



# BIOGRAPHY

## AIR NATIONAL GUARD

### CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT ROBERT B. KNIGHT

Chief Master Sergeant Robert B. Knight is the twelfth Command Chief Master Sergeant for the Mississippi Air National Guard assigned to the Joint Force Headquarters, Mississippi Air National Guard in Jackson Mississippi. Chief Knight is responsible for advising ANG commanders and staff on mission effectiveness, professional development, military readiness, training, reviewing promotion, retention, utilization, health, morale, welfare and assignment policy affecting over 2,300 plus enlisted personnel; conducting counseling and interviewing sessions through a visitation program to 29 units; and identifying issues and recommending action directly to commanders. He maintains liaison between the enlisted personnel, the Adjutant General and the Assistant Adjutant General for Air/Commander, Mississippi Air National Guard.

Chief Knight resumed responsibility as the State Command Chief Master Sergeant for the Mississippi Air National Guard on December 6, 2014.



Chief Master Sergeant Knight was born January 6, 1960 in Mobile, Alabama. Chief Knight enlisted in the Mississippi Air National Guard in December 1979 and served as a Crew Chief. After completion of an Associate Arts Degree from Meridian Community College in May 1982, Chief Knight was hired as an Aircraft Maintenance Specialist Technician with the 186<sup>th</sup> Tactical Reconnaissance Group in April 1985. Upon unit conversion to the KC-135R, Chief Knight cross trained as an In-Flight Refueling Operator at Castle Air Force Base, California in November 1991. In February 1994 Chief Knight attended Combat Flight Instructor Course at Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma, and was assigned to the Orderly Room for the 153 Air Refueling Squadron. Chief Knight also worked as a Current Operations Flight Planner, Chief Enlisted Instructor In-Flight Refueling Training Flight, and Wings Standards and Evaluations Senior In-Flight Refueling Evaluator. He has participated in Operations ICELAND ALERT, DENY FLIGHT, ALLIED FORCE, JOINT GUARD, JOINT FORGE, NORTHERN WATCH, SOUTHERN WATCH, NOBLE EAGLE, ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM and PROJECT LIBERTY. During these operations, Chief Knight planned and executed combat and humanitarian operations in support of national interests in Iceland, Italy, Spain, France, Turkey, Germany, Cypress, Ecuador, Iraq and Afghanistan. In 2008, while continuing to maintain mission ready qualification in the KC-135R aircraft, Chief Knight was instrumental in standing up the Air Forces initial MC-12W Manned Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Training Squadron at Key Field Air National Guard Base, Meridian, Mississippi as the Detachment Wings Standards and Evaluations Senior Sensor Operator Evaluator in June 2009. He continued to instruct in both the KC-135R and the MC-12W until both aircraft departed Key Field in March 2011. Upon unit conversion to the C-27J aircraft, Chief Knight completed Initial and Instructor Loadmaster Qualification training at Robbins Air Force Base, Georgia in December 2011. He maintained mission ready Instructor and Evaluator status in the C-27J aircraft and was assigned the Chief Enlisted Instructor Loadmaster Training Flight until the unit again converted to the KC-135R aircraft in July 2013, at which time Chief Knight re-qualified as an In-Flight Refueling Operator Instructor and Evaluator in the KC-135 aircraft and was assigned as the 186<sup>th</sup> Operations Group Superintendent.

## **EDUCATION**

1980 Aircraft Maintenance Specialist Course, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas  
1982 Associate Arts Degree Computer Science  
1982 Noncommissioned Officer Orientation Course, Non-Residence  
1986 United States Air Force Supervisory Development Course, Non-Residence  
1988 Core Automated Maintenance System Course, Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois  
1989 Aircraft Battle Damage Repair Technician Course, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona  
1989 Aircraft Battle Damage Repair General Assessor Course, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona  
1992 Combat Crew Training Course, KC-135, Castle Air Force Base, California  
1992 Combat Survival Training Course, Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington  
1992 Water Survival, Non-Parachuting Course, Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington  
1994 Central Flight Instructor Course In-flight Refueling Operator, Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma  
1996 Command Control Imagery Processing System Course, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi  
1996 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Non-Residence  
1996 Air Force Mission Support System Operator Course, Lockheed Martin, New Hampshire  
1996 Air Force Mission Support System Administrator Course, Lockheed Martin, New Hampshire  
2007 United States Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Non-Residence  
2008 Basic Law Enforcement Thermography Course, LETA, Wisconsin  
2009 MC-12W Initial Sensor Operator Course, Reno Air National Guard Base, Nevada  
2009 Harris AN/PRC-117G Multiband Radio Course, Robbins Air Force Base, Georgia  
2010 Basic Loadmaster Course, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas  
2011 C-27J Initial Loadmaster Course, Robbins Air Force Base, Georgia  
2011 C-27J Instructor Loadmaster Course, Robbins Air Force Base, Georgia  
2012 Airdrop Load Inspector Certification Course, Fort Lee, Virginia  
2014 Chief Master Sergeant Executive Course, Andrews AFB, Maryland

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. December 1979 - April 1985: 186<sup>th</sup> Tactical Reconnaissance Group, Aircraft Mechanic, Meridian, MS
2. May 1985 - January 1990: 186<sup>th</sup> Tactical Reconnaissance Group, PE Maintenance Specialist, Meridian, MS
3. February 1990 - October 1991: 186<sup>th</sup> Tactical Reconnaissance Group, Aircraft Mechanic, Meridian, MS
4. November 1991 - May 1992: 186<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, In-Flight Refueling Operator, Meridian, MS
5. June 1992 - March 2011: 186<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, Instructor/Evaluator In-Flight Refueling Operator, Meridian, MS
6. April 2009 - March 2011: 186<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, Instructor/Evaluator Sensor Operator, Meridian, MS
7. July 2011 - July 2013: 186<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, Instructor/Evaluator Loadmaster, Meridian, MS
8. July 2013 - December 2014: 186<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, Instructor/Evaluator In-Flight Refueling Operator, Meridian, MS
9. November 2013 - December 2014: 186<sup>th</sup> Operations Group Superintendent, Meridian, MS
10. December 2014 - present: State Command Chief Master Sergeant, Mississippi Joint Force Headquarters, Jackson, MS

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Instructor KC-135R, C-27J, MC-12W  
Evaluator: KC-135R, C-27J and MC-12W  
Flight hours: More than 5,000  
Aircraft flown: KC-135R, C-27J, MC-12W, C-26B and C-130H

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal  
Air Medal  
Aerial Achievement Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal with one device  
Air Force Achievement Medal with one device  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two devices  
Combat Readiness Medal with four devices

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS Continued**

Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with eleven devices  
National Defense Service Medal with one device  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with one device  
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Armed Forces Service Medal with one device  
Humanitarian Service Medal  
Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short  
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border  
Air Force Longevity Service with four devices  
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with two devices  
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Rifle)  
Air Force Training Ribbon

## **STATE AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Mississippi Magnolia Medal  
Mississippi Medal of Efficiency  
Mississippi War Medal with one device  
Mississippi Emergency Service Medal  
Mississippi Longevity Medal with six devices

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS**

Air Force Sergeants Association  
Air Force Association  
Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States Life Member  
Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States Auxiliary  
Mississippi National Guard Non-Commissioned Officers Association Life Member  
Mississippi National Guard Non-Commissioned Officers Association Auxiliary

## **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

April 2005 - June 2006 President Local Chapter Mississippi National Guard Non-Commissioned Officers Association  
March 2011 - G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery Patriot Leader Award  
April 2012 - April 2013 President-Elect Mississippi National Guard Non-Commissioned Officers Association  
April 2013 - March 2014 President Mississippi National Guard Non-Commissioned Officers Association

## **EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION**

Airman	March 1980
Airman First Class	January 1981
Senior Airman	December 1981
Sergeant	August 1982
Staff Sergeant	January 1985
Technical Sergeant	March 1992
Master Sergeant	February 2000
Senior Master Sergeant	October 2009
Chief Master Sergeant	October 2013

*(Current as of December 2014)*