

# BIOGRAPHY



### UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

## **CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT BRIAN J. SMITH**

Chief Smith is the Superintendent of the 36th Operations Group, 36th Wing, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. The Group is comprised of two permanent units and multiple expeditionary squadrons executing United States Pacific Command's Theater Security Package, Bomber Task Force and Tanker Task Force from the most forward sovereign air force base in the Indo-Pacific theater.

Chief Smith enlisted in the Air Force in July 1995. His background includes duties as a career enlisted aviator and intelligence analyst. Prior to his current position, Chief Smith served as Chief Enlisted Manager, 89th Attack Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.

Chief Smith has deployed in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, INHERENT RESOLVE, IRAQI FREEDOM, JOINT INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE—SOUTH, LASER STRIKE and MARE NOSTRUM. He has also flown combat missions in support of Operations COPPER DUNE, ENDURING FREEDOM, FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, INHERENT RESOLVE, IRAQI FREEDOM, KOSOVO FORCE, NOMAD SHADOW, OCEAN SHIELD and other named contingency operations. Chief Smith is a chief enlisted aircrew member with 1,643 hours in the RQ-1, MQ-1 and MQ-9 aircraft.

#### EDUCATION

2001 Airman Leadership School, Beale Air Force Base, Calif.

2005 Joint Firepower Course, Air Combat Command, Nellis AFB, Nev. 2008 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Kirtland AFB, N.M.

2009 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2010 Basic Instructor Course, Air Education and Training Command, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas

2010 Associate of Science, Instruction of Technology-Military Science, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

- 2010 Associate of Science, Communications Applications Technology, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2012 Associate of Science, Air and Space Operations Technology, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2012 Associate of Arts, Italian, with Honors, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, Presidio of Monterey, Calif.
- 2013 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education, Joint Forces Staff College, Washington D.C., by correspondence

2014 Bachelor of Arts, Intelligence Studies, Cum Laude, American Military University, Charles Town, W. Va.

2015 Security Cooperation Management, Defense Institute of Security Assistance Management, Washington D.C.

2015 International Programs Security, Defense Institute of Security Assistance Management, Washington D.C.

2015 Department of Defense International Affairs Certification Program, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Washington D.C 2015 Certified Professional Instructor, National Center for Aviation Training, Wichita, KS

2016 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II, Joint Forces Staff College, Washington D.C., by correspondence

2016 Joint Special Operations Forces Senior Enlisted Academy, Joint Special Operations University, Tampa, Fla.

2017 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2018 Chief Orientation Course, Air Force Special Operations Command, Cannon AFB, NM.

2019 Chief Leadership Course, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2020 Oxford Executive Leadership Program, Saïd Business School, University of Oxford, United Kingdom

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1995–October 1995, Basic Military Trainee, 323d Training Squadron, Lackland AFB, Texas

2. October 1995–March 1996, Student, Imagery Interpretation, 315th Training Squadron, Goodfellow AFB, Texas



3. March 1996–October 1999, Imagery Interpreter, 612th Air Intelligence Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ari. (May 1996–May 1996, Imagery Interpreter, Joint Intelligence Center-South, Albrook Air Station, Panama; September 1998–January 1999, Intelligence Watch Analyst, Joint Interagency Task Force-South, Howard AFB, Panama)

4. October 1999–June 2004, Intelligence Systems Integrator, 13th Intelligence Squadron, Beale AFB, Calif. (November 2003– March 2004, Shift Supervisor, Imagery Support Element, Combined Air Operations Center, Al-Udeid Airbase, Qatar)

5. June 2004–November 2004, Student, MQ-1 Sensor Operator, 11th Reconnaissance Squadron, Creech AFB, Nev.

6. November 2004–December 2005, NCOIC, Database Management, 15th Reconnaissance Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.

7. December 2005–October 2006, NCOIC, Standardization and Evaluations, 15th Reconnaissance Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.

8. October 2006–November 2007, Assistant NCOIC, Standardization and Evaluations, 607th Air Intelligence Group, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea

9. November 2007–October 2009, Section Chief, Combat Operations, 42d Attack Squadron, Creech AFB, Nev.

10. October 2009–August 2011, Instructor, Remotely Piloted Aircraft Fundamentals, 558th Flying Training Squadron, Randolph AFB, Texas

11. August 2011–October 2012, Student, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, Presidio of Monterey, Calif.

12. October 2012–April 2014, Military Personnel Exchange Program Foreign Exchange Officer assigned to the 28th Group of the Italian Air Force, Secretary of the Air Force International Airmen Division, Amendola, Italy

13. April 2014–August 2015, Operations Superintendent, 28th Squadron, Italian Air Force, Amendola, Italy (July 2014–July 2014, Senior Enlisted Leader, 28th Squadron Detachment 1, Sigonella Airbase, Sicily)

14. August 2015–July 2016, Superintendent, 12th Special Operations Squadron, Cannon AFB, N.M. (April 2016–June 2016, Senior Enlisted Leader, 33d Expeditionary Special Operations Squadron, Undisclosed Location)

15. July 2016–January 2018, Superintendent, 33d Special Operations Squadron, and Installation 1U0X1 Functional Area Manager, Cannon AFB, N.M. (April 2017–May 2017 and October 2017–December 2017, Interim Superintendent, 27th Special Operations Group, Cannon AFB, N.M.)

16. January 2018–July 2019, Chief Enlisted Manager, Standardization and Evaluations, 27th Special Operations Group, Cannon AFB, N.M. (January 2018–February 2018, Interim Superintendent, 27th Special Operations Group, Cannon AFB, N.M.), (April 2018–September 2018, Command Senior Enlisted Leader, Joint Special Operations Air Component-Central, Al-Udeid AB, Qatar)

17. July 2019–July 2020, Chief Enlisted Manager, 89th Attack Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.

18. July 2020—Present, Superintendent, 36th Operations Group, Andersen AFB, Guam

#### FLIGHT INFORMATION

Ratings: Chief Enlisted Aircrew Flight hours: 1,643, including more than 1,000 combat and combat support hours

Aircraft flown: RQ-1, MQ-1 and MQ-9

#### MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal, with three oak leaf clusters Aerial Achievement Medal, with ten oak leaf clusters Air Force Commendation Medal, with two oak leaf clusters Air Force Achievement Medal, with one oak leaf cluster Remote Combat Effects Campaign Medal, with five service stars

#### **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

2004 Academic Achievement Award, Aeronautical Training, MQ-1 Sensor Operator
2008 Top Gun, Aeronautical Training, MQ-9 Sensor Operator
2008 Distinguished Graduate, Aeronautical Training, MQ-9 Sensor Operator
2008 Distinguished Graduate, Noncommissioned Officer Academy
2008 NCO of the Year, 42d Attack Squadron
2012 Honor Graduate, Language Training, Defense Language Institute
2013 Encomio Solenne (Solemn Commendation), Italian Air Force
2013 SNCO of the Year, Military Personnel Exchange Program—Europe, Middle East, and Africa
2013 Air Force 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year, Secretary of the Air Force for International Affairs
2015 Air Force International Affairs Excellence Award, 27th Special Operations Wing
2016 Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award, 33d Special Operations Squadron
2016 Superior Performer, Joint Special Operations Forces Senior Enlisted Academy

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Chief Master Sergeant July 1, 2018

(Current as of July 25, 2020)