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## CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JOSHUA L. HANKS

Chief Master Sergeant Joshua L. Hanks is the Senior Enlisted Leader at the 225th Support Squadron, Western Air Defense Sector, Washington Air National Guard, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington. He serves as the senior enlisted advisor to the commander on the morale, welfare, training, mission readiness and effective utilization of over 100 military and civilian personnel ensuring effective mission execution of the 24-hour air defense mission in support of Operation NOBLE EAGLE. The 225th Support Squadron is responsible for generating and sustaining integrated battle management and command and control capabilities, supporting North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) air sovereignty and aerospace defense of over 73% of the United States.

Chief Master Sergeant Hanks grew up in Marysville, Washington and entered the Air Force in January 2001. Before joining the Washington Air National Guard, he served on active duty for 18 years, and was stationed in California, The Netherlands, Nebraska, Germany, and Nevada. A career communications maintenance airman, he has performed a wide variety of leadership duties supporting unique missions including ICBM flight test, Nuclear Command, Control, and Communications (NC3), Airborne Command Post, and Remotely Piloted Aircraft.

Prior to his current assignment, he was the Lead Production Superintendent of the 432nd Aircraft Communications Maintenance Squadron, where he led MQ-9 ground control station maintenance, supporting local flight training, advanced test & evaluation, and combat missions worldwide. Additionally, Chief Hanks is an accomplished aircrew member and has compiled over 1100 hours and 315 sorties flown as a Super High Frequency (SHF) SATCOM instructor and evaluator on the E-4B Advanced Airborne Command Post supporting the National Airborne Operations Center.



## EDUCATION

2005 Airman Leadership School, Bitburg Air Base, Germany

2008 Associates Degree in Applied Science, Electronic Systems Technology, Community College of the Air Force

2014 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Kapaun Air Station, Germany

2014 Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education I, by correspondence

2017 Bachelor of Science, Management, Bellevue University, Bellevue, Neb.

2017 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2021 Leadership Development Course for Squadron Command, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2023 Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II, by correspondence

2024 Chief Master Sergeant Orientation Course, Joint Base Andrews, Md.

## ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 2001 – December 2004, Instrumentation Systems Instructor, 576th Flight Test Squadron, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.
2. December 2004 – November 2008, NC3 Systems Technician, 703rd Munitions Support Squadron, Volkel Air Base, The Netherlands





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3. November 2008 – September 2013, SHF SATCOM Systems NCOIC, 1st Airborne Command and Control Squadron, Offutt AFB, Neb.
4. September 2013 – July 2017, NC3 Systems Command Manager and Instructor, Communications Directorate, HQ USAF in Europe, Ramstein AB, Germany
5. July 2017 – June 2019, MQ-9 Lead Production Superintendent, 432nd Aircraft Communications Maintenance Squadron, Creech AFB, Nev.
6. June 2019 – March 2024, Operations Superintendent, 225th Support Squadron, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.
7. April 2024 – Present, Senior Enlisted Leader, 225th Support Squadron, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash

## MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Aerial Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters  
Air and Space Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
Air and Space Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Washington State Achievement Medal  
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Medal with one oak leaf cluster

## OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2017 – SNCO of the Year, Maintenance Professional, 432nd Aircraft Maintenance Group  
2019 – SNCO of the Year, 225th Air Defense Group

## EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman First Class, 23 February 2001  
Senior Airman, 23 June 2003  
Staff Sergeant, 1 January 2006  
Technical Sergeant 1 October 2012  
Master Sergeant 1 November 2017  
Senior Master Sergeant, 1 November 2021  
Chief Master Sergeant, 1 July 2024

(Current as of October 2024)

