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CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT MICHAEL R. HOLMES

CMSgt Michael R. Holmes is the Senior Enlisted Leader of the 22nd Mission Support Group, McConnell AFB, Kansas. In this capacity, he enables the 22d Air Refueling Wing by integrating and delivering the full spectrum of installation and combat support capabilities required to generate and sustain global air refueling, airlift, humanitarian, as well as aeromedical evacuation operations worldwide. Collectively, these mission support capabilities underpin support for a Total Force of nearly 7,000 personnel, enabling 17 squadrons, operations of the KC-135 Stratotanker, and the KC-46A Pegasus, in delivering uninterrupted aerial refueling and mobility effects for U.S., NATO, and coalition partners across the globe.

CMSgt Holmes is from Huntsville, Alabama, and enlisted in the Air Force in 2000. After basic military training, he completed the Air Force Pest Management Apprentice course in February 2001. Throughout his career, he has served in various leadership positions as a Civil Engineer as well as First Sergeant. Before his current position, he served as the 1st Special Operations Civil Engineer Squadron Senior Enlisted Leader, enabling planning and execution of specialized and contingency operations, furthering our national priorities.



EDUCATION

2001 Pest Management Apprentice Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas
2005 Airman Leadership School, in residence, Patrick AFB, Fla. (Distinguished Graduate)
2011 Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Academy, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
2011 Associates in Biological Entomology, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
2015 Operational Entomology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
2015 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2017 Master Resiliency Trainer Course, JB McGuire/Dix Expeditionary Center, N.J. (SEI awarded)
2017 Professional Managers Certification, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
2018 Department of Defense Sexual Assault Advocate, Level I certification, Osan AB, Republic of Korea (SEI awarded)
2019 First Sergeant Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
2019 Associates in Human Resource Management, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
2021 Bachelors in Information Technology, TUI University, Cypress Ca

ASSIGNMENTS

1. March 2001–October 2003, Pest Management Apprentice, 45th Civil Engineer Squadron, Patrick Air Force Base (AFB), Fla.
2. October 2003–February 2009, Environmental Control Journeyman, 45th Civil Engineer Squadron, Patrick AFB, Fla. (May 2004–August 2004, NCOIC Pest Management, Tallil AB, Iraq, March 2007–November 2007, NCOIC, Pest Management, Bagram AB, Afghanistan, Sather AB, Iraq & Al Jaber AB, Kuwait)
3. February 2009–June 2011, Pest Management QAE, 21st Civil Engineer Squadron, Peterson AFB, Colo.
4. June 2011–September 2011, NCOIC, Pest Management, 354th Civil Engineer Squadron, Eielson AFB, Alaska
5. September 2011–March 2012, NCOIC, Accompanied Housing, 354th Civil Engineer Squadron, Eielson AFB, Alaska
6. March 2012–June 2014, Unit Deployment Manager, 354th Civil Engineer Squadron, Eielson AFB, Alaska (August 2013 Operation





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Pacific Angel, Jaffna, Sri Lanka)

7. June 2014–October 2016, NCOIC, Pest Management, 436th Civil Engineer Squadron, Dover AFB, Del.
8. October 2016–August 2017, Section Chief, CSS, 436th Civil Engineer Squadron, Dover AFB, Del. (January 2016–July 2016, NCOIC, Pest Management, Al Jaber AB, Kuwait and an Undisclosed Location, Southwest Asia)
9. August 2017–April 2018, NCOIC, Service Contracts, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron, Osan AB, Republic of Korea
10. April 2018–November 2018, Superintendent, Infrastructure, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron, Osan AB, Republic of Korea
11. November 2018–February 2019, First Sergeant, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron, Osan AB, Republic of Korea
12. February 2019–February 2020, First Sergeant, 704th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC
13. February 2020–April 2021, First Sergeant, 4th Component Maintenance Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC (June 2020–Feb 2021, First Sergeant. 332nd Expeditionary Mission Support Group, 332nd Expeditionary Force Support Squadron, 332nd Expeditionary Contracting Squadron, 332nd Expeditionary Communications Squadron, 332nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, Undisclosed Location, Middle East)
14. April 2021–June 2022, First Sergeant 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan
15. June 2022–February 2023, First Sergeant 18th Component Maintenance Squadron, Kadena AB, Okinawa Japan
16. February 2023–June 2024, First Sergeant 18th Civil Engineer Group, Kadena AB, Okinawa Japan
17. June 2024–December 2025, Senior Enlisted Leader, 1st Special Operations Civil Engineer Squadron, Hurlburt Field, FL
18. January 2026–Present, Senior Enlisted Leader, 22nd Mission Support Group, McConnell AFB, KS

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service with five oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal, Outstanding Achievement with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with ten oak leaf clusters
Iraq Campaign Medal with service star device
Expeditionary Medal with service star device
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Korean Defense Service Medal
Developmental Special Duty Ribbon

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2002 Air Force Space Command GEICO Award Winner
2010 21st Space Wing NCO of the Year
2017 436th Airlift Wing Semi-Annual Ground Safety SNCO
2017 51st Mission Support Group SNCO of the Year
2018 51st Mission Support Group Chief Master Sergeant Fred Archer SNCO of the Year
2021 18th Mission Support Group Chief Master Sergeant Fred Archer SNCO of the Year
2021 18th Wing First Sergeant of the Year
2022 18th Maintenance Group, Spirit of Hope Award Winner
2023 18th Wing General Wilma Vaught Visionary Leader Award

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic 19 Sept. 2000
Airman First Class 3 Nov. 2000
Senior Airmen 3 March 2003
Staff Sergeant 1 March 2005
Technical Sergeant 1 Feb. 2011
Master Sergeant 1 Dec. 2015
Senior Master Sergeant 1 Oct. 2019
Chief Master Sergeant 1 March 2024
(Current as of January 2026)

