



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT MICHAEL H. SYLVESTER

Chief Master Sergeant Michael H. Sylvester is the command chief master sergeant for the 673d Air Base Wing, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. Sylvester serves as the key advisor to the installation commander on all matters impacting assigned personnel and their families. The 673d Air Base Wing comprises over 5,500 joint military and civilian personnel, supporting America's Arctic Warriors and their families. The wing supports and enables three Air Force total-force wings, an Army brigade and 55 other major mission partners. In addition, the wing provides medical care to over 35,000 joint service members, dependents, Veterans Affairs patients, and retirees throughout Alaska. The 673d Air Base Wing maintains \$11.4B in infrastructure encompassing 79,000 acres, ensuring JBER remains America's premier strategic power projection platform.

Sylvester was born and raised in Long Island, New York and entered the Air Force in December 1999. His background includes various positions across the Security Forces and Communications career fields, both in garrison and deployed. His assignments include bases in Hawaii, Virginia, Mississippi, Texas, Florida, and Korea. Sylvester has deployed six times to Saudi Arabia, the Philippines, Qatar, Iraq, and Kuwait in support of Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM and INHERENT RESOLVE. Prior to his current position, Sylvester was the Senior Enlisted Leader for the 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing in Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.



EDUCATION

1999 Bachelor of Science (BS) in Business Administration, St. Joseph's College, N.Y.
2000 Security Forces Technical Training School, Distinguished Graduate, Lackland Air Force Base (AFB), Texas
2001 Associates in Applied Science (AAS) in Criminal Justice, Community College of the Air Force
2003 Airman Leadership School, Langley AFB, Va.
2003 AAS in Information Systems Technology, Community College of the Air Force
2006 AAS in Instructor of Military Technology, Community College of the Air Force
2011 Noncommissioned Officers Academy, Lackland AFB, Texas.
2011 BS in Information Technology, University of Maryland University College, Md.
2013 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, by correspondence
2013 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Joint Professional Military Education, by correspondence
2015 Alamo Federal Executive Board (FEB), Leadership FEB Course Graduate
2015 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2017 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Joint Professional Military Education II, by correspondence
2017 Executive Certificate in Leadership and Management, University of Notre Dame, Ind., by correspondence
2019 Masters of Business Administration, with High Distinction, Liberty University, Va.
2021 Senior Enlisted Legal Orientation, Judge Advocate General's School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2021 Command Chief Master Sergeant Candidates Course, Joint Base (JB) Andrews, Md

ASSIGNMENTS

1. December 1999 - January 2000, Student, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. January 2000 - May 2000, Student, Security Forces Technical Training School, Lackland AFB, Texas
3. May 2000 - August 2001, Basic Force Protector, 15th Security Forces Squadron, Hickam AFB, Hawaii (Deployment: May 2001 – August 2001, Force Protector, 363 Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, Prince Sultan AB, Saudi Arabia – Operation SOUTHERN WATCH)
4. August 2001 - May 2003, PACAF Elite Guard, 15th Security Forces Squadron, Hickam AFB, Hawaii (Deployment: April 2002 – July 2002, Joint Operations Center Security Police Officer, Joint Task Force 510, Zamboanga, Philippines – Operation ENDURING FREEDOM)
5. May 2003 - September 2003, Student, Communications Technical Training School, Keesler AFB, Miss.
6. September 2003 - April 2006, Network Team Lead, 27th Intelligence Support Squadron, Langley AFB, Va. (Deployment: October 2005 – January 2006, J2 System Administrator, Combined Air Operations Center, Al Udeid AB, Qatar – Operation ENDURING FREEDOM)
7. April 2006 - April 2009, Instructor, Global Command and Control System, 333 Training Squadron (TRS), Keesler AFB, Miss. (Deployment: September 2008 – January 2009, Client Systems Administrator, 506 Expeditionary Communications Squadron, Kirkuk AB, Iraq – Operation IRAQI FREEDOM)
8. April 2009 - November 2010, Instructor, Deliberate Crisis Action Planning and Execution Segment, 333 TRS, Keesler AFB, Miss.

9. November 2010 - October 2013, NCOIC, Network Control Center, Cryptologic System Division, Lackland AFB, Texas
(Deployment: January 2013 – August 2013, NCOIC, HQ Systems, United States Special Operations Central Command Forward Headquarters, Qatar – Operation ENDURING FREEDOM)
10. October 2013 - July 2015, Branch Chief, Management Information Systems, Joint Personal Property Shipping Office -South Central, Lackland AFB, Texas
11. July 2015 - January 2017, Superintendent, Joint Personal Property Shipping Office JPPSO-South Central, Lackland AFB, Texas
12. January 2017 – October 2018, Flight Chief, Operations, 96th Communications Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla. (AFMC)
13. October 2018 – March 2019, Chief Enlisted Manager, 96th Communications Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla. (AFMC) (Deployment: July 2018 – January 2019, Chief Enlisted Manager, 407th Expeditionary Communications Squadron, Al Jabar AB, Kuwait – Operation INHERENT RESOLVE)
14. March 2019 – December 2019, Chief Enlisted Manager, 607th Air Communications Squadron, Osan AB, Republic of Korea
15. December 2019 – June 2021, Senior Enlisted Leader, 51st Mission Support Group, Osan AB, Republic of Korea.
16. June 2021 – May 2022, Senior Enlisted Leader, Wing Staff Agency, 51st Fighter Wing, Osan AB, Republic of Korea
17. May 2022 – June 2024, Command Chief, 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing (AMC), Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
18. June 2024 – Present, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 673d Air Base Wing, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Joint Service Achievement Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Recognition Medal
Iraq Campaign Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Korean Service Defense Medal
Armed Forces Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2003 Airman Leadership School, Academic Achievement Award 2011 NCO Academy, John L. Levitow Award
2012 Electronic Systems Center, Junior Enlisted Lance P. Sijan
2012 Air Force Material Command, Comm & Info Dominance 3D0X2 NCO of the Year 2013 Air Force Life Cycle Mgmt Center, Comm & Info Dominance 3D0X2 NCO of the Year 2014 Air Force District of Washington, Senior Enlisted Lance P. Sijan
2017 Air Force Test Center, Comm & Info Dominance 3DXXX of the Year

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant 1 November 2018

