



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JAMES B. WHITLOW, JR.

Chief Master Sergeant James B. Whitlow Jr. is the State Command Chief Master Sergeant for the Colorado Air National Guard, Buckley Air Force Base, Aurora, Colorado. As the Command Chief, he advises the commander on matters impacting the enlisted force such as proper utilization of personnel, quality of enlisted leadership, management and supervisor training, operations tempo and quality of life. Further, Chief Whitlow is responsible for monitoring compliance with Air National Guard and Air Force standards including those standards governing conduct, performance, appearance, and professional military education; serves on advisory councils; and works to insure a close relationship with the local community. Chief Whitlow maintains a liaison between the Assistant Adjutant General for Air and enlisted force and staff members, and communicates with the commanders on problems, concerns, morale, and attitudes of the enlisted force. Also, Chief Whitlow performs other duties as outlined / directed by the Assistant Adjutant General for Air.



Born in Sacramento, California, Chief Whitlow originally enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1988 and later transferred to the Colorado Air National Guard in 1998. His background includes various duties in Information Management at the unit and major-command levels. Throughout his career, he has filled a myriad of roles including deployment manager, training manager, additional duty first sergeant and Directorate Superintendent. His active duty assignments included bases in Turkey, Virginia, Idaho, and Colorado. He has also served overseas in South Korea in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. In April 2015, Chief Whitlow was selected as the State Command Chief for the Colorado Air National Guard.

His civilian employer is International Business Machines, where he is a Program Executive for outsourced clients. Chief Whitlow is married to Colleen Whitlow and they have two children, Joshua and Tiffani, and three lovely granddaughters, Norah, Izabella, and Harper.

EDUCATION

1991 Tactical Air Command Non-Commissioned Officer Preparatory Course, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia
1992 Tactical Air Command Airman Leadership School, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia
2003 U.S. Air Force NCO Academy, Correspondence
2005 U.S. Air Force Senior NCO Academy, Correspondence
2005 Associate Degree in Information Resources Management, Community College of the Air Force
2008 Additional Duty First Sergeant's Seminar

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1988, Student, Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
2. July 1988, Administrative Specialist Technical Training, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi
3. December 1988, Administrative Specialist, 39th Tactical Group, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey
4. March 1990, Information Manager, 1912th Communication Support Group, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia
5. April 1991, Branch Information Manager, 1912th Communication Support Group, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia

6. October 1992, Administrative Assistant, Director Theater Systems, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia
7. August 1993, Administrative Assistant, Theater Systems Division, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia
8. April 1994, Information Manager, 366th Wing Command Post, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho
9. November 1994, Administration Specialist, 366th Wing, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho
10. March 1997, Chief of Information Systems Management, Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, Buckley Air National Guard Base, Colorado
11. October 1998, Information Manager, 140th Logistics Squadron, Buckley Air National Guard Base, Colorado
12. January 2001, Information Manager, 240th Civil Engineering Flight, Buckley Air Force Base, Colorado
13. May 2003, Information Management Craftsman, 240th Civil Engineering Flight, Buckley Air Force Base, Colorado
14. January 2005, NCOIC, Information Management Headquarters, Colorado Air National Guard, Buckley Air Force Base, Colorado
15. October 2008 –June 2015, Superintendent, Operations Headquarters, Colorado Air National Guard, Buckley Air Force Base, Colorado
16. April 2015 – Present, State Command Chief Master Sergeant, Joint Force Headquarters, Colorado Air National Guard, Buckley Air Force Base, Colorado

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal
 Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Achievement Medal
 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
 AF Organizational Excellence Award
 Air Force Good Conduct Medal with one oak leaf cluster
 Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with one silver cluster
 National Defense Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
 Korean Defense Service Medal
 AF Overseas Ribbon Short
 Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border
 AF Longevity Service with one silver cluster
 Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 1 'M' Device and one oak leaf cluster
 USAF NCO PME Graduate Ribbon with one oak leaf cluster
 Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Rifle)
 AF Training Ribbon
 Colorado Achievement Ribbon
 Colorado Active Service Medal
 Colorado Adjutant General Outstanding Unit Citation
 Colorado State Emergency Service Ribbon
 Colorado Foreign Deployment Service Ribbon

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFLICTIONS

President, Colorado Air National Guard Chiefs Counsel
 National Guard Association of Colorado
 Enlisted Association of the National Guard

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1993 HQ ACC/SC Airman of the Quarter and Airman of the Year
 1995 366th Wing Airman of the Year
 1995 Nominated for the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year
 1997 Air Force Operational Test and Evacuation Center (AFOTEC) Information Manager of the Year
 2004 Non Commissioned Officer (NCO) of the Year, Colorado Air National Guard
 2004 IBM Project Management Excellence Award Winner

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic	May 20, 1988
Airman	November 20, 1988
Airman First Class	September 20, 1989
Senior Airman	November 20, 1990

Staff Sergeant	February 1, 1996
Technical Sergeant	March 3, 2002
Master Sergeant	March 7, 2004
Senior Master Sergeant	March 12, 2006
Chief Master Sergeant	April 19, 2009

(Current as of March 2015)