



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT MICHAEL E. CORNITIUS JR.

Chief Master Sergeant Michael E. Cornitius Jr. is the Texas Military Department Command Senior Enlisted Leader, Camp Mabry, Austin, Texas. He is the principal enlisted advisor to The Adjutant General for more than 19,000 Army and Air enlisted personnel in the Guard and State Guard. His responsibilities include advising The Adjutant General on all matters affecting the readiness, training, professional development and effective utilization of assigned enlisted personnel and coordinating with the joint headquarters staff, commanders, and senior personnel on administration and implementation of command policy.

Chief Cornitius entered the U.S. Air Force in 1988 and served as a certified Secure Communications Specialist. He was then assigned to the 1882nd Communications Squadron at Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas. Without a break in service, Chief Cornitius enlisted in the Texas Air National Guard in 1991, and started his assignment as a traditional guardsman. He served on numerous deployments and homeland missions including CORONET NIGHTHAWK to Panama in 1997 and 1999, as well as Operations SOUTHERN WATCH in 2000 and NOBLE EAGLE in 2001. In addition, Chief deployed to Iraq twice, in 2005 and 2007, following the 9/11 attacks in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. In 1995, Chief Cornitius was selected as a member of the Lead Standardization Team responsible for training all weapons load crews. Since then, he has held various positions to include Group Quality Assurance Weapons Inspector, Weapons Element Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge and Wing Weapons Manager. He was the direct link for the Air National Guard as the National Guard Bureau Systems Program Office Contact field representative for any weapons related issues on remotely piloted aircraft. He has been a member of the wing EET/WIT team since 2003 and in September 2013, he was lead for the wing's first inspection under the new Air Force Inspection System coordinating essential aspects of the inspection with both internal and external inspectors. Chief Cornitius held positions as the Command Chief Master Sergeant for the 147th Attack Wing, Ellington Joint Reserve Base, Texas and the State of Texas Air National Guard Command Chief Master Sergeant, Camp Mabry, Texas prior to his current position.



Chief Cornitius has been employed with the Houston Fire Department for 26 years. As a City of Houston firefighter, he was selected by district chiefs to become one of the first Incident Command Technicians to work hand in hand with the district chiefs on fire scenes in directing fire ground operations. He has also been an active member of the League City Volunteer Fire Department since 2001. In 2002, he was elected by the department membership to serve as a station captain responsible for the training of all members assigned to Station 5, and held this position for 11 years. Chief Cornitius belongs to numerous committees within the League City Fire Department with many of these contributing directly to the goals and career paths of the department and personnel.

EDUCATION

- 1994 Non-commissioned Officer Leadership School, Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2002 Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2005 Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2013 Air National Guard Chief's Executive Course, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
- 2015 Associate of Applied Science, Aircraft Armament Systems Technology, CCAF
- 2015 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Course I, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

- 2016 Air National Guard Command Chief Master Sergeant Orientation Course, Lackland AFB, Texas
- 2016 Texas Adjutant General Leadership Development Program, Camp Mabry, Austin
- 2017 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- 2017 Continuous Process Improvement for Executives, Duke University, N.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. November 1988–January 1989, USAF Basic Training, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
2. January 1989–September 1989, USAF Technical School, Lackland AFB, Texas
3. September 1989–December 1991, USAF 1882nd Communications Squadron, TAC, Bergstrom AFB, Texas
4. December 1991–April 2015, 147th Reconnaissance Wing, ACC, Ellington JRB, Texas
5. April 2015–January 2018, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 147th Attack Wing, Ellington JRB, Texas
6. January 2018–April 2018, Command Chief Master Sergeant, Texas Air National Guard, Camp Mabry, Texas
7. April 2018–Present, Command Senior Enlisted Leader, Texas Military Department, Camp Mabry, Texas

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
- Air Force Commendation Medal
- Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters
- Meritorious Unit Award with oak leaf cluster
- AF Outstanding Unit Award with four oak leaf clusters
- AF Good Conduct Medal with oak leaf cluster
- Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with eight oak leaf clusters
- National Defense Service Medal with bronze service star
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- Iraq Campaign Ribbon with two Bronze Service Stars
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Humanitarian Service Medal with bronze service star
- Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with gold border

STATE AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- Texas Combat Service Medal with bronze star
- Texas Medal of Merit
- Texas Governor’s Unit Citation with oak leaf cluster
- Texas Adjutant Generals Individual Award

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

- 147th Attack Wing Chief Council
- 147th Attack Wing Top 3 Council
- The National Guard Association of Texas, Life Member
- Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States, Life Member
- Air Force Sergeants Association
- Air Force Association
- ANG CCM Alumni Association

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

- Airman May 23, 1989
- Airman First Class March 23, 1990
- Senior Airman November 23, 1991
- Staff Sergeant October 1, 1994
- Technical Sergeant June 5, 1999
- Master Sergeant September 7, 2002
- Senior Master Sergeant February 20, 2008
- Chief Master Sergeant November 15, 2011

(Current as of February 2018)