



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT MICHAEL E. CORNIITIUS 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 and leader for more than 19,000 Army and Air enlisted personnel in the Guard and State Guard. His responsibilities include leading the enlisted force and 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 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. He has held leadership positions at all levels to include Group Quality Assurance Weapons Inspector, Weapons Element Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge, Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Superintendent, 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 on any weapons related issues for remotely piloted aircraft. Chief Cornitius has held positions as the Command Chief Master Sergeant for the 147th Attack Wing and the State of Texas Air National Guard Command Chief Master Sergeant prior to his current position.



Chief Cornitius has been employed with the Houston Fire Department for 27 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.

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, TX
- 2016 Texas Adjutant General Leadership Development Program, Camp Mabry, Austin
- 2017 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.
- 2017 Continuous Process Improvement for Executives, Duke University, N.C.
- 2018 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Course II, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2019 Defense Support of Civil Authorities Phase I, by correspondence
- 2019 Keystone, Defense University, Washington D.C., National Defense University
- 2019 Defense Support of Civil Authorities Phase II, Colorado Springs, CO

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

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with one 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 Organizational Excellence Award

AF Good Conduct Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with nine 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

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, Life Member

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 May 2020)