2003 – March 2004, Squadron Superintendent, 447th Air Expeditionary Group, Baghdad IAP, Iraq)  
(August 2004 – December 2004, Squadron Superintendent, 506th Air Expeditionary Group, Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq)  
(December 2004 – Mar 2005, Squadron Superintendent, Task Force 1041, 332d Air Expeditionary Wing, Balad Air Base, Iraq)
14. April 2005 – September 2006, Group Superintendent, 820th Security Forces Group, Moody AFB, Ga.
15. October 2006 – November 2008, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 45th Space Wing, Patrick AFB, Fla.
16. November 2008 – September 2009, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing, Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan.
17. October 2009 – July 2011, Command Chief Master Sergeant, Third Air Force, Ramstein Air Base, Germany.
18. August 2011 – Current, Command Chief Master Sergeant, Fourteenth Air Force (Air Forces Strategic), and Command Senior Enlisted Leader , Joint Functional Component Command for Space, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Bronze Star Medal with three bronze oak leaf clusters  
 Meritorious Service Medal with one silver and one bronze oak leaf cluster  
 Air Force Commendation Medal  
 Air Force Achievement Medal with bronze oak leaf cluster  
 Army Achievement Medal  
 Meritorious Unit Award with two bronze oak leaf clusters  
 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor and one silver oak leaf cluster  
 Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with bronze oak leaf cluster  
 National Defense Service Medal with bronze star  
 Afghanistan Campaign Medal with bronze star  
 Iraq Campaign Medal with three bronze stars  
 Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
 Korean Defense Service Medal  
 Humanitarian Service Medal  
 Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal  
 Air Force Expeditionary Service Award with three bronze oak leaf clusters  
 NATO Medal

#### **OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

1988 Distinguished Graduate, Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School  
 1993 305th Air Refueling Wing, Noncommissioned Officer of the Year  
 1994 21st Air Force, Noncommissioned Officer of the Year  
 1998 Distinguished Graduate, Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION**

Chief Master Sergeant                      1 August 2003

(Current as of August 2011)