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CMSgt Amber R. Ard

Chief Master Sergeant Amber R. Ard is the Senior Enlisted Leader at the 47th Medical Group, 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin Air Force Base (AFB), Texas. She serves as the principal advisor to the Group Commander on all matters regarding the welfare, readiness, training, morale, career progression, and effective utilization of 145 military and civilian healthcare professionals delivering medical care to 5,400 beneficiaries and 596 Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training students annually. The Medical Group delivers over 23,000 appointments a year in direct support of the installation's pilot training mission.

CMSgt Ard was raised in Zebulon, Georgia and entered the Air Force in April 2003. In November 2007, she earned her certification as an Alcohol and Drug Counselor. Her background includes various duties in all areas of Mental Health, the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program, Joint Operational and Senior Enlisted Leader roles. Chief Ard has deployed in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM and served as the Superintendent for the Deployment Transition Center, Ramstein AB, Germany.

Prior to this assignment, she served as the Senior Enlisted Leader, 75th Medical Group, Hill AFB, Utah.



EDUCATION

2007 Alcohol and Drug Certification, Air Force Substance Abuse Counselor Certification Board
2008 Airman Leadership School, Nellis AFB, NV
2011 Associate of Applied Science, Mental Health Services, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, AL
2015 USAF Noncommissioned Officer Academy, correspondence
2015 USAF Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Keesler AFB, MS
2015 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education I, correspondence
2016 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, correspondence
2016 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II, correspondence
2018 Professional Managers Certification, Community College of the Air Force, correspondence
2019 Integrated Operational Support Training Course, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio
2021 Bachelor of Science in Psychology, University of Phoenix, AZ
2023 Chief Leadership Course, Maxwell AFB, AL
2023 Joint Medical Executive Skills Institute Capstone, correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 2003 – May 2003, Trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas





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2. May 2003 – October 2003, Student, Technical Training School, Sheppard AFB, Texas
3. November 2003 – December 2006, Mental Health Technician, Shaw AFB, SC
4. January 2007 – March 2010, Mental Health Technician, Nellis AFB, NV
5. March 2010 – March 2012, NCOIC, Mental Health and ADAPT, Lajes Field, Portugal
6. March 2012 – June 2015, NCOIC, Mental Health, Nellis AFB, NV (September 2012 – April 2013, Behavioral Science Consultation NCO, Bagram Field, Afghanistan)
7. June 2015 – June 2016, MDOS Executive Assistant, Nellis AFB, NV
8. July 2016 – January 2019, Mental Health Flight Chief, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ (January 2018 – July 2018, Superintendent Deployment Transition Center, Ramstein Air Base, Germany)
9. January 2019 – July 2019, Manager, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Branch, Air Force Medical Operations Agency, Joint Base San Antonio Lackland-Kelly, Texas
10. July 2019 – November 2019, Superintendent, Mental Health Branch and Manager, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Section, Air Force Medical Readiness Agency, Joint Base San Antonio Lackland- Kelly, Texas
11. December 2019 – November 2020, Superintendent Mental Health, Air Force Medical Readiness Agency, Joint Base San Antonio, Lackland-Kelly, Texas
12. December 2020 – June 2021, Superintendent, Mental Health Flight, Nellis AFB, NV
13. June 2021 – June 2022, Senior Enlisted Leader, 99th Inpatient Operations Squadron, Nellis AFB, NV
14. July 2022 – January 2023, Senior Enlisted Leader, 99th Medical Support Squadron, Nellis AFB, NV
15. January 2023 – April 2024, Senior Enlisted Leader, 75th Medical Group, Hill AFB, Utah
16. April 2024 – present, Senior Enlisted Leader, 47th Medical Group, Laughlin AFB, Texas

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic April 25, 2003

Airman October 25, 2003

Airman First Class August 25, 2004

Senior Airman October 25, 2005

Staff Sergeant March 1, 2008

Technical Sergeant March 1, 2013

Master Sergeant June 1, 2016

Senior Master Sergeant December 1, 2019

Chief Master Sergeant November 1, 2022

(Current as of May 2024)

