



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT HERIBERTO G. DIAZ JR.

Chief Master Sergeant Heriberto Diaz is the Command Chief Master Sergeant, Third Air Force, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. The Third Air Force is U.S. Air Forces in Europe's Numbered Air Force for U.S. European Command as well as the U.S. Air Forces in Africa's Numbered Air Force for U.S. Africa Command, and is comprised of nine active-duty wings, ninety geographically separated units spanning 104 countries across Europe and Africa. As the Numbered Air Force's Senior Enlisted Leader, Chief Diaz advises the commander on issues affecting the readiness, organization, training, health, welfare, morale, development, and utilization of 30,000 Airmen.

Chief Diaz is from Playas, New Mexico and enlisted in the Air Force in 1995. He has served in various duties in Munitions Maintenance, Operations Intelligence, Airman Development, and Senior Leadership positions. The Chief has a vast experience in the joint environment serving in combat with the US Army and Marine Corps, with a background in Security Cooperation. His broad range and depth of expertise includes weapons research and development, 24hr indications and warning operations, targeting analysis, Threat to Air Operations analysis, Airborne Intelligence analysis onboard the E-8C/JSTRS, Department of Defense airborne ISR operations management, and combat operations training in Latin America supporting SOUTHCOM priorities. Furthermore, Chief Diaz served as Commandant for the Erwin Professional Military Education Center, and as Command Chief for Air Mobility forces in Europe, Africa, and the Middle East. Chief Diaz has deployed on multiple occasions in direct support of Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, IRAQI FREEDOM, and ENDURING FREEDOM.



EDUCATION

- 1994 Associates Degree, Applied Science, New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell, New Mexico
- 1999 Airman Leadership School, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
- 2000 Associates Degree, Munitions Systems Technology, Community College of the Air Force
- 2001 Associates Degree, Communications Systems Technology, Community College of the Air Force
- 2003 Bachelors of Science, Social Psychology, Park University, Parkville, Missouri (Suma Cum Laude)
- 2008 Masters of Science, Strategic Intelligence, National Intelligence University, Washington DC
- 2009 NCO Leadership School, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida (Distinguished Graduate)
- 2010 USAF SNCO Academy (correspondence)
- 2011 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Course (correspondence)
- 2011 Community College of the Air Force Professional Manager Certification Program
- 2012 U.S. Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Academy (Fitness Award Recipient)
- 2013 Air Force Senior Enlisted ISR Master Skills Course, Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas
- 2017 Command Chief Candidate Course, Washington DC
- 2017 Senior Enlisted Legal Orientation Course (SELO), Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- 2019 Global/Regional Executive Course – Africa, Alan L. Freed Associates, Capitol Hill Club, Washington DC
- 2020 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II (correspondence)
- 2021 Graduate Certificate, Diversity Equity & Inclusion, University of South Florida
- 2021 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Kenan-Flagler Business School, UNC Chapel Hill
- 2021 Eurasia/Africa Regional Course, Cultural & Language Center, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1. 1995 - 1997, Storage Crew Member, 18th MUNS, Kadena AB, Okinawa Japan
2. 1997 - 1998, Precision Guided Munitions, 412th EMS, Edwards AFB, California
3. 1998 - 2003, Indications and Warning Watch Supervisor, 90th IOS, Lackland AFB, Texas
4. 2003 - 2004, Target Development Analyst, 8th FW, Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea
5. 2004 - 2007, Threat to Air Operations Analyst, NASIC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
(Mar 05 - Sep 05, Superintendent, Trends Analysis & Command Briefer, MNF-I, Baghdad, Iraq)
(Nov 06 - Jul 07, NCOIC, Detainee Ops, Document & Media Exploitation, II MEF, Al Asad, Iraq)
6. 2007 - 2008, Graduate Student, National Intelligence University, Washington DC

7. 2008 - 2012, Flight Chief and Operations Superintendent, 12th ACCS, Robins AFB, Georgia
8. 2012 - 2015, Superintendent, JFCC-ISR, USSTRATCOM, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington DC
9. 2015 - 2017, Superintendent, Inter-American Air Forces Academy, JBSA-Lackland, Texas
10. 2017 - 2018, Commandant, Erwin PME Center, Kadena AB, Okinawa Japan
11. 2018 - 2020, Command Chief, 521st Air Mobility Operations Wing, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
12. 2020 - 2021, Senior Enlisted Advisor, ISR & Cyber Effects Operations, HQ USAF, Arlington, Virginia
13. 2021 - Present, Command Chief, Third Air Force, Ramstein Air Base, Germany

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Enlisted Aircrew

Aircraft: E-8C JSTARS

Total Flight Hours: 1497 / 1147 Combat Hours

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Joint Service Commendation Medal with two oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Achievement Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Recognition Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant – August 2015

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1997 Gen Leo Marquez Maintenance Professional of the Year, 18th FW, Kadena AB, JA
- 1998 Lone Star Award Recipient, 315th TRS, Goodfellow AFB, TX
- 2001 Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, 90th IOS, Lackland AFB, TX
- 2002 Ambassador to the city of San Antonio, HQ Air Intelligence Agency, Lackland AFB, TX
- 2002 Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, 90th IOS, Lackland AFB, TX
- 2003 Distinguished Graduate, Combat Targeting Course, Goodfellow AFB, TX
- 2004 8th Fighter Wing NCO Outstanding Intelligence Professional of the Year, Kunsan AB, Korea
- 2004 Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, NASIC, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
- 2005 Air Force NCO Outstanding Intelligence Professional of the Year, Level 1
- 2006 Directorate NCO of the Year, NASIC, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
- 2006 Lance P. Sijan recipient, NASIC, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
- 2007 Directorate NCO of the Year, NASIC, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
- 2009 Distinguished Graduate, Airey NCO Academy, Tyndall AFB, FL
- 2010 ACC SNCO Outstanding Intelligence Professional of the Year, Level 1
- 2011 461ST ACW SNCO Outstanding Intelligence Professional of the Year, Level 1
- 2011 12th ACCS Air Intelligence Technician of the Year
- 2012 Fitness Award Recipient, U.S. Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Academy, Petaluma, CA
- 2013 USSTRATCOM SNCO Outstanding Intelligence Professional of the Year, Level 1
- 2014 USSTRATCOM SNCO Outstanding Intelligence Professional of the Year, Level 1
- 2014 USSTRATCOM SNCO of the Year & 12 Outstanding Airman of the Year Nominee

PUBLICATIONS:

- "The Power of the Thumb Drive; Computer Forensics on the Battlefield,"* (Classified), NIU
- "Changing Resources to the JSTARS and its Implications to the Warfighter,"* (Classified), NIU
- "Utilization of Airborne SIGINT Platforms to Enable Offensive Cyber Capabilities,"* (Classified), NIU
- "Downgrading the Baseline Classification of RQ-4 Global Hawk Imagery,"* (Classified), NIU
- "Principles, Purpose, People; 521 AMOW Airman Development Plan."* (U//FOUO)