



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JOHN K. ELLIOTT

Chief Master Sergeant John K. Elliott is the 172d Mission Support Group Superintendent, Thompson Field, Jackson, Mississippi. Chief Elliott works with the Command Chief, Group Superintendents, and First Sergeants to oversee the readiness, training, health, morale, welfare and quality of more than 450 assigned personnel across six squadrons and flights, including Force Support, Civil Engineering, Security Forces, Logistic Readiness, Communications and a Special Operations Civil Engineer Squadron gained by Air Force Special Operations Command

Chief Elliott enlisted in the United States Air Force as a firefighter, September 1991. He has held various roles throughout his career, from that of Firefighter, Emergency Medical Technician, Senior Fire Instructor, Special Agent, Training Chief, President of the Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association, and the Mississippi Firefighters Minimum Standards and Certification Board. He has served in numerous civilian and military leadership functions and has deployed in support of Operation's DESERT SHIELD / STORM, PROVIDE PROMISE / DENY FLIGHT, SEA SIGNAL, SOUTHERN WATCH, ENDURING FREEDOM / NOBLE EAGLE, NEW DAWN, INHERENT RESOLVE, and FREEDOM SENTINEL. Prior to assuming his current position, Chief Elliott served as the 172d Civil Engineering Expeditionary Fire Chief, responsible for fire and emergency services management, in support of bare base, follow-on or major combat operations, and contingency operating locations.

EDUCATION

- 2001 Associate of Science Degree in Fire Science Technology, Pikes Peak Community College, Colorado Springs, Col.
- 2002 Air Force Office of Special Investigations, Criminal Investigator Training Program, Andrews Air Force Base, Md.
- 2003 Airman Leadership School, Maxwell AFB, Al., correspondence
- 2007 Air Force On-Scene Commanders Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2007 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2009 Bachelor of Science, Fire Science, Columbia Southern University, Orange Beach, Ala.
- 2010 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2013 Civil Engineer Superintendent Course, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.
- 2017 Chiefs Executive Course, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
- 2020 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education I & II, correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1991-October 1991, Student, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. October 1991- December 1991, Student, Fire Protection Specialist, Chanute AFB, Illinois
3. December 1991- December 1993 Firefighter, 20 Civil Engineering Squadron RAF Upper Heyford UK.
(February 1993-July 1993, Firefighter Crew Chief, JSOTF2, San Vito AS, Italy)
4. January 1994- September 1995 Firefighter Crew Chief, 49 Civil Engineering Squadron Holloman AFB, New Mexico.
(August 1994-December 1994, Firefighter Crew Chief, JTF-160, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; May 1995-August 1995, Firefighter Crew Chief, Al Dhafra, United Arab Emirates)
5. September 2001- September 2005 Special Agent, AFOSI Detachment 405, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
(March 2002-December 2002, Special Agent, 33 FIS, Washington Field Office, Andrews AFB, MD; March 2004-July 2004, Special Agent, 33 FIS, Washington Field Office, Andrews AFB, MD)
6. May 2006- October 2006 Assistant Chief Training, 172d Civil Engineering Squadron, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.
7. October 2006- October 2018 Fire Chief, 172d Civil Engineering Squadron, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.
(September 2011-March 2012, Fire Chief, 387th, Isa AB, Bahrain; July 2015-January 2016, Fire Chief, 332d, Al Jaber, Kuwait)
8. October 2018- Present Senior Enlisted Leader (SEL), 172d Mission Support Group, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal

Navy Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Meritorious Unit Award with oak leaf cluster
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with six oak leaf clusters
Air Force Good Conduct Medal
Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal
National Defense Service Medal with bronze star
Southwest Asia Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Armed Forces Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with 'N' Device
Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short Tour
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with gold border and oak leaf cluster
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon
Air Force Longevity Service with two oak leaf clusters
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 3 M devices and bronze hour glass
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with bronze star
Air Force Training Ribbon
Mississippi War Medal
Mississippi Longevity Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2003 & 2004 Firefighter of the Year City of Oxford, Miss.
2004 Squadron & Region 3 Special Agent of the Quarter (Apr-Jun) AFOSI Washington DC Field Office
2010 Outstanding Performance, Air Mobility Command, Inspector General, Unit Compliance Inspection

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

President, Chiefs Council, 172d Airlift Wing, Active Member
Enlisted Association of the National Guard of United States / Mississippi, Active Member
Mississippi Non-Commissioned Officers Association, Active Member
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Lifetime Member
President, Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association
Mississippi Homeland Security Regional Response Team Advisory Board
Executive Board Member of Mississippi Municipal League
Mississippi Municipal League Legislative Committee
Mississippi Firefighters Memorial Burn Foundation Board Member
Commissioner, Reservoir Fire Protection District, Rankin County

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Staff Sergeant, Nov. 1, 2003
Technical Sergeant, May 05, 2006
Master Sergeant, May 20, 2008
Senior Master Sergeant, July 7, 2011
Chief Master Sergeant, Oct. 18, 2014

(Current as of September 2020)