



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT OF THE AIR FORCE JOANNE S. BASS

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force JoAnne S. Bass represents the highest enlisted level of leadership, and as such, provides direction for the enlisted force and represents their interests, as appropriate, to the American public and to those in all levels of government. She serves as the personal adviser to the Chief of Staff and the Secretary of the Air Force on all issues regarding the welfare, readiness, morale, and proper utilization and progress of more than 600,000 Total Force Airmen. Chief Bass is the 19th chief master sergeant appointed to the highest noncommissioned officer position.

Chief Bass was raised as an Army dependent, living in several overseas and stateside locations, prior to entering the Air Force in 1993. Throughout her career, she has held a variety of leadership positions serving at the squadron, group, wing and major command levels. She has significant joint service and special operations experience and has participated in several operations and exercises as well as deployments in direct support of Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, ENDURING FREEDOM, and IRAQI FREEDOM.



Prior to this assignment, she served as the Command Chief Master Sergeant, Second Air Force, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi.

#### EDUCATION

- 1997 Airman Leadership School, Pope Air Force Base (AFB), N.C.
- 2000 Associate Degree, Airport Resource Management, Community College of the Air Force
- 2004 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Kapaun Air Station, Germany
- 2005 Bachelor of Science in Professional Aeronautics, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- 2006 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Course 12, by distance learning
- 2007 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education, by distance learning
- 2009 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2013 Air Mobility Command Leadership Challenge Program, Ramstein Air Base (AB), Germany
- 2013 Chief Master Sergeant Leadership Seminar, Ramstein AB, Germany
- 2015 AFSSO21 Executive Leadership Seminar, University of Tennessee, Nashville
- 2015 USAF Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- 2016 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II, by distance learning
- 2017 Keystone Command Senior Enlisted Leader Course, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.
- 2018 Leading Strategically, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Spring, Colo.
- 2018 Coaching for Greater Effectiveness, Center for Creative Leadership, Greensboro, N.C.

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. June 1993 – June 1996, Operations System Management Journeyman, 74th Fighter Squadron, Pope Air Force Base (AFB), N.C.
2. June 1996 – July 1998, Range Scheduling Specialist, 43rd Operations Support Squadron, Pope AFB, N.C.
3. July 1998 – November 2000, Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, Current Operations Scheduler, 24th Special Tactics Squadron, Fort Bragg, N.C.
4. November 2000 – March 2001, Current Operations Scheduler, 86th Operations Support Squadron, Ramstein Air Base (AB), Germany
5. March 2001 – January 2004, Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, Special Airlift Operations, Air Mobility Operations Control Center, Ramstein AB, Germany
6. January 2004 – November 2005, Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, Host Aviation Resource Management, 86th Operations Support Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany
7. November 2005 – August 2010, Superintendent, Host Aviation Resource Management, Group Career Field Functional Manager, (Data Masked)
8. August 2010 – September 2012, Superintendent, Host Aviation Resource Management and Superintendent, 86th Operations Support Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany
9. September 2012 – May 2015, Superintendent, 86th Operations Group, Ramstein AB, Germany
10. May 2015 – September 2016, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 17th Training Wing, Goodfellow AFB, Texas
11. September 2016 – July 2018, Chief, Air Force Enlisted Developmental Education, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
12. July 2018 – August 2020, Command Chief Master Sergeant, Second Air Force, Keesler AFB, Miss.
13. August 2020 – Present, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Pentagon, Washington D.C.

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Legion of Merit  
Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters  
Joint Service Commendation Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

## **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

1995 Airman of the Year, 74th Fighter Squadron  
1997 John L. Levitow Award, Airman Leadership School  
2004 Distinguished Graduate, Noncommissioned Officer Academy  
2009 Distinguished Graduate, Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy  
2010 USAFE Senior Noncommissioned Officer Aviation Resource Manager of the Year  
2011 Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, 86th Operations Group

## **EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION**

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force August 2020

(Current as of August 2020)