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Chief Master Sergeant Allan L. Lawson
Command Chief, Washington Air National Guard |
Senior Enlisted Leader, Washington Military Department

Chief Master Sergeant Allan L. Lawson serves as the Command Chief for the Washington Air National Guard. He is the principal advisor to the Assistant Adjutant General for Air on all matters of health, morale, welfare, readiness, training and utilization for over 2000 Airmen. The Washington Air National Guard is comprised of kinetic and non-kinetic missions involving air refueling, special warfare, intelligence, cyber and air defense.

Chief Lawson entered the Air Force in 1995, and his career began as a Command and Control Battle Management Operator and he has served in numerous leadership positions within the Command and Control career field. He has participated in Operations DENY FLIGHT, STEADY STATE, LASER STRIKE, SOUTHERN WATCH, ENDURING FREEDOM, INHERENT RESOLVE and NOBLE EAGLE. During these campaigns, Chief Lawson executed command and control operations in support of national interests for allied countries and the United States. In addition, he has served as a First Sergeant and Honor Guard Program Manager. Chief Lawson was assigned to his current in September 2022. He's married and has three children.

EDUCATION

1995 Aerospace Control and Warning Systems Journeyman Course, Keesler AFB, MS
1996 Field Mobility and Weapons Course - Eglin AFB, FL
1997 Multi-Advanced Joint Interoperability Course - Ft. McPherson, GA
1997 Survival Training Course - Duke Field, FL
1999 Airman Leadership School, McChord AFB, WA - Inresidence
1999 Global Command and Control System Course - Naval Base San Diego, CA
2004 Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, McGhee-Tyson ANGB, TN - Inresidence
2007 First Sergeant Academy, Gunter Annex, AL - Inresidence
2008 Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, Gunter Annex, AL - Inresidence
2010 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Course - Correspondence

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2012 Diversity for Champions Course, Camp Murray, WA
2013 Leadership Challenge Program, Spokane, WA
2013 Reserve Component National Security Course, Ft. McNair, WA
2014 Air and Space Operations Technology Degree – Community College of the Air Force
2015 Lean for Leaders Course, Camp Murray, WA
2015 Human Resource Management Degree – Community College of the Air Force
2016 Chief Executive Course – Andrews AFB, Maryland
2017 Contemporary Base Issues Course – Mt. View, CA
2019 Air National Guard Command Chief Course – Joint Base San Antonio
2019 Total Force Command Chief Course - Andrews AFB, Maryland

ASSIGNMENTS

1. March 1995 – January 1997, Surveillance and Interface Control Technician, 728th Air Control Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida
2. January 1997 – January 1998, Instructor, Combat Training, 728th Air Control Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida
3. January 1998 – January 1999, Surveillance NCOIC, Standards and Evaluations, 728th Air Control Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida
4. January 1999 – February 2003, Assistant NCOIC, Interface Control Section, Western Air Defense Sector, McChord AFB, Washington
5. February 2003 – July 2004, NCOIC of Weapons and Communications, Combat Requirements, Western Air Defense Sector, McChord AFB, Washington
6. July 2004 – November 2006, NCOIC of Surveillance, Western Air Defense Sector, McChord AFB, Washington
7. November 2006 – March 2011, First Sergeant, Western Air Defense Sector, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington
8. March 2011 – January 2013, Flight Superintendent, Western Air Defense Sector, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington
9. January 2013 – January 2014, Sector Operations Superintendent, Western Air Defense Sector, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington
10. January 2014 – October 2015, Assistant Operations Superintendent, Western Air Defense Sector, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington
11. October 2015 – February 2018, Chief Enlisted Manager, 225th Air Defense Squadron, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington
12. February 2018 – June 2019, Senior Enlisted Leader, 225th Air Defense Group, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington
13. June 2019 – September 2022, Command Chief, 194th Wing, Camp Murray, Washington
14. September 2022 - Present, Command Chief, Washington Air National Guard, Camp Murray, Washington

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

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Meritorious Service Medal with 4 Devices
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal with 4 Devices
Combat Readiness Medal with 4 Devices
National Defense Service Medal with 1 Device
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with 1 Device
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Armed Forces Service Medal
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 2 Devices

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman, July 1995
Airman First Class, May 1996
Senior Airman, January 1998
Staff Sergeant, February 2000
Technical Sergeant, February 2003
Master Sergeant, February 2005
Senior Master Sergeant, Mar 2011
Chief Master Sergeant, Oct 2015

(Current as of Oct 2022)

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