



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT ROBERT L. ZACKERY III

Chief Master Sergeant Robert L. Zackery III is the Command Chief Master Sergeant for the 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin AFB, Texas. He serves as the principle advisor to the wing commander on all issues affecting the health, morale, welfare, professional development and readiness of nearly 2,800 military and civilian personnel engaged in executing more than 56,000 aircraft sorties yearly in support of Laughlin's Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training mission. As the Command Chief Master Sergeant he also advises unit commanders, group superintendents and first sergeants on quality of life issues and provides direction pertaining to the proper training, utilization and development of the wing's 490 enlisted Airmen.



Chief Zackery is a native of Chattanooga, Tennessee. After entering the Air Force in September 1996, he graduated from the Tactical Air Control Party (TACP) specialist course where he served in 3-man Ranger Reconnaissance Teams and 12-man Army Special Forces Detachments to the Army Corps level. He has filled a number of roles: Special Operations Forces TACP; Ranger TACP NCOIC; Chief of Standardization and Evaluations; Chief, Joint Terminal Attack Controller (JTAC) Instructor; both Squadron and Group operations superintendent and Squadron Superintendent among five MAJCOMs. Chief Zackery has eight total deployments, six combat deployments including the initial invasions of both Afghanistan and Iraq, and other sensitive areas around the globe with special operations forces. In addition, he has two non-combat deployments in Bosnia and Kuwait.

Chief Zackery earned the Parachutist wings, Master Parachutist wings, Military Free Fall Parachutist (HALO/HO) wings, Master Military Free Fall Parachutist wings, U.S. Army's Pathfinder wing, U.S. Army's Air Assault wings and the Army's Combat Action Badge. He also holds Canadian, Danish, German, Israeli, Italian, Portuguese and Romanian Parachutist Wings. Chief Zackery earned the German Schutzenschnur (Shooting Badge) in Gold and the Austrian Shooting Badge in Bronze.

Prior to arriving to Laughlin, Chief Zackery served as the 71st Operations Group Superintendent for the 71st Flying Training Wing, Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma.

EDUCATION

1997 Tactical Air Command and Control Apprentice Course, Hurlburt Field, Florida
2000 USAF Air Ground Joint Firepower Control Course, Nellis AFB, Nevada
2001 Airman Leadership School, Pope AFB, North Carolina
2005 Classroom Instructor Course, Ft Lewis AIN, Washington
2008 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Vogelweh, Germany

2010 Associate of Applied Science Degree, Information Systems Management, CCAF, Gunter Annex, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2010 Senior Enlisted Joint PME Course (SEJPME), Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia
2010 USAF Senior Noncommissioned Officer (SNCO) Academy, Correspondence Course
2011 USAF SNCO Academy, In-Residence, Gunter Annex, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2011 Additional-Duty First Sergeant Course, Gunter Annex, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2014 Air Support Operations Center Initial Qualification Course, Nellis AFB, Nevada
2014 Joint Special Operations Forces Senior Enlisted Academy (JSOFSEA), In-Residence, Tampa, Florida
2015 Bachelor of Science Degree, Military Studies and Politics, Excelsior College, Albany, New York
2016 Chief Leadership Course, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), Hawaii
2016 Profession of Arms Center for Excellence: Enhancing Human Capital, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
2017 Contingency Wartime Planning Course, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2017 USAF Chief Leadership Course, Gunter Annex, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2018 Senior Enlisted Legal Orientation Course, USAF Judge Advocate General's School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2018 Continuous Process Improvement for Executives, Institute for Defense/Business, University of North Carolina, North Carolina

ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1996 – October 1996, Trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. October 1996 – March 1997, Student, Tactical Air Command and Control Specialist Course, Hurlburt Field, Florida
3. April 1997 – April 1999, Tactical Air Control Party Specialist (TACP), 1st Infantry Division, 2nd Air Support Ops Squadron, Wurzburg, Germany.
(1997 – 1998, TACP, 2-6 Battalion, 1st Armor Division, Camp Bedrock, Bosnia)
4. May 1999 – June 2002, Enlisted Terminal Attack Controller (ETAC), 1/504 PIR, 82nd Airborne Division, 14th Air Support Ops Squadron, Pope AFB, North Carolina
(2001, ETAC, Camp Doha, Kuwait)
(2001 – 2002, ETAC, ODA 542, 5th Special Forces Group, Afghanistan)
5. July 2002 – February 2007, NCOIC, TACP, 2nd Ranger Battalion, 8th Air Support Ops Flt, Fort Lewis AIN, Washington
(2003, ETAC, Ranger TACP, 2nd Ranger Battalion, Iraq),
(2003, ETAC, Ranger TACP, 2nd Ranger Battalion, Afghanistan),
(2004, ETAC, Ranger TACP, 2nd Ranger Battalion, Afghanistan),
(2005, ETAC, TACP, 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment – Delta, Iraq)
6. February 2007 – February 2008, Chief, Standardization & Evaluations, 607th Air Support Ops Group, Osan, Republic of Korea
7. April 2008 – May 2011, Chief, Joint Terminal Attack Controller (JTAC) Instructor, V Corps, 4th Air Support Ops Group, Heidelberg, Germany.
(2010, Squadron Superintendent, 1st Armor Division, 82nd Expeditionary Air Support Ops Squadron, Camp Liberty, Iraq)
8. May 2011 – May 2013, Operations Superintendent, V Corps, 4th Air Support Ops Group, Heidelberg, Germany
9. June 2013 – December 2014, Operations Superintendent, 25th Infantry Division, 25th Air Support Ops Squadron, Wheeler Army Air Field, Hawaii
10. January 2015 – October 2017, Squadron Superintendent, 25th Infantry Division, 25th Air Support Ops Squadron, Wheeler Army Air Field, Hawaii
11. October 2017 – February 2019, Group Superintendent, 71st Operations Group, 71st Flying Training Wing, Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma

12. February 2019 – present, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star Medal with Valor with two oak leaf clusters
Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Army Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Army Achievement Medal
Joint Meritorious Unit Award
Valorous Unit Award
Army Meritorious Unit Commendation

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1998 Airmen of the Year, 4th Air Support Operations Group
2004 STEP promotion to Technical Sergeant
2005 NCO of the Year, 5th Air Support Operations Squadron
2007 NCO of the Year, 607th Air Support Operations Group
2008 Commandant's Award for Leadership, NCO Academy
2008 Distinguish Graduate Award, NCO Academy
2011 SNCO of the Year, 4th Air Support Operations Group

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant – September 2016

(Current as of February 2019)