



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT STEPHEN E. CANNON

Chief Master Sergeant Stephen E. Cannon is the Senior Enlisted Leader, Mission Operations Directorate, National Reconnaissance Office Headquarters, Chantilly, Virginia. He advises the Director and senior staff on the health, welfare, and morale of the enlisted force and their families. Assists in leading over 4,500 joint/combined active duty, civilian personnel in the directorate's Headquarters, Wing and five subordinate Groups throughout numerous, geographically separated locations worldwide. Executes Director NRO responsibility for space-based intelligence supporting National, DoD, and other Intelligence Agencies employing \$1B annual budget & 50+ contracts.

Chief Cannon grew up just outside of Charlotte, North Carolina and entered the Air Force in November of 1993. His background includes serving in a multitude of leadership positions including Space 200 Course Manager, Missile Warning and Defense Instructor, Superintendent, Operations Superintendent, Additional Duty First Sergeant across two career fields. His assignments include bases in Nebraska, South America, Spain, Illinois, Colorado, Afghanistan, and Florida. Chief Cannon holds the Space Professional Level III certification and has been awarded the Master-level Space Badge.



EDUCATION

- 2019 Project Management Professional, Project Management Institute
- 2012 Cert. Professional Management, Community College of the Air Force
- 2005 MS, Space Ops Management Engineering, Webster University, Colo. Springs, CO
- 2003 BS, Organizational Management, Colorado University, Colo. Springs, CO
- 2003 AA, Air and Space Ops. Tech, Community College of the Air Force
- 2003 AA, Electronics Systems Tech, Community College of the Air Force

MILITARY

- 2018 Chief Leadership Course, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, AL
- 2017 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II, Correspondence, Joint Forces College, Norfolk, VA
- 2017 Officer Joint Professional Military Education II, Joint Forces College, Norfolk, VA
- 2017 Officer Joint Professional Military Education I, Joint Forces College, Norfolk, VA
- 2015 Master Resiliency Trainer Assistant, Eglin AFB, FL
- 2015 Eglin AFB Senior Leadership Development Course, Eglin AFB, FL
- 2013 Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, AL
- 2013 Space 300, National Security Space Institute, Colorado Springs, CO
- 2013 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education I, Correspondence, Joint Forces College, Norfolk, VA
- 2012 First Sergeant Academy Additional Duty First Sergeant Symposium, Eglin AFB, FL
- 2011 Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, Correspondence
- 2006 Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, Peterson AFB, CO
- 2006 Missile Warning and Defense Advanced Course, National Security Space Institute, Colorado Springs, CO
- 2004 Space 200, National Security Space Institute, Colorado Springs, CO, 2004
- 2001 Enlisted Space Prerequisite Training, Vandenberg AFB, CA, (Distinguished Graduate)
- 2000 Airmen Leadership School, Rota, Spain, (Academic Achievement)

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1994 – February 1999, Journeyman, Ground Radio Communications, 755 CS, Offutt AFB, NE
2. February 1999 – February 2001, Manager Personal Wireless Communications, 496 ABS, Moron Spain
3. February 2001 – September 2001, NCOIC, Base Giant Voice Public Address Systems, 375 CS, Scott AFB, IL
4. September 2001 – December 2002, NCOIC, Flight Data Systems Operator, 11SWS, Peterson AFB, CO
5. December 2002 – August 2004, NCOIC, Space based Mobile Ground Systems, 21 OSS, Peterson AFB, CO
6. August 2004 – August 2006, NCOIC, MW/MD Advanced Space Training, AFSPC HQ NSSI, CO
7. August 2006 – August 2007, Course Manager Space 200, AFSPC HQ NSSI, Peterson AF, CO
8. August 2007 – January 2012, Superintendent, Mission Operations, NRO Operations Squadron, Schriever AFB, CO
9. January 2012 – January 2016, Superintendent, 20th Space Control Squadron, Eglin AFB, FL
10. January 2016 – July 2018, Senior Enlisted Leader, National Reconnaissance Operations Center, NRO Headquarters
11. July 2018 – Present, Senior Enlisted Leader, Mission Operations Directorate, NRO Headquarters, Chantilly, VA

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defensive Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal one oak leaf cluster
Joint Service Commendation Medal one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Commendation Medal two oak leaf clusters
Joint Service Achievement Medal one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal five oak leaf clusters

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2005 Alpha Sigma Lambda, Master of Science
2003 Summa Cum Laude, Bachelor of Science
2001 Distinguished Graduate, Enlisted Space Prerequisite Training
2000 Academic Achievement, Airmen Leadership School

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant, 1 Mar 2018