



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT COLIN A. FLECK

Chief Fleck is the Command Chief Master Sergeant, 58th Special Operations Wing, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico. He is the senior enlisted leader responsible to the commander on all matters concerning the welfare, development, readiness and effective utilization of 1,700 personnel across three groups assigned to six installations. The 58th Special Operations Wing conducts undergraduate helicopter pilot training, graduate flying training for Special Operations, Personnel Recovery, and Nuclear Security missions on 6 distinct weapons platforms, as well as Air Force Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape (SERE) training. Through these distinct and unique training programs, the wing trains over 17,000 students every year.

Chief Fleck entered the Air Force in 2002 and his background includes various duties in the Personnel, Aerial Gunner, Remotely Piloted Aircraft Sensor Operator, and Special Mission Aviator career fields. He has served on the AC-130U and AC-130H Gunships, as well as the MQ-1B Predator and MQ-9 Reaper along with various senior enlisted positions including as an assignment manager and multiple assignments as a squadron and group superintendent. Prior to assuming his current position he served as the Senior Enlisted Leader of the 1st Special Operations Group at Hurlburt Field, Florida.



EDUCATION

- 2002 Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base (AFB), TX
- 2002 Personnel Apprentice Course, Keesler AFB, MS
- 2004 Basic Aerial Gunner Course, Kirtland AFB, NM
- 2006 Airman Leadership School, Hurlburt Field, FL
- 2009 Associate Degree, Aviation Operations, Community College of the Air Force (CCAF)
- 2011 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Tyndall AFB, FL
- 2013 Bachelor of Arts, Terrorism and Counterterrorism Studies, Henley-Putnam University, Santa Clara, CA
- 2014 Basic Sensor Operator Course, Randolph AFB, TX
- 2015 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, AL
- 2018 Joint Special Operations Forces Senior Enlisted Academy, Joint Special Operations University, MacDill AFB, FL
- 2019 Chief Leadership Course, Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, AL
- 2020 Joint and Combined Warfighting School (JPME II), Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2002 – April 2005, Personnel Technician, 75th Mission Support Squadron, Hill Air Force Base (AFB), UT
2. April 2005 – May 2011, AC-130U Aerial Gunner, 4th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, FL
3. May 2011 – January 2013, AC-130U Evaluator Aerial Gunner, 1st Special Operations Group, Hurlburt Field, FL
4. January 2013 – December 2013, Flight Chief/AC-130H Instructor Aerial Gunner, 16th Special Operations Squadron, Cannon AFB, NM
5. January 2014 – April 2015, Operations Superintendent/MQ-1 Sensor Operator, 3d Special Operations Squadron, Cannon AFB, NM
6. April 2015 – August 2016, Squadron Superintendent/MQ-9 Sensor Operator, 33d Special Operations Squadron, Cannon AFB, NM
7. August 2016 – April 2018, 1U0/1U1/1A3 Functional Manager, Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center, Joint Base (JB) San Antonio-Randolph, TX
8. April 2018 - August 2020, Chief Enlisted Manager, 16th Special Operations Squadron, Cannon AFB, NM
9. August 2020 - June 2022, Superintendent, 1st Special Operations Group, Hurlburt Field, FL
10. June 2022 - Present, Command Chief, 58th Special Operations Wing, Kirtland AFB, NM

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Chief Enlisted Aircrew

Flight Hours: 2,500+

Aircraft: AC-130U, AC-130H, AC-130W, MQ-1B, and MQ-9

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two silver oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Combat Action Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2002 Distinguished Graduate, Personnel Apprentice Course

2003 Hill Air Force Base Personnel Manager of the Year

2004 Distinguished Graduate, Basic Aerial Gunner Course

2005 Distinguished Graduate, AC-130U Aerial Gunner Qualification Course

2006 John L. Levitow Honor Graduate, Airman Leadership School

2011 John L. Levitow Honor Graduate, Noncommissioned Officer Academy

2017 USAF Henry E. "Red" Erwin Outstanding Enlisted Aircrew Member of the Year

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant December 1, 2018

(Current as of Jul 2022)