



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT MARLON K. NATION

Chief Master Sergeant Nation is assigned as the Command Chief for the Texas Air National Guard. He serves as the senior enlisted advisor to the Commander of the Texas Air National Guard for all enlisted issues.

Chief Nation entered the United States Air Force on 14 October 1977. He was assigned to the 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, Tactical Aircraft Command (TAC) Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas, until August of 1980. He served as an Aircraft Armament Technician and was selected as a member of the Loading Standardization Crew (LSC), charged with the formal training and certification of all assigned aircraft armament load crews. He was subsequently assigned to the 8th Aircraft Generation Squadron, Pacific Aircraft Command (PACAF), Kunsan Air Base, South Korea. During his active duty career, Chief Nation was recognized for his performance and potential by receiving a Below-the-Zone promotion to Senior Airman. Without a break in service, he enlisted in the Texas Air National Guard in September of 1981 as a traditional Guardsman, Weapons Systems Specialist. Shortly thereafter, he was selected as a full-time Technician. He was subsequently named to the Loading Standardization crew (LSC), crew overseeing the training of assigned load crews.

Chief Nation was later selected as the shop chief charged with the day-to-day management of the Weapons, Loading, Release and Gun Services sections. In 1994, Chief Nation was selected as the NCOIC of Quality Assurance within the 147th Maintenance Group. Reporting directly to the Group Commander he lead a team of 5-7 Quality Assurance inspectors and a Technical Order Distribution office responsible for monitoring the maintenance practices of more than 200 Maintenance technicians and Traditional Guardsmen. The Group Commander placed the Group Training office under his supervision as well. Chief Nation was later assigned as the Maintenance Operations Flight NCOIC where he was responsible for day-to-day operations of several sections including; Group Training, Management Analysis, Plans and Programs, Maintenance Operations and Coordination and Budget oversight. Reporting directly to the Maintenance Group Commander, the Maintenance Operations Flight provides oversight and monitoring of all aspects of aircraft maintenance operations with the exception of Quality Assurance. Chief Nation also served as the Chief Enlisted Manager for more than 300 enlisted personnel assigned to the 147th Operations Group. He also served as the 147th Reconnaissance Wing's Command Chief from 2011 to 2015.



During his career, Chief Nation has been very active in his organization, state and community. He has served as a Congressional Intern in the U.S. House of Representatives and two terms as President of the 147th Reconnaissance Wings Chief's Council, President of the Texas State Chief's Council, and as a National Guard Association of Texas Education committee member. He has also served on several Selective Retention panels at state headquarters. Most notably, Chief Nation was the first Commandant of the Texas Airman Leadership Seminar, which was one of the most successful initiatives in the State. In serving his community, Chief Nation is a Licensed Vocational Minister. He served as an Elder during the establishment of SouthPoint Fellowship church in Pearland, Texas. He is currently a member of Brentwood Baptist Church in Houston, Texas. Additionally, he has served as a team member on a missionary trip to the Volta region, Nkwanta District, Ghana, Africa where he helped distribute medical supplies and participated in several events representing his home church. Chief Nation has served as a volunteer for such community agencies as Crisis Hotline, Literacy Advance, and Urban Mentors, Inc. He has also acted as a Career Day speaker and volunteer reader at area schools and Veteran's day events. Chief Nation has written several articles for area publications and also serves as an Adjunct Professor of History at San Jacinto College in Pasadena, Texas.

Chief Nation was instrumental in drafting the charter for the 147th Reconnaissance Wing's Joseph A. Briggs Memorial Award, which recognizes Wing members for outstanding service. He has served as the Wing SORTS Manager, Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor, Ramp Coordinator (RAMPCO) and as a Wing Initial Investigating Officer. He has also sat on numerous councils and more than 20 promotion and hiring panels. Including the national OAY selection panel. Chief Nation served as the Maintenance Group Project Manager for several deployments, including serving as a member of the site-survey and ADVON Team, NCOIC for a State Department deployment to Israel in 2002. Most notably he served as the 147th Maintenance Group NCOIC for their first deployment to Balad AB, Iraq in 2005, coordinating essential aspects of the deployment. Chief Nation was also a part of the unit's deployment to Iraq again in 2007. He was selected as the State Command Chief on Mar 10, 2015 He also serves as Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) and mentor for the State Senior Enlisted Advisory Council, and the State Senior Enlisted Promotion regulation.

EDUCATION

1989 Associates of Applied Science, Aircraft Armament Technology, Community College of the Air Force
1990 Bachelor of Arts, Business and Management, Texas Southern University
1990 Tactical Air Command (TAC) NCO Academy, Bergstrom AFB, Texas – John Levitow Award recipient
1991 Associates of Applied Science in Paralegal Studies, Houston Community College
1995 Master of Public Administration, Texas Southern University
1995 USAF Senior NCO Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala. – Distinguished Graduate
1996 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, Ala. by correspondence
1999 32-Hour Certificate College of Biblical Studies, Houston, Texas
2004 Secretary of the Air Force Investigating Officer Course, Lackland AFB, Texas
2009 Aircraft Mishap Investigation Course (AMIC) Kirtland AFB, New Mexico
2009 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Course, National Defense University, by correspondence
2011 ANG Command Chief Orientation course, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas
2011 Awarded Air Force Professional Management Certificate (PMC), Maxwell AFB, Ala.,
2011 ANG Contemporary Base Issues course, Ellington JRB, Texas
2011 FEMA Emergency Management courses 100.b, 200b, 700.a, and 800.b (CBT)
2013 National Guard Bureau Fiscal Law Course
2014 Funds Certifying Officer Training Course, by correspondence
2015 Reserve Component National Security Course, National Defense University, Washington D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

October 1977 – January 1978, Trainee, Lackland AFB, Texas
February 1978 – April 1978, Student, Lowry AFB, Colorado
May 1978 – August 1980, Aircraft Armament Technician, 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, Bergstrom AFB, Texas
August 1980 – August 1981, Aircraft Armament Technician, 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan AB, South Korea
September 1981 – 2015, Weapons Loading NCOIC, Quality Assurance Superintendent, Production Control Chief, Intel Apprentice CEM, Wing Command Chief, 147th Reconnaissance Wing, Houston, Texas
February 2015 - Present, HQ Texas Air National Guard, Camp Mabry, Austin, Texas

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal (3 Devices)
Air Force Commendation Medal (4 Devices)
Air Force Achievement Medal
Meritorious Unit Award
AF Outstanding Unit Award (2 Devices)
AF Good Conduct Medal (1 Device)
Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal
National Defense Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal
AF Overseas Ribbon Short
AF Training Ribbon
AF Longevity Service (4 Devices)
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (1 Device)
USAF NCO PME Graduate Ribbon (1 Device)
Operation Iraqi Freedom Medal (1 Device)
Global War on Terrorism Medal
Air Expeditionary Force Ribbon w/Gold Border
Texas Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal
Texas Faithful Service Ribbon
Texas Combat Service Ribbon (1 Device)
Texas Adjutant General Individual Award
Texas Outstanding Service Medal
Texas Governor's Unit Citation

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTIONS

Airman Basic Sept. 6, 1977
Airman April 14, 1978
Airman First Class Oct. 14, 1978
Senior Airman (Below - the - Zone promotion) Dec. 1, 1979
Sergeant Dec. 1, 1980
Staff Sergeant – Sept. 1, 1982
Technical Sergeant March 14, 1984
Master Sergeant April 1, 1988
Senior Master Sergeant Sept. 15, 1991
Chief Master Sergeant Sept. 7, 1995

(Current as of February 2017)