



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JOANNE S. BASS

Chief Master Sergeant JoAnne S. Bass is the Command Chief Master Sergeant for Second Air Force at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi. She is the senior enlisted leader and advisor to the commander on all matters impacting the professional development, proper utilization, and the readiness of the enlisted corps. The command consists of five Training Wings, 18 Groups with 76 Operating Locations Worldwide, in support of 13,000 Enlisted, Officers, Civilians, Contractors and 36,000 Basic Trainees per year. In addition, Second Air Force is home to more than 265 Air Force Specialties through 2,014 courses graduating 150,000 Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and international students annually in various fields including financial management, security forces, cyber, personnel, weather, civil engineering, aircraft maintenance, medical, avionics, security forces, space and missile operations/maintenance, and multiple intelligence disciplines, while providing 93% of the Air Force's Initial Skills Training.

Chief Bass was raised as an Army dependent, living in several overseas and stateside locations, prior to entering the Air Force in March 1993. She has held a variety of leadership positions serving at the squadron, group, wing, major command and Headquarters Air Force levels with significant joint service and special operations experience. Chief Bass has participated in several operations and exercises as well as deployments in direct support of Operation Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Prior to this assignment, she served as the Chief of Air Force Enlisted Developmental Education located at the Pentagon in Washington D.C.



#### EDUCATION

- 1997 Airman Leadership School, Pope Air Force Base (AFB), N.C.
- 2000 Associate Degree, Airport Resource Management, Community College of the Air Force
- 2004 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Kapaun Air Station, Germany
- 2005 Bachelor of Science in Professional Aeronautics, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- 2006 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Course 12 (Distance Learning)
- 2007 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education (Distance Learning)
- 2009 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Gunter Annex, Ala.
- 2013 Air Mobility Command Leadership Challenge Program, Ramstein Air Base (AB), Germany
- 2013 Chief Master Sergeant Leadership Seminar, Ramstein AB, Germany
- 2015 Air Force Smart Operations for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (AFSO 21) Executive Leadership Seminar, University of Tennessee, Nashville, Tenn.
- 2015 USAF Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, N.C.
- 2016 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II (Distance Learning)
- 2017 Keystone Command Senior Enlisted Leader Course, National Defense University

2018 Leading Strategically, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, Colo.  
2018 Coaching for Greater Effectiveness, Center for Creative Leadership, Greensboro, N.C.

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. June 1993 - June 1996, Operations System Management Journeyman, 74th Fighter Squadron, Pope Air Force Base (AFB), N.C.
2. June 1996 - July 1998, Range Scheduling Specialist, 43rd Operations Support Squadron, Pope AFB, N.C.
3. July 1998 - November 2000, Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge (NCOIC), Current Operations Scheduler, 24th Special Tactics Squadron, Fort Bragg, N.C.
4. November 2000 - March 2001, Current Operations Scheduler, 86th Operations Support Squadron, Ramstein Air Base (AB), Germany
5. March 2001 - January 2004, NCOIC Special Airlift Operations, Air Mobility Operations Control Center, Ramstein AB, Germany
6. January 2004 - November 2005, NCOIC, Host Aviation Resource Management, 86th Operations Support Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany
7. November 2005 - August 2010, Superintendent Host Aviation Resource Management, Group Career Field Functional Manager, (Data Masked)
8. August 2010 – September 2012, Host Aviation Resource Management Superintendent and Squadron Superintendent, 86th Operations Support Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany
9. September 2012 – May 2015, Superintendent, 86th Operations Group, Ramstein AB, Germany
10. May 2015 – September 2016, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 17th Training Wing, Goodfellow AFB, Texas
11. September 2016 – July 2018, Chief, Air Force Enlisted Developmental Education, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
12. July 2018 – Present, Command Chief Master Sergeant, Second Air Force, Keesler AFB, Miss.

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
Joint Service Commendation Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

### **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

1995 Airman of the Year, 74th Fighter Squadron  
1997 John L. Levitow Award, Airman Leadership School  
2004 Distinguished Graduate, Noncommissioned Officer Academy  
2009 Distinguished Graduate, Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy  
2010 USAFE Senior Noncommissioned Officer Aviation Resource Manager of the Year  
2011 Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, 86th Operations Group

### **EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION**

Chief Master Sergeant August 2013

(Current as of February 2019)