



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JAMES C. MCKAY

Chief Master Sergeant James C. McKay is assigned as the Command Chief, 115th Fighter Wing, Truax Field, Madison, Wisconsin. Chief McKay's mission is to advocate on behalf of the Wing's enlisted force to ensure issues with their readiness, professional development, training, and quality of life are addressed.

Chief McKay entered the Army National Guard in July of 1985. He attended basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina followed by technical training at Fort Gordon, Georgia. After serving seven years as an avionics mechanic, he transferred to the Air National Guard in January of 1993. Prior to his current position, the Chief served as a telephone systems specialist, ground radio technician, Chief of Maintenance, operations branch superintendent, communications Chief Enlisted Manager, and Mission Support Group Superintendent.

He has participated in Operations SOUTHERN WATCH and ENDURING FREEDOM.



EDUCATION

- 1985 Army Basic Military Training, Fort Jackson, S.C.
- 1986 Avionics Mechanic Course, Fort Gordon, Ga.
- 1988 Associate in Applied Science, Electronic Technology, Madison Area Technical College, Madison, Wis.
- 1988 Army Noncommissioned Officer Primary Leadership Development Course, Wisconsin Military Academy
- 1991 Army Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Wisconsin Military Academy
- 1996 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 1998 Communications-Electronics career advancement course, Keesler AFB, Miss.
- 2001 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2008 Certified Information Systems Security Professional preparatory course, Scott AFB, Ill.
- 2009 CompTIA Security+ preparatory course and certification, Madison, Wis.
- 2014 Senior Enlisted Joint PME, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va., by correspondence
- 2014 ANG Chief Master Sergeant Executive Course, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
- 2016 ANG Command Chiefs Orientation Course, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas
- 2017 Reserve Component National Security Course, National Defense University, Washington D.C.
- 2017 Associate in Applied Science, Electronic Systems Technology, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1986–December 1992, Avionics Mechanic, 147th Aviation Battalion, Madison, Wis.
2. January 1993–May 1995, Telephone Systems Specialist, 115th Communications Flight, Madison, Wis.
3. May 1995–May 1998, Ground Radio Technician, 115th Communications Flight, Madison, Wis.
4. May 1998–November 2003, NCOIC Ground Radio Maintenance, 115th Communications Flight, Madison, Wis.

ASSIGNMENTS (CONT)

5. November 2003–April 2008, Chief of Maintenance, 115th Communications Flight, Madison, Wis.
6. April 2008–April 2014, Operations Chief, 115th Communications Flight, Madison Wis. (October 2009 - February 2010, Chief Enlisted Manager, 380 ECS, Al Dhafra Airbase, United Arab Emirates)
7. January 2014–November 2015, Chief Enlisted Manager, 115th Communications Flight, Madison, Wis.
8. December 2015–February 2016, Group Superintendent, 115th Mission Support Group, Madison, Wis.
9. March 2016–Present, Command Chief, 115th Fighter Wing, Madison, Wis.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal
Army Achievement Medal

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Enlisted Association of the National Guard, Life Member
Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association, Life Member
Air Force Sergeants Association

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Private First Class (Army) July 12, 1985
Specialist (Army) February 1, 1986
Sergeant (Army) April 16, 1989
Staff Sergeant January 9, 1993
Technical Sergeant January 9, 1995
Master Sergeant June 1, 1998
Senior Master Sergeant December 15, 2003
Chief Master Sergeant November 1, 2007

(Current as of May 2017)