



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT KARRIE S. BENNETT

Chief Master Sergeant Karrie S. Bennett serves as the Chief Enlisted Manager at the 601st Air Operations Center, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. She functions as the chief enlisted manager for 321 enlisted members and provides guidance and leadership for managing career progression, force management planning and mentorship to enlisted members. She advises the commander on issues related to the organization, training, and equipping of assigned personnel as well as providing leadership and guidance to supervisors and members enabling problem resolution at the lowest level.

Chief Bennett entered the United States Air Force in September 1995 as a medical laboratory technician. Her first duty assignment was at the 42nd Medical Group, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, where she was selected for Senior Airman Below the Zone. In July of 2001 Chief Bennett enlisted in the Florida Air National Guard full time at the Southeast Air Defense Sector and was part of the transformation to the 601 AOC/101 AOG in 2006. Chief Bennett has held multiple supervisory and leadership roles such as, NCOIC Combat Reports Cell, flight chief, superintendent 101 ACOMS Test Flight, superintendent of the Combat Plans Division and superintendent of the Combat Operations Division, the 1C5 chief enlisted manager before assuming her current position as the 601 AOC chief enlisted manager.



EDUCATION

- 2000 Airman Leadership School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., distinguished graduate
- 2001 Associate in Applied Science, Medical Technology, Community College of the Air Force
- 2004 Non-commissioned-officer Academy, Tyndall AFB, Fla., distinguished graduate
- 2007 Associate in Applied Science, Space Technology, CCAF
- 2009 Bachelor of Science, Psychology, Troy University, Ala.
- 2011 Senior-non-commissioned-officer Academy, Gunter AFB, Ala.
- 2011 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education by correspondence
- 2012 Professional Managers Certification, CCAF
- 2013 Leadership Challenge Program I, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
- 2014 Contemporary Base Issues Course, Hanscom AFB, Mass.
- 2015 Leadership Challenge Program II, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
- 2016 Reserve Component National Security Course, District of Columbia
- 2016 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II by correspondence
- 2017 Air National Guard Chief Executive Course, Andrews AFB, Md.
- 2017 USAF Chief Leadership Course, Gunter AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1995-November 1995, Student, Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
2. November 1995-March 1996, Student Phase I Medical Laboratory Tech, Sheppard AFB, Texas
3. March 1996-January 1997, Student Phase II Medical Laboratory Technician, Eglin AFB, Fla.
4. January 1997- July 1998, Medical Laboratory Technician, 42nd Medical Group, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
5. July 1998-September 1999, Non-Commissioned-Officer-In-Charge, Blood Banking, 42nd MDG, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
6. September 1999-July 2001, NCOIC, Microbiology, 42nd MDG, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
7. July 2001-March 2002, Tracking Technician, South East Air Defense Sector, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
8. May 2003-June 2006, NCOIC, Identification Section, SEADS, Tyndall AFB, Fla.

9. June 2006-September 2009, NCOIC, Combat Reports Cell, 601st Air Operation Center, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
10. September 2009-July 2010, NCOIC, Requirements, 601 AOC, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
11. July 2010- September 2011, Assistant Superintendent, Combat Operations Division, 601 AOC, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
12. September 2011-September 2012, Flight Superintendent, COD, 601 AOC, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
13. September 2012-April 2014, Superintendent, Test Flight, 101 Air Communications Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
14. April 2014-June 2015, Superintendent, Combat Plans Division, 601 AOC, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
15. June 2015-September 2016, Superintendent, COD, 601 AOC, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
16. September 2016-May 2018, 1C5 Chief Enlisted Manager, 601 AOC, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
17. May 2018-present, 601 AOC Chief Enlisted Manager, 601 AOC, Tyndall AFB, Fla.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with device

STATE AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Florida Distinguished Service Medal
Florida Commendation Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1995 John L. Levitow Award, Noncommissioned Officer Preparatory Military Course, Pope AFB, N.C.
1996 Combat Controller of the Year, Air Combat Command
2007 Summa cum laude, Bachelor of Science, Arizona State University

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant Sept. 2016

(Current as of February 2020)