



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT MATTHEW T. CRAWFORD

Chief Master Sergeant Matthew Crawford is the Senior Enlisted Leader of the Texas Air National Guard, Camp Mabry, Austin, Texas. He is the principal enlisted advisor to the Deputy Adjutant General - Air for more than 2800 assigned enlisted personnel. His responsibilities include advising the Deputy Adjutant General on all matters related to readiness, training, professional development and effective utilization of assigned TXANG personnel and coordinating with the headquarters staff members, commanders, and senior personnel on administration and implementation of command policy.

Chief Crawford began his military career in 1988 in the U.S. Air Force as a personnel craftsman serving at Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., and later overseas assignments in the United Kingdom at Royal Air Force Greenham Common, and RAF Chicksands. In 1994, he joined the Arkansas Air National Guard with the 223rd Combat Communications Squadron as a communication systems technical controller. In 2007, Chief Crawford transferred to the 221 CBCS Texas Air National Guard where he worked in several positions within the CBCS community. Chief Crawford traveled and supported numerous operations throughout his career including Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, BRIGHT STAR, FREEDOM SENTINEL, as well as served as the C4I Planner for the European Deterrence Initiative.



During his ANG tenure as a Drill Status Guardsman, the chief gained 25 years of experience in civilian information technology fields within the airline, defense, and telecommunications industries serving in roles as Senior Field Manager and program management. His current civilian role for a Defense Contracting firm is Senior Field Manager for the Distributed Common Ground Systems (DCGS) Sustainment programs supported by on-site system administrators and system engineers. In this position, Chief Crawford provides factory oversight and technical support to multiple field team engineers that maintain and operate U.S. Air Force and Air National Guard DCGS network hardware and software capabilities within the Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance community supporting 15 locations while managing 94 personnel. Prior to assuming his current position, Chief Crawford served as the Chief Enlisted Manager for the 221st Combat Communications Squadron, Hensley Field, 136th Airlift Wing, Grand Prairie, Texas.

#### EDUCATION

- 1988 Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
- 1988 Personnel Craftsman Course, Keesler AFB, Miss.
- 1990 Airman Leadership, Royal Air Force Greenham Common, United Kingdom
- 1996 Communications-Computer Systems Control Course, Keesler AFB, Miss.
- 1997 Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. May 1988 – June 1988, Trainee, Basic Military Training School, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
2. August 1988 – December 1989, Personnel Craftsman, Holloman AFB, N.M.
3. January 1990 – August 1991, Personnel Craftsman, Royal Air Force Greenham Common, United Kingdom
4. September 1991 – August 1993, Personnel Craftsman, RAF Chicksands, U.K.
5. August 1994 – April 2007, NCOIC Systems Control, 223rd Combat Communications Squadron, Arkansas Air National Guard Station, Hot Springs, Ark. (October 2005 – January 2006, Technical Controller, 451st Air Expeditionary Group, Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan)
6. April 2007 – July 2011, Systems Controller, 221 CBCS, Hensley Field, Grand Prairie, Texas
7. August 2011 – October 2013, Superintendent, Quality Assurance/Stand Eval, 254th Combat Communications Group, Grand Prairie, Texas
8. October 2013 – April 2022, Chief Enlisted Manager, 221 CBCS, Hensley Field, Grand Prairie, Texas (January 2019 – July 2019, Senior Enlisted Leader/J6, Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, Africa; April 2021 – September 2021, USAFE/A6OP, European Ops Planner, Ramstein Air Base, Germany)
9. April 2022 – Present, Senior Enlisted Leader, Texas Air National Guard, Camp Mabry, Texas

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster  
Joint Service Commendation Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Achievement Medal

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States  
National Guard Association of Texas  
Air Force Sergeants Association  
Air Force Association

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Airman Basic May 6, 1988  
Airman Nov. 6, 1988  
Airman First Class Sept. 6, 1989  
Senior Airman Nov. 6, 1990  
Staff Sergeant April 1, 1995  
Technical Sergeant Feb. 1, 2003  
Master Sergeant Oct. 1, 2005  
Senior Master Sergeant Aug. 18, 2011  
Chief Master Sergeant Oct. 22, 2013

(Current as of April 2022)