



CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT MARK D. ERWIN

CMSgt Mark D. Erwin is the Senior Enlisted Leader at the 521st Contingency Response Squadron, 621st Contingency Response Wing, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey. As the senior enlisted leader, he advises the commander on all matters affecting the readiness, training, professional development, and effective utilization of 162 personnel from 28 career fields, providing first response teams in support of global contingency, humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, noncombatant evacuation, and Homeland Defense operations. These teams establish initial airfield operations that enable the success of joint, multinational, and nongovernmental organization operations through the projection of mobility airpower.



CMSgt Erwin enlisted in the Air Force in February 2001 and graduated from the Base and Installation Security Systems Course at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi in August 2001 followed by the Basic Television and Radio Broadcast Systems Course at Fort Meade, Maryland in January 2002. Following technical training, he served at 11 duty locations in seven Major Commands and Agencies and one Joint Command. He has deployed in support of Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, ENDURING FREEDOM, INHERENT RESOLVE, FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, and RESOLUTE SUPPORT. Prior to his current position, Chief Erwin was the the Senior Enlisted Leader, 521st Contingency Response Squadron, 621st Contingency Response Wing, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey. He and his wife Nathaly reside in Oklahoma with their son Franco.

EDUCATION

2005 Airman Leadership School, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

2008 Assoc. of Applied Science, Electronics Systems Tech, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.

2011 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education, by correspondence

2012 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii

2015 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2017 Language Intensive Training Event (Spanish), Santo Domingo, Costa Rica

2018 Professional Manager Certification, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.

2018 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.

2019 Bachelor of Science, Management and Technology, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio

2022 Master of Business Administration, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio

2023 Special Project Course (Spanish), Air University (AFCLC), Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2023 Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II, by correspondence

2023 Theater Special Operations Command Staff Prep, Joint Special Operations University, MacDill AFB, Fla.

2024 Chief Leadership Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. February 2001 – March 2001, Trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
2. April 2001 – August 2001, Student, Base and Installation Security Systems Course, Keesler AFB, Miss.





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3. August 2001 – January 2002, Student, Basic Television and Radio Broadcast Systems Course, Defense Information School, Fort George Meade, Md.
4. January 2002 – January 2004, Visual Imagery & Intrusion Detection Systems Apprentice, 48th Communications Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom (June 2002-September 2002, Force Protection, 386th Air Expeditionary Squadron, Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait)
5. January 2004 – November 2005, Visual Imagery & Intrusion Detection Systems Journeyman, 899th Munitions Squadron, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
6. November 2005 – January 2007, Chief Broadcast Engineer, American Forces Network-Honduras, 612th Air Base Squadron with duties at Army Broadcast Service, Enrique Soto Cano AB, Honduras
7. January 2007 – April 2008, Assistant NCOIC, Visual Imagery & Intrusion Detection Systems, 37th Communications Squadron, Lackland AFB, Texas
8. April 2008 – May 2009, Assistant NCOIC, Unit Deployments, 37th Communications Squadron, Lackland AFB, Texas
9. May 2009 – May 2011, Station Commander & Chief Broadcast Engineer, American Forces Network-Honduras, 612th Air Base Squadron with duties at Defense Media Agency, Enrique Soto Cano AB, Honduras
10. May 2011 – April 2013, Program Manager, 324th Intelligence Squadron, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
11. April 2013 – April 2014, Section Chief, Infrastructure, 799th Intelligence Support Squadron, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
12. April 2014 – November 2015, Superintendent, Quality Assurance, 799th Intelligence Support Squadron, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
13. November 2015 – February 2017, Section Chief, Cyber Transport Systems, 39th Communications Squadron, Incirlik AB, Turkey
14. February 2017 – August 2018, Section Chief, Cyber Transport Systems, 31st Communications Squadron, Aviano AB, Italy (January 2018-July 2018, Chief Controller, AFCENT Communications Control Center, AFCENT/A6, Al Udeid AB, Qatar & Shaw AFB, S.C.)
15. August 2018 – June 2019 Section Chief, Cyber Integration, 31st Communications Squadron, Aviano AB, Italy
16. June 2019 – February 2020, Flight Chief, Plans & Resources, 31st Communications Squadron, Aviano AB, Italy
17. March 2020 – December 2021, Section Chief, Network Control Center, 432d Support Squadron, Creech AFB, Nev.
18. December 2021 – December 2022, Flight Chief, Communications, 432d Support Squadron, Creech AFB, Nev.
19. January 2023 – September 2024, Senior Enlisted Advisor, Air Force Element & NCOIC, J5 Strategy, Plans, Policy, Security Cooperation & Assessments, Special Operations Command-South, Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla.
20. September 2024 – September 2025, Senior Enlisted Leader, 521st Contingency Response Squadron, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.
21. September 2025 – Present, Senior Enlisted Leader, 97th Mission Support Group, Altus AFB, Okla.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Army Commendation Medal
Joint Service Achievement Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2001 Basic Military Training Honor Graduate, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
2005 John L. Levitow Award, Airman Leadership School, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
2013 AF ISR Awards Program Enlisted Contributor of the Year, 692d ISR Group, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
2014 Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award Nominee, 792d Intelligence Support Squadron, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
2014 NCO of the Year, 792d Intelligence Support Squadron, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
2015 Language Enabled Airman Program Scholar Selectee (Spanish)





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2018 Gen. John P. Jumper Award for Excellence in Warfighting Integration Nominee, 31st Fighter Wing, Aviano AB, Italy

2019 SNCO of the Year, 31st Communications Squadron, Aviano, Italy

2020 Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award Nominee, 432d Support Squadron, Creech AFB, Nev.

2020 National Image, Inc Meritorious Service Award Nominee, 432d Wing, Creech AFB, Nev.

2023 Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award Nominee, Special Operations Command-South, Homestead ARB, Fla.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant September 1, 2024

(Current as of March 2026)

