



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT AARON W. GUFFORD

Chief Master Sergeant Aaron W. Gufford is the Senior Enlisted Leader for Officer Training School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. He serves as the senior enlisted advisor to the Commandant of Officer Training School for all matters relating to the professional development, education, health, morale, and welfare of 182 total force members, who are laser focused on building warrior-minded leaders of character for the Department of the Air Force. Additionally, he oversees OTS's production of more than 3,700 total force line and non-line officers for both the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Space Force.

Chief Gufford is originally from Georgia and entered the Air Force in July 2000. His background includes various positions within the Communications-Computer Systems Operations, Cyber Systems Operations, and Cyber Warfare Operations career fields with specialized experience as an offensive cyberspace operator charged with executing full spectrum, multi-domain operations on behalf of the Air Force, United States Cyber Command, and the nation. Along with his assignments listed below, he also has operational deployments to Stuttgart Germany, Pristina Kosovo, and Baghdad Iraq. His leadership experience includes Squadron Operations Superintendent, Combat Mission Team Senior Enlisted Leader, squadron Senior Enlisted Leader and group Senior Enlisted Leader.



EDUCATION

2000 Computer Systems Operator Apprentice Course, Keesler AFB, MS
2004 Airman Leadership School, RAF Feltwell, UK
2010 Remote Interactive Operations Training, Columbia, MD
2011 NCO Academy, Maxwell-Gunter Annex, AL
2011 Advance Unix Operations Course, Hanover, MD
2015 Associates in Information Systems Mgmt, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, AL
2015 SNCO Academy via Course 14, JBPHH, HI
2016 Associates in Cyber Security, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, AL
2016 Senior Enlisted Joint PME II, JBPHH, HI
2017 SNCO Academy Advanced Leadership Experience, Gunter AFB, AL
2021 Chiefs Leadership Course, Gunter AFB, AL
2024 Bachelor of Science, Biblical Studies and Theology, Liberty University, VA
2025 Senior Enlisted Legal Orientation Course, Judge Advocate General's School, Maxwell AFB, AL
2025 Command Chief Master Sergeant Training Course, Maxwell AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Jul 2000 – Aug 2000 , Trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base, TX
2. Aug 2000 – Dec 2000, Student, Comp Sys Operator Course, Keesler AFB, MS
3. Dec 2000 – Dec 2002, Computer Systems Operator, 426 IOS, Vogelweh, Germany
4. Dec 2002 – July 2007, NCOIC, Applications Services, 100 CS, RAF Mildenhall, UK
5. Jul 2007 – Jun 2010, Equipment Control Officer, Cryptologic Sys Group, Lackland AFB, TX
6. Jul 2010 – Nov 2014, Cyber Attack Operator, 315 NWS, Fort Meade, MD
7. Nov 2014 – Jan 2021, Ops Supt/CMT SEL/Squadron Superintendent, 352 COS, Hickam, HI
8. Jan 2021 – Feb 2022, Cyber Superiority Panel Programmer, HAF/A8XK, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
9. Mar 2022 – July 2024, Senior Enlisted Leader, 867 COG, Fort Meade, MD
10. Aug 2024 – Present, Senior Enlisted Leader, Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, AL

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal, 3 Oak Leaf Clusters

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal, 2 Oak Leaf Clusters

Army Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Army Achievement Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2004 Distinguished Graduate, Airman Leadership School, RAF Feltwell, UK

2015 352d Cyberspace Operations Squadron Info Dom SNCOY

2016 352d Cyberspace Operations Squadron SNCOY

2017 Hawaii's Air Force Military Community Leader Award

2017 Air Force Space Command SNCO Lance P. Sijan Nominee

2017 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy Etchberger Team Award

2018 24th Air Force Outstanding SNCO of the Year

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant September 1, 2021

(Current as of Feb 2025)