



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT CHAD T. WELCH

CMSgt Chad T. Welch is the Command Chief Master Sergeant, 932d Airlift Wing, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. Chief Welch leads the enlisted force and advises commanders on matters impacting the enlisted force, such as proper utilization, readiness, professional development, training, and quality of life issues. He ensures the commander's policies are widely publicized and understood by the enlisted force, and serves as the functional manager for all assigned first sergeants.

Chief Welch enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in July 1989. Upon completion of technical training he was assigned to the Marine Corps Security Forces detachment in Charleston, S.C. During this time he worked at the special weapons facility and participated in S.T.A.R.T. treaty inspections involving International and Russian inspectors. In November 1992, he was transferred to Marine Corps Headquarters, Quantico, Va., as an Officer Candidate Instructor and served as a marksmanship instructor until the end of his enlistment in July 1993, at which point he embarked upon his civilian career. In October 2001, he enlisted in the Air Force Reserve. After completing the Fire Protection Academy, he was assigned to the Fire Protection Flight, 932d Civil Engineer Squadron, Scott AFB, Ill., where he served in various fire protection positions. In January 2011, he was selected as First Sergeant, 932d Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Scott AFB, Ill. Prior to his current position, the Chief was the First Sergeant, 932d Security Forces Squadron, Scott AFB, Ill.



During his career, Chief Welch completed three home station deployments at Scott AFB, Ill., as well as a tour in Saudi Arabia in 2003. In 2008, he served as the station captain for a five-month deployment to Kirkuk, Iraq. Then, in 2012, he was selected as First Sergeant, 406th Air Expeditionary Squadron, Kandahar, Afghanistan, where he completed a complex seven-month deployment that required extensive travel outside the wire and around the country. In his civilian capacity, the Chief is a District Manager with a major company and also serves as a part-time Mental Health Counselor.

EDUCATION

1990 Marine Security Forces School, Norfolk, Va.
1991 Marksmanship Instructor's School, United States Marine Corps, Quantico, Va.
1993 Bachelor of Science, Education, Training and Development, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill.
1996 Master of Arts, Security Management, Webster University, Saint Louis, Mo.
2002 United States Air Force Fire Academy, Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas
2003 Associate of Applied Science, Fire Science, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2003 Airman Leadership School, by correspondence
2005 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, by correspondence
2009 Air Force Reserve Recruiting Course, Lackland AFB, Texas, Distinguished Graduate
2010 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, by correspondence

2011 Professional Manager Certification, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2011 United States Air Force First Sergeant Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2012 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Course, National Defense University, by correspondence
2012 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Leadership Course, Air Force Reserve Command, by correspondence
2012 Associate of Arts, Human Resource Management, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2012 Combat Airmen Skills Training, Joint Base McGuire, N.J.
2012 Air Expeditionary Group Staff Course, Joint Base McGuire, N.J.
2013 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Leadership Course Facilitator Selection Course, Robins AFB, Ga.
2014 Master of Arts, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, McKendree University, Lebanon, Ill.
2015 Reserve Component National Security Course, National Defense University, Washington D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. February 1990–September 1992, Security Forces, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.
2. September 1992–July 1993, Marksmanship Instructor, Quantico, Va.
3. December 2001–April 2006, Fire Apprentice/Journeyman, 932d Civil Engineer Squadron, Scott AFB, Ill.
4. April 2006–January 2011, Station Captain, 932d Civil Engineer Squadron, Scott AFB, Ill. (April to September 2008, Station Captain, 506th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq)
5. January 2011–November 2014, First Sergeant, 932d Aeromedical Evacuation, Scott AFB, Ill. (October 2012- April 2013, First Sergeant, 406th Air Expeditionary Squadron, Kandahar Air Field Afghanistan)
6. November 2014–March 2016, First Sergeant, 932d Security Forces Squadron, Scott AFB, Ill.
7. March 2016–Present, Command Chief, 932d Airlift Wing, Scott AFB, Ill.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2009 932d Firefighter of the Year
2011 St. Louis Employment Center Volunteer of the Year
2011-2015 Six-Time Marathoner and Two-Time Ironman
2012 Global Medic Joint Exercise Top Performer
2013 Global Medic Joint Exercise Top Performer
2013 932d Airlift Wing First Sergeant of the Year
2015 Red Cross Disaster Mental Health Counselor

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Private (USMC) August 1989
Private First Class (USMC) March 1990
Lance Corporal (USMC) November 1990
Corporal (USMC) May 1, 1992
Senior Airman Oct. 31, 2001
Staff Sergeant Oct. 1, 2003
Technical Sergeant March 1, 2005
Master Sergeant Feb. 1, 2011
Senior Master Sergeant Oct. 1, 2013
Chief Master Sergeant April 1, 2016

(Current as of September 2017)