



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT CLINT A. GRIZZELL

Chief Master Sergeant Clint A. Grizzell became the fifth Command Senior Enlisted Leader, U.S. Special Operations Command North (SOCNORTH), Peterson AFB, Colorado on 1 July 2021. SOCNORTH is tasked to provide command, control, and coordination of Special Operations Forces in support of United States Northern Command (NORTHCOM). Additionally, SOCNORTH works with mission partners to deter, deny, and disrupt irregular threats and mitigate gaps and seams to defend the homeland.

CMSgt Grizzell entered the Air Force in 1992 as an Aircraft Armament Systems Specialist. In 1997 he retrained as a Career Enlisted Aviator, specializing as a MH-53 Aerial Gunner and then in 2007 became a Combat Aviation Advisor and Special Missions Aviator, focusing on Aviation Foreign Internal Defense. CMSgt Grizzell has served as instructor and evaluator on both United States and International airframes, and held multiple leadership positions within the joint and interagency environments. Prior to his current position, CMSgt Grizzell served as the Command Chief, 492d Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, FL.



EDUCATION

1999 Airman Leadership School, Hurlburt Field, FL
2005 USAF Noncommissioned Officers Academy, Kirtland AFB, NM
2005 AETC Master Instructor Qualification, Kirtland AFB, NM
2006 CCAF Degree in Aircraft Armament Systems Technology
2006 CCAF Degree in Aviation Operations
2007 CCAF Degree in Instructor of Technology and Military Science
2008 USAF Senior Noncommissioned Officers Academy, Correspondence (Course 14)
2011 USAF Senior Noncommissioned Officers Academy, Residence
2014 Joint Special Operations Forces Senior Enlisted Academy, MacDill AFB, FL
2015 National Higher Education Professional in Teaching Certification
2016 United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, Correspondence
2017 Master Instructor Certification, Joint Special Operations University, MacDill AFB, FL
2018 Chief Master Sergeant Leadership Course, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Alabama
2018 Air Force Enterprise Leadership Seminar, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
2019 Command Chief Master Sergeant Training Course, Joint Base Andrews, Washington DC
2020 Continuous Process Improvement for Executives, San Antonio, Texas
2021 Summit Course, Joint Special Operations University, MacDill AFB, FL

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Flight hours: More than 2,760 hrs
Aircraft Flown: MH-53A/JM, UH-1H/N, Bell 212/412, Mi-8/17/171

ASSIGNMENTS

August 1992 – August 1994, Weapons Load Crew Member, 12th Fighter Squadron, Kadena AB, Japan
August 1994 – June 1997, Squadron Weapons Lead Crew Member, 56th Operations Support Squadron, Luke AFB, AZ

June 1997 – June 1998, Squadron Weapons Lead Crew Member, 51st Operational Support Squadron, Osan AB, Korea
June 1998 – January 2005, Instructor Aerial Gunner, 20th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Fld, FL
January 2005 – May 2007, Instructor/Rotary Wing Aircrew Training Device Program Manager, 58th Training Squadron, Kirtland AFB, NM
May 2007 – August 2013, Flight Chief/Ops Superintendent/Squadron Superintendent/Evaluator Special Missions Aviator/Combat Aviation Advisor, 6th SOS, Hurlburt Field, FL
August 2013 – July 2015, Air Force Special Operations Air Warfare Center, Senior Enlisted Manager, Hurlburt Field, FL
July 2015 – July 2017, Resident Lead / Master Instructor, Joint Special Operations University, Enlisted Academy, MacDill AFB, FL
July 2017 - February 2018, Squadron Superintendent, 352d Special Operations Support Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom
February 2018 - July 2019 - Superintendent, 752d Special Operations Group, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom
March 2018 - March 2019 - Acting Command Chief, 352d Special Operations Wing, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom
August 2019 – Jun 2021 – Command Chief, 492d Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, FL
Jul 2021 – Present – Command Senior Enlisted Leader, Special Operations Command North, Peterson SFB, CO.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC)
Air Medal (3 OLC)
Aerial Achievement Medal (2 OLC)
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal (1 OLC)
Joint Service Achievement Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal (3 OLC)

(Current as of April 2022)