



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JOSEPH B. WESTLAKE

CMSgt Joseph B. Westlake is the Senior Enlisted Leader, 47th Operations Group, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas. He is the principal advisor to the Group Commander and 7 squadron Commanders on morale, welfare, training, development, and effective utilization of 150 enlisted service members across 8 diverse career fields, 290 commissioned officers, and 160 civilian employees. Chief provides an operations leadership focus and perspective at the world's most extensive pilot training base, graduating more than 350 combat-ready students annually. The group operates 209 aircraft and flight simulators comprised of the T-6A Texan-II, and the T-38C Talon, valued at over \$1.1 billion, and flies more than 56,000 sorties each year.

CMSgt Westlake, entered the Air Force in October of 1998 as an Airborne Battle Management Systems Apprentice. Throughout his career he is accrued roughly 5,000 hours on multiple command and control aircraft including E-3 AWACS for both the United States and for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization as a Senior Surveillance Technician instructor and evaluator and also on the E-8 JSTARS as a Senior Director Technician. He has deployed in support of Operations NORTHERN/SOUTHERN WATCH, Operations IRAQI/ENDURING FREEDOM, and Operation AFGHAN ASSIST. Prior to his current assignment, CMSgt Westlake served as the Senior Enlisted Leader at the 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan.



EDUCATION

- 2003 Airmen Leadership School, Tinker AFB, Okla.
- 2007 Associate in Space Technology, Community College of the Air Force
- 2010 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
- 2015 Joint Senior Noncommissioned Officer Professional Military Education Correspondence Course
- 2016 Professional Manager Certification, Community College of the Air Force
- 2017 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2020 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II Correspondence Course
- 2023 Chief Master Sergeant Leadership Course, Maxwell-Gunter Annex, Montgomery, Ala.
- 2024 Bachelors of Arts, Emergency and Disaster Management, American Military University, Charles Town, W.Va.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. March 1999 – September 2003, Instructor Airborne Surveillance Technician, 960th Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla
2. September 2003 – June 2006, Instructor Surveillance Operator, Squadron 2, NATO AWACS Air Component, Geilenkirchen AB, Germany
3. June 2006 – October 2008, NCOIC Standards & Evaluation, Aircrew Training Squadron, NATO AWACS Air Component, Geilenkirchen AB, Germany
4. October 2008 – September 2009, Flight NCOIC, Squadron Training, 16 Airborne Command and Control Squadron, Robins AFB, GA
5. September 2009 – July 2011, NCOIC Squadron Training, 16 Airborne Command and Control Squadron, Robins AFB, GA
6. July 2011 – October 2014, Flight Chief, Squadron 2, NATO AWACS Air Component, Geilenkirchen AB, Germany
7. October 2014 – July 2016, Fighter Coordinator Assistant, Combined Air Operations Center, Uedem, Germany
8. July 2016 – October 2018, Operations Support Superintendent, Combined Air Operations Center, Uedem, Germany
9. October 2018 – May 2021, Operations Superintendent, 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ
10. May 2021 – August 2022, Senior Enlisted Leader, 42nd Electronic Combat Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ

11. August 2022 – August 2023, Senior Enlisted Leader, 755 Operations Support Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ
12. August 2023 – July 2025, Senior Enlisted Leader, 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron, Kadena AB, Japan
13. July 2025 – Present, Senior Enlisted Leader, 47 Operations Group, Laughlin AFB, TX

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with 1 OLC
Meritorious Service Medal
Air Medal with 7 OLC
Aerial Achievement Medal
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Combat Readiness Medal
National Defense Service Medal
Iraq Campaign Medal
Afghanistan Campaign Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal
NATO Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS (optional)

2017 Lance P. Sijan Award Nominee, Headquarters Allied Air Command
2018 Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Headquarters Allied Air Command
2020 Lance P. Sijan Award Nominee, 55 ECG
2020 Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, 43 ECS

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic October 7, 1998
Airman April 7, 1999
Airman First Class 7, February 2000
Senior Airman October 7, 2001
Staff Sergeant June 1, 2003
Technical Sergeant April 1, 2009
Master Sergeant May 1, 2013
Senior Master Sergeant July 1, 2018
Chief Master Sergeant February 1, 2023

(Current as of July 2025)