



# BIOGRAPHY



## *UNITED STATES AIR FORCE*

### **CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT LESTER J. LARGAESPADA**

Chief Master Sergeant Lester J. Largaespada serves as the Command Chief Master Sergeant, 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas. He is responsible to the commander on a wide range of issues including the health, morale, welfare, professional development, readiness, and discipline of 2,800 military and civilian personnel. The wing operates 195 aircraft, consisting of T-1A, T-6A and T-38C aircraft executing more than 44,000 aircraft sorties yearly in support of Laughlin's Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training mission graduating 370 United States Air Force and allied student pilots each year.

Chief Largaespada grew up in Plano, Texas and enlisted in the Air Force in June 1996. He has fulfilled various duties within the Civil Engineer career field as Pavements and Construction Equipment Craftsman, Operations Support Superintendent, Facilities Superintendent, and Operations Flight Superintendent. Additionally, he served in a special duty capacity as an International Military Student Manager for the Inter-American Air Forces Academy, Lackland AFB. His previous assignments include bases in North Dakota, Texas, Kansas, Louisiana, Colorado, Nevada, Republic of Korea, and Germany. Chief Largaespada has deployed in support of Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, ENDURING FREEDOM, INHERENT RESOLVE, FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, and Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay. Prior to his current position, he served as the Command Chief Master Sergeant, 99th Air Base Wing, Nellis AFB, Nevada.

#### **EDUCATION**

1996 Pavements and Construction Equipment Apprentice Course, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

2000 Airman Leadership School, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.

2002 Civil Engineer Management Craftsman Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas

2007 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Lackland AFB, Texas

2007 Joint Security Assistance Training & Security Assistance Management Course Training Officer, Defense Institute of Security Assistance Management, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

2008 Associate of Applied Science in Construction Technology, Community College of the Air Force

2008 Latin-American Orientation Course, USAF Special Operations School, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

2009 Associate of Applied Science in Communication Application Technology, Community College of the Air Force

2010 Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy Correspondence Course

2011 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education I Course by correspondence, National Defense University

2013 Professional Manager Certification, Community College of the Air Force

2014 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, Ala.

2015 Civil Engineer Superintendent Course, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

2017 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II by correspondence, National Defense University

2021 Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration/Quality Management, Southwestern College, Winfield, Kan.

2021 Chief Master Sergeant Leadership Course, Air University, Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, Ala.

2021 Gettysburg Leadership Course, Academy Leadership, Juno Beach, Fla.

2023 Resilience-Building Leader Program (RBLP-T) by correspondence, Courageous Leadership Alliance

2023 Wing Command Team Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2023 Senior Enlisted Legal Orientation, Maxwell AFB, Ala.



## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. June 1996 – August 1996, Student, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. August 1996 – November 1996, Student, Pavements and Construction Equipment Technical School, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.
3. December 1996 – March 2001, Pavements and Construction Equipment Journeyman, 319th Civil Engineer Squadron, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.
4. March 2001 – March 2002, Pavements and Construction Equipment Operator, 554 RED HORSE Squadron, Osan AB, ROK
5. March 2002 – April 2005, Pavement and Construction Equipment Craftsman, 52d Civil Engineer Squadron, Spangdahlem AB, Germany
6. May 2005 – September 2009, International Military Student Manager, Inter-American Air Forces Academy, Lackland AFB, Texas
7. September 2009 – August 2011, NCOIC, Pavements and Equipment, 22d Civil Engineer Squadron, McConnell AFB, Kan.
8. August 2011 – April 2014, Superintendent, Operations Support, 22d Civil Engineer Squadron, McConnell AFB, Kan.
9. April 2014 – August 2015, Superintendent, Facilities, 22d Civil Engineer Squadron, McConnell AFB, Kan.
10. August 2015 – June 2019, Superintendent, Operations Flight, 2d Civil Engineer Squadron, Barksdale AFB, La.
11. June 2019 – August 2020, Senior Enlisted Leader, 460th Civil Engineer Squadron, Buckley AFB, Colo.
12. August 2020 – May 2022, Senior Enlisted Leader, 5th Civil Engineer Squadron, Minot AFB, N.D.
13. June 2022 – December 2022, Senior Enlisted Leader, 99th Mission Support Group, Nellis AFB, Nev.
14. December 2022 – June 2023, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 99th Air Base Wing, Nellis AFB, Nev.
15. July 2023 – Present, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin AFB, Texas

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal with one silver oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Commendation Medal with one silver oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Meritorious Unit Award with one silver oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with six devices  
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal  
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one device  
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Korean Defense Service Medal  
Humanitarian Service Medal  
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with "N" Device

## **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

1998 Senior Airman Below-the-Zone  
1999 319th Air Refueling Wing Airman of the Quarter  
2000 Leadership Award, Airman Leadership School  
2009 Inter-American Air Forces Academy Outstanding Student Support Professional of the Quarter  
2011 22d Civil Engineer Squadron Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year  
2013 22d Air Refueling Wing Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter  
2013 379 Expeditionary Mission Support Group Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Month  
2018 2d Mission Support Group Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award

## **EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION**

Chief Master Sergeant      February 1, 2020

(Current as of December 2022)