



# BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

## CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JAMES L. BROWN

Kansas State Command Chief Master Sergeant James L. Brown is the 20th Chief Master Sergeant appointed to this senior enlisted position, and as such, provides direction for the enlisted force and represents their interests at all levels of local and state government and to the Kansas public. He serves as the personal advisor to the Kansas Adjutant General and the Commanders of the Kansas Air National Guard on all issues regarding the professional development, readiness, training, utilization, health, morale, and welfare of the nearly 2,000 enlisted members of the Kansas Air National Guard. Chief Brown currently serves as the Vice Chairman on the Air National Guard's Enlisted Field Advisory Council and is a member Air Directorate Field Advisory Council and manages numerous other advisory councils and promotion boards.



Chief Brown entered the Air Force in August of 1985. Upon his separation from the Air Force in 1990, he enlisted in the Kansas Air National Guard. His military background includes numerous leadership roles at squadron, group, deployed command, Joint Forces Headquarter levels, and with the joint National Guard and Kansas State Partnership Program. Chief Brown previously served as the Region 2 Primary Coordinator on the Air National Guard's Enlisted Field Advisory Council. He is the recipient of numerous awards and decorations for leadership, distinctive accomplishments in support of Security Forces activities world-wide, and for joint civil-military operations. Chief Brown served as the Assistant Chief of Police for the Kansas City, KS Police Department, retiring in September 2014 and currently serves as the Chief of Police for the Topeka Kansas Police Department.

### EDUCATION

- 1989: Noncommissioned Officer Preparatory Course, Hahn AB, Germany
- 1991: Kansas Law Enforcement Academy.
- 1999: Noncommissioned Officer Academy, non-residence course.
- 2000: Federal Bureau of Investigation Explosive Ordnance (EOD) School, Redstone Arsenal, Ala
- 2001: Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Gunter AFB, Alabama.
- 2006: Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice, Magna Cum Laude, Park University, Missouri.
- 2008: Chief Executive Course (CEC), Washington D.C
- 2010: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy, Quantico, Virginia.
- 2011: Command Chief Master Sergeant (CCM) Orientation Course, Lackland AFB, TX
- 2011: Master of Public Affairs degree in Public Affairs, Park University
- 2013: Leadership Kansas
- 2014: Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century (AFSO21) University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- 2014: Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA) Course
- 2014: Leadership Enhancement Program (LEP) University of North Carolina, Greensboro

### ASSIGNMENTS

- August 1985 – Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
- October 1985 – USAF Security Police training, Lackland AFB, TX
- December 1985 – USAF Air Base Defense School, Camp Bullis, TX

January 1986 – Nuclear Security Specialist, 342nd MSS Malmstrom AFB, MT  
August 1987 – Ground Launched Cruise Missile Training, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ

**ASSIGNMENTS Con't**

January 1988 – GLCM Nuclear Security Specialist 486th MDS, Woensdrecht AFB, Netherlands  
January 1989 – GLCM Nuclear Security Specialist 38th MDS, Wiesbaden AFB, Germany  
April 1990 – Security Specialist, 190th SFS, 190th ARW, Kansas Air National Guard  
Jan 1995 – NCOIC of Security Forces, 190th SFS, 190th ARW, Kansas Air National Guard  
2002-2004 – Security Superintendent, 190th SFS, 190th ARW, Kansas Air National Guard  
2004-2011 – Kansas State Homeland Security Manager, JFHQ, Kansas National Guard  
2011-Present – State Command Chief, Joint Forces Headquarters-Kansas National Guard

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal with two bronze oak leaf devices  
Air Force Commendation Medal  
Air Force Achievement Medal with one bronze oak leaf device  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with four bronze oak leaf devices and one “V” device  
Air Force Good Conduct Medal with one bronze oak leaf device  
Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with one silver and one bronze oak leaf device  
National Defense Service Medal with two bronze stars  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
AF Overseas Short / AF Overseas Long  
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Silver Hourglass “M” and “2” Devices

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Chief Master Sergeant: June 2005

*(Current as of Dec 2014)*