



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT SONJA A. WILLIAMS

CMSgt Sonja Antoinette Williams Senior Enlisted Leader for the 174<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group, Syracuse, NY. As the Senior Enlisted Leader, CMSgt Williams is the commander's key enlisted advisor on operational effectiveness and the organization, training and equipping of enlisted Airmen. She works with other enlisted leaders, aides and assists senior leadership on strategic initiatives that directly affect organizational culture and the development and effective utilization of all Airmen in the Air National Guard.

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 174<sup>th</sup> 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 174<sup>th</sup> 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 electronic. 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 SEL but left in 2019 to fill a one-year position as the 174<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron SEL. In 2020 she returned to the Mission Support Group as the SEL.



CMSgt Williams is also a High School Spanish Teacher. She has held this position for 20 years. Chief Williams is also the past president of her local branch of The American Association for University Women. A position that she has held for two years. She is a member of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States and the Non-commissioned Officer Association. Prior to assuming her current position as the 174<sup>th</sup> Attack Wing Command Chief, CMSgt Williams was the 174<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group SEL.

### EDUCATION

- 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
- 2020 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II, Distance Learning
- 2021 Reserve Component National Security Course, Distance Learning

## ASSIGNMENTS

May 1998-July 1998, Trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas  
July 1998-August 1998, Personnel Journeyman School, Keesler AFB, Mississippi  
August 1998-June 2006, Commanders Support Staff, Logistics Readiness Squadron, Hancock ANGB, Syracuse, NY  
June 2006-May 2012, Unit Education and Training Manager, Civil Engineering Squadron, Hancock ANGB, Syracuse, NY  
May 2012-December 2018, Wing Human Resource Advisor, 174<sup>th</sup> Attack Wing, Syracuse NY  
December 2018-December 2019, Mission Support Group Senior Enlisted Leader, Hancock ANGB, Syracuse, NY  
January 2020-December 2020, Senior Enlisted Leader, Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Hancock ANGB, Syracuse, NY  
January 2021-January 2023, Mission Support Group Senior Enlisted Leader, Hancock ANGB, Syracuse, NY  
January 2023-Present, 174<sup>th</sup> ATKW, Command Chief Master Sergeant, Hancock ANGB, Syracuse, NY

## MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal  
Air and Space Commendation Medal  
Air and Space Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
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 Honor Graduate

## 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

*(Current as of January 2023)*