



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT AARON F. GATTERDAM

Chief Master Sergeant Aaron F. Gatterdam is the Command Chief Master Sergeant for the Illinois Air National Guard. As such, he represents the highest level of enlisted leadership for the Illinois Air National Guard. Responsibilities include advice and counsel to the Adjutant General, Assistant Adjutant General - Air, Wing Commanders, and Wing CCM's on the concerns of the enlisted force.

Chief Gatterdam entered the Air National Guard in 1984 and was assigned as a Security Police Specialist with the 126th Security Police Squadron, O'Hare IA PARS, IL. Chief Gatterdam went on serve as a Base Training Manager with the 126th Mission Support Squadron, then as First Sergeant, Headquarters 126^h Air Refueling Wing. He then assigned as the Wing Human Resources Advisor prior to serving in his current position. Chief Gatterdam's operations tempo includes being mobilized with European Tanker Task Force and serving under the 2nd Bomb Wing at Moron Air Base, Spain during Operation Desert Shield. Chief Gatterdam was again mobilized and assigned to the 90th Missile Security Squadron, FE Warren AFB, WY for the duration of Operation Desert Storm. He was then later deployed to Pisa Air Base, Italy under Operation Joint Guard in support of the NATO Bosnia Stabilization Force. Chief Gatterdam assisted with the Base Realignment and Closure Committee (BRAC) directed relocation of the 126th Air Refueling Wing from O'Hare International Airport Air Reserve Station, Chicago, IL to Scott Air Force Base, IL. Chief Gatterdam was mobilized in an Air Expeditionary Force to Istres Air Base, France under Operation Joint Forge, again in support of the NATO Bosnia Stabilization Force. He then later participated in NATO's Operation Clean Hunter in Aaburg Air Base, Denmark and at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey as part of Operation Enduring Freedom's 385th Air Expeditionary Group. Chief Gatterdam was then sent to Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska to participate in NORAD's Operation Northern Edge and then later to Anderson Air Force Base, Guam under Operation Enduring Freedom with the 506th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron. Chief Gatterdam was again mobilized and returned to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey as part of Operation Enduring Freedom's 90th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron. Chief Gatterdam was twice called to State Active Duty in support of flood duty humanitarian missions.



MILITARY EDUCATION

- 1894 USAF Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, TX
- 1985 USAF Security Police Academy, Lackland AFB, TX
- 1987 Noncommissioned Officer Preparatory Course, O'Hare IAP ARS, IL
- 1989 Bachelor of Science Degree, Western Illinois University, IL
- 1992 Security Police Supervisor School, Lackland AFB, TX
- 1994 OSI Special Investigations Course, Bolling AFB, DC
- 1995 Multi-Independent Laser Engagement Course, Fort McCoy, WI
- 1996 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 1997 Education & Training Manager School, Sheppard AFB, TX
- 1998 Dynamics of International Terrorism School, Hurlburt Field, FL
- 1999 Intro Air Force Special Operations School, Hurlburt Field, FL
- 2000 USAF Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2000 First Sergeant Academy, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2007 ANG Human Resources Advisor School, Lackland AFB, TX

MILITARY EDUCATION Con't

2009 ANG Chief's Executive Course, Washington DC
2010 ANG Command Chief Orientation Course, Lackland AFB, TX
2010 Senior Enlisted Joint PME, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1984 - June 1995, Security Police Specialist, 126th Security Police Squadron, O'Hare IAP ARS, IL
2. Jun 1995 - April 1999, Base Training Manager, 126th Mission Support Squadron, O'Hare IAP ARS, IL
3. April 1999 - April 2006, First Sergeant, 126th Air Refueling Wing, Scott AFB, IL
4. April 2006 – October 2010, Wing Human Resources Advisor, 126th Air Refueling Wing, Scott AFB, IL
5. October 2010 – Present, Command Chief Master Sergeant, HQ ILANG, Springfield, IL

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster
AF Outstanding Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Armed Forces Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with one oak leaf cluster
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 2 'M' devices and one oak leaf cluster

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

National Guard Association of Illinois (NGAI), Life Member
Air Force Association (AFA), Life Member
Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA), Life Member
Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS)
National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS), Associate Member
Charter Sponsor of the Air Force Memorial Foundation
American Legion, Post 2910
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 14000

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant, 01 October 2008

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