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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT SONJA A. WILLIAMS

CMSgt Sonja A. Williams is the Command Chief at 174th Attack Wing, Syracuse, NY. As the Senior Enlisted Leader, CMSgt Williams the commander's key enlisted advocate and advisor on operational effectiveness and the organization, training and equipping of enlisted Airmen. Her job is to ensure the commanders' directions and policies are carried out and the Airmen understand and are dedicated to the mission of the command. She is responsible for the professional development and proper utilization of the command's enlisted force and works with other enlisted leaders such as group SELs and first sergeants to oversee the readiness, training, health, morale, welfare, quality of life and force development of assigned personnel.

CMSgt Williams enlisted in the New York Air National Guard in December 1997 as a Personnel Specialist. She attended technical school at Keesler AFB, MS. Upon her return to the 174th Fighter Wing, she was assigned to the Commander Support Staff in the Logistics Readiness Squadron. In August 2006 she cross-trained into the Education and Training career field and transferred to the 174th Civil Engineer Squadron where she became the Unit Education and Training Manager (UTEM). In this position, she was instrumental in the squadron's transformation of training records from paper based to a digital format. In May of

2011, while assigned to the Civil Engineer Squadron, CMSgt Williams deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom to the Manas Transit Center located near Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. In May 2012, Chief Master Sergeant Williams was selected as the Wing Human Resources Advisor (HRA) and received national recognition for her accomplishments. In 2018 she was selected to be the Mission Support Group Senior Enlisted Leader (SEL) but left in 2019 to fill a one-year position as the 174th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron SEL. Prior to her current position, CMSgt Williams returned to her previous position as SEL, 174th Mission Support Group, Syracuse, NY.

CMSgt Williams is also a High School Spanish Teacher. She has held this position for 24 years. Chief Williams is also the past President of the Jefferson County Branch of The American Association for University Women. She is also a member of numerous community and military advocacy groups to include the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States, the Non-commissioned Officer Association, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the National Council for Negro Women.

EDUCATION

- 1997 Associate Degree, Liberal Arts, Jefferson Community College, Watertown, NY
- 2001 Bachelor Arts, Secondary Education/Spanish, State University of New York at Potsdam. Potsdam, NY
- 2002 Airman Leadership School, Correspondence
- 2003 Masters Degree, Reading, State University of New York at Potsdam. Potsdam, NY
- 2005 Associate Degree, Human Resource Management, Community College of the Air Force
- 2009 Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, McGee Tyson Air National Guard Base, TN
- 2010 Associate Degree, Education and Training Management, College of the Air Force
- 2011 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education I, Distance Learning
- 2011 USAF Senior NCO Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala, correspondence
- 2012 USAF Senior NCO Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala, in residence
- 2016 Chief Master Sergeant Orientation Course, Air National Guard Readiness Center
- 2020 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II, Distance Learning





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- 2021 Reserve Component National Security Course, Distance Learning
2023 Command Chief Master Sergeant Training Course, Joint Base San Antonio

ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. May 1998-July 1998, TRAINEE, Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base (AFB), Texas
2. July 1998-August 1998, PERSONNEL JOURNEYMAN, Keesler AFB, Mississippi
3. August 1998-June 2006, COMMANDERS SUPPORT STAFF, 174 Logistics Readiness Squadron, Hancock Air National Guard Base (ANGB) Syracuse, NY
4. June 2006-May 2012, UNIT EDUCATION AND TRAINING MANAGER, Civil Engineering Squadron, Hancock ANGB, Syracuse, NY
5. May 2011-October 2011, NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER IN CHARGE OF PROGRAMS, 376 Air Expeditionary Wing, Transit Center at Manas International Airport, Kyrgyz Republic
6. May 2012-December 2018, WING HUMAN RESOURCE ADVISOR, 174 Attack Wing, Syracuse NY
7. December 2018-December 2019, SENIOR ENLISTED LEADER, 174 Mission Support Group, Hancock ANGB, Syracuse, NY
8. January 2020-December 2020, SENIOR ENLISTED LEADER, 174 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Hancock ANGB, Syracuse, NY
9. January 2021-February 2023, SENIOR ENLISTED LEADER, 174 Mission Support Group, Hancock ANGB, Syracuse, NY
10. July 2022-September 2022, DEVELOPMENT TEAM BARRIER ANALYSIS ADVISOR, Headquarters USAF, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
11. February 2023-Present, COMMAND CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT, 174 Attack Wing, Hancock ANGB, Syracuse, NY

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal one oak leaf cluster
Air and Space Commendation Medal
Air and Space Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Unit Award one oak leaf cluster
Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award 5 oak leaf clusters
Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with seven oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with two oak leaf clusters
Air and Space Longevity Service Award with two oak leaf clusters
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with two hourglass devices and one "M" device
USAF NCO PME Graduate Ribbon with one oak leaf cluster
Basic Military Training Honor Graduate Ribbon
Basic Military Training Ribbon

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Member, Air Force Sergeants Association
Member, Non-Commissioned Officer Association
Lifetime Member, Veterans of Foreign Wars

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman First Class December 6, 1997
Senior Airman November 1, 1999
Staff Sergeant November 1, 2002
Technical Sergeant July 1, 2006
Master Sergeant December 1, 2009
Senior Master Sergeant March 21, 2013
Chief Master Sergeant December 31, 2015
Command Chief Master Sergeant February 1, 2023

(Current as of April 2025)

