



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT RICHARD D. GORDON

Chief Master Sergeant Richard Gordon serves as the Command Chief Master Sergeant for the 110th Attack Wing, Battle Creek, MI. He advises the Commander on matters influencing the health, morale, and welfare of assigned enlisted personnel and their families.

Chief Master Sergeant Gordon is a native of Detroit who graduated from Bishop Gallagher High School in 1987. In 1993, he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from Central Michigan University. It was during his tenure at CMU when Chief Gordon realized his dream of serving in the military by enlisting in the United States Air Force Reserve, May 1991, and becoming a Fire Fighter with the 927th Civil Engineering Squadron, Selfridge ANGB, Michigan.



In 1994 Chief Gordon proudly became a United States Border Patrol Agent assigned to southern New Mexico, where he dutifully transferred military units in order to continue service to the United States Air Force Reserve at Kirtland AFB, NM. Chief Gordon served admirably as a Border Patrol Agent in some of the harshest and most dangerous of conditions, patrolling not only the deserts and highways of New Mexico, but also saw action in Southern California and Southeast Texas. In 1999 Chief Gordon served a one year undercover assignment with the Drug Enforcement Administration's Drug Trafficking Task Force in Southern New Mexico and West Texas.

Upon his transfer to the United States Border Patrol's Detroit station in 2000, Chief Gordon wasted no time in signing up with the 127th Wing of the Michigan Air National Guard. In November 2001 he was mobilized for 365 days in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. He deployed overseas in 2003 to Southwest Asia, then again in 2005 with Operation CORONET OAK in Puerto Rico. In 2006 he was promoted to Supervisory Border Patrol Agent, and was detailed to Headquarters Border Patrol, Washington DC, where he spearheaded a number of critical programs directly impacting recruitment, retention, and training Agency wide. Since then, he has served in such capacities as Deputy Director of Marine Operations, Sector Intelligence Unit Supervisor, Executive Officer, Sector Asset Forfeiture Officer, and Watch Commander. Today Chief Gordon the Special Operations Supervisor assigned to Detroit Sector Border Patrol Headquarters, Selfridge ANGB, MI.

During all of this, Chief Gordon maintained his focus on his education by attending Central Michigan University until he earned his Master of Science Degree in Administration (2007). He further earned his Post Masters Certificate in Higher Education from the esteemed Oakland University. In 2014, Chief Gordon detailed to the Office of the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Pentagon, where he served as the first ever Air National Guard member to work side-by-side with the Air Force First Sergeant Special Duty Manager,

spearheading several total force initiatives to include the creation of virtual Family Care Plans, and the authoring of continuing education curriculum for First Sergeants, which is currently published on the Air Force ADLS site.

EDUCATION

1993 Bachelor of Science Degree; Sociology, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI
2003 Associates Degree in Fire Science, Community College of the Air Force
2007 Satellite NCO Academy, Distinguished Graduate, McGhee Tyson, TN
2007 Master of Science Degree; Administration, Central Michigan University, Clinton Twp, MI
2009 Air Force First Sergeant Academy, Maxwell AFB, AL
2011 Associates Degree; Human Resource Management, Community College of the Air Force
2012 Professional Manager Certification, Community College of the Air Force
2012 Post Graduate Certificate in Higher Education, Oakland University, Rochester, MI
2014 Air Force Noncommissioned Officer Academy A.LE., Maxwell-Gunter, AL
2015 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education I/II, online National Defense University
2016 Reserve Component National Security Course, National Defense University, Washington, DC

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1991 - December 1994, Fire Fighter, 927th Civil Engineering Squadron, Selfridge ANGB, MI
2. December 1994 - May 1996, Fire Fighter, 377th Civil Engineering Squadron, Kirtland AFB, NM
3. June 2001 - October 2009, Fire Fighter, 127th Civil Engineering Squadron, Selfridge ANGB, MI
4. October 2009 - March 2013, First Sergeant, 127th Security Forces Squadron, Selfridge ANGB, MI
5. March 2013 -Present, First Sergeant, 127th Wing/127th Operations Group, Selfridge ANGB, MI

CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT

December 1994 - July 2000, U.S. Border Patrol, Patrol Agent, Las Cruces, NM
July 2000 - July 2006, U.S. Border Patrol, Patrol Agent, Detroit, MI
July 2006 - January 2014, U.S. Border Patrol, Supervisory Agent, Detroit, MI
January 2014 - January 2015, U.S. Border Patrol, Supervisory Agent, CBP Air Branch
January 2015 - January 2016, U.S. Border Patrol, Supervisory Agent, Sector Intelligence Unit
January 2016 - Present, U.S. Border Patrol, Supervisory Agent, OIC Watch Commander

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATION

Air Force Commendation Medal w/oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal w/oak leaf cluster
Air Force Meritorious Unit Award
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
Air Reserve Meritorious Service Medal w/ 4 oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Nuclear Deterrence Operation Service Medal
Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/1 'M' Device

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

National Guard Association of Michigan
Air Force Sergeants Association
Border Patrol Supervisors Association
Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association

American Legion
Police and Firefighters Post

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant, March 2016

(Current as of September 2016)