



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT VON R. BURNS

Chief Master Sergeant Von R. Burns is the command chief master sergeant, 190th Air Refueling Wing, Forbes Field, Topeka, Kansas. As the wing command chief, he advises the wing commander and senior staff on issues affecting the health, morale, and welfare of the enlisted force and provides guidance on enlisted issues. He is the functional manager of the First Sergeant's Council and is a member of and advises the 190th ARW Chief's Council.

Burns, a native of Kansas City, Kansas, enlisted in the Air Force in October 1986 and was assigned to the Munitions Flight of the 442nd Maintenance Squadron. Beginning his career as a munitions systems mechanic, his career advanced until he eventually became a munitions systems specialist crew chief primarily responsible for ensuring crew members completed various munitions taskings in a safe and timely manner.

In August 2000, Burns transferred to the Munitions Flight of the 139th Maintenance Squadron, where he was responsible for supporting the Advanced Airlift Tactics Training Center with munitions related scenarios. In April 2004, he joined the 190th Force Support Squadron, serving in various capacities, and ultimately fulfilling the position of Personnel Support for Contingency Operations team chief. In September 2012, Burns served as the Operations Group superintendent until he was selected in October 2015 as the wing command chief master sergeant.



During his career Burns has been deployed to locations in Europe, Southeast Asia, the Pacific and many stateside bases supporting missions such as Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

EDUCATION

1990 Noncommissioned Officer Preparatory Course, Richards-Gebaur Air Reserve Station, Missouri
1993 Noncommissioned Officer Leadership Development Program, Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri
1996 Noncommissioned Office Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana
2007 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
2012 Associate of Applied Science, Human Resource Management, Community College of the Air Force
2012 Associate of Applied Science, Munitions System Technology, Community College of the Air Force
2012 ANG Chief's Leadership Course, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland
2014 AFSSO21 Executive Leadership Course, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee
2015 ANG Instructor Certification Program, McGhee Tyson ANGB, Tennessee
2015 Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice, magna cum laude, Grantham University, Lenexa, Kansas

ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 1986 – March 1987, Delayed entry program, Richards-Gebaur ARS, Missouri
2. March 1987 – May 1987, Trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
3. May 1987 – August 1987, Munitions Systems Mechanic Student, Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado
4. August 1987 – April 1994, Munitions Systems Mechanic, Richards-Gebaur ARS, Missouri
5. April 1994 – April 1998, Munitions Systems Mechanic, Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri

6. August 2000 - April 2004, Munitions Systems Mechanic, Rosecrans Memorial Airport, Missouri
7. April 2004 – November 2006, Personnel Specialist, 190th ARW, Forbes Field, Kansas
8. November 2006 – February 2007, Readiness Support Specialist, 190th ARW, Forbes, Kansas
9. February 2007 – September 2012, Personnel Craftsman, 190th ARW Forbes Field, Kansas
10. September 2012 – December 2015, Operations Group Superintendent, 190th ARW, Forbes Field, Kansas
11. January 2016 – Present, Wing Command Chief, 190th ARW, Forbes Field, Kansas

Professional Military Organizations

Air Force Sergeants Association
Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States
Kansas Enlisted Association

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal
Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal
National Defense Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with two 'M' Devices

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant, Sept. 4, 2012

Current as of January 2016