



# BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

## Chief Master Sergeant Shawn L. Drinkard

Chief Master Sergeant Shawn L. Drinkard is the Command Chief Master Sergeant for United States Air Force Central Command, Southwest Asia. He advises the commander and staff on matters influencing the health, welfare, morale, and effective utilization of assigned and deployed personnel. As the Air Component of United States Central Command, USAFCENT's mission is to develop contingency plans and conduct air operations in a 20-nation area of responsibility.

Chief Drinkard enlisted in the Air Force in 1995 as a Law Enforcement Specialist. His background includes various assignments within the security forces career field at the unit and group levels. Throughout his career, he has filled a myriad of roles including Operations Superintendent, Security Forces Manager, Group Superintendent, and wing Command Chief. His assignments include bases in Mississippi, South Carolina, Wyoming, Missouri, and Nevada. He also served overseas in South Korea, Japan, Iceland, Azores and has deployed in support of Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, ENDURING FREEDOM, and IRAQI FREEDOM.



Prior to assuming his current position, Chief Drinkard served as the Command Chief Master Sergeant for the 57th Wing, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada.

### EDUCATION:

- 1999 Airman Leadership School, Yokota AB, Japan
- 2000 Associates Degree, Police Science, Community College of the Air Force
- 2000 AMC Warfare Center, Phoenix Raven Course, McGuire AFB, NJ
- 2004 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Charleston AFB, South Carolina
- 2005 U.S. Army Military Police Investigator Academy, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri
- 2007 Bachelors of Science degree, Criminal Justice Administration, University of Phoenix
- 2008 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Gunter Annex, Alabama
- 2011 Chief Master Sergeant Leadership Course, Gunter Annex, Alabama
- 2012 Professional Management Certificate, Community College of the Air Force
- 2012 Nuclear Fundamentals Course, Nuclear Weapons Center, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico
- 2013 Advanced Nuclear Concepts Course, Nuclear Weapons Center, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico
- 2014 AF Enterprise Leadership Program, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
- 2015 Continuous Process Improvement Sr Leaders Course, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee
- 2015 AF Leadership Development Program, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- 2016 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II
- 2016 China/Middle East Enterprise Perspective Seminar, Alan L. Freed Associates, Washington, D.C.
- 2017 Keystone CSEL course, National Defense University, Ft. Leslie J. McNair, Washington, D.C
- 2018 Master's Degree in Executive Leadership, Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia
- 2018 Air Force Forces (AFFOR) Senior Staff Course, Hurlburt Field AFB, Florida

**ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. Aug 1995 - Jun 1998, Patrolman, 14th Security Police Squadron, Columbus AFB, MS  
(Jun 96 - Sept 96, Desk Sergeant, Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)  
(Apr 97 - Sept 97, Joint Fire Team Leader, Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras)
2. Jun 1998 - Jun 1999, Chief, Reports and Analysis, 8th Security Forces Squadron, Kunsan AB, ROK
3. Aug 1999 - Aug 2001, Stan Eval, 374th Security Forces Squadron, Yokota Air Base, Japan  
(Jan 2000 - Mar 2000, NCOIC Vehicle Search Area, Al Dhafra Air Base, UAE)
4. Sept 2001 - Sept 2002, NCOIC, Training, 85th Security Forces Squadron, Keflavik, Iceland
5. Sept 2002 - Aug 2004, NCOIC, Installation Security, 65th Security Forces Squadron, Lajes Field, Portugal
6. Aug 2004 - Mar 2007, Command Investigator, Det 3 HQ AF Security Forces Center, Charleston AFB, SC
7. Mar 2007 - Apr 2009, Supt, Security Forces Logistics, 35th Security Forces Squadron, Misawa AB, Japan  
(Feb 2008 - Aug 2008, Force Protection Liaison, Al Udeid AB, Qatar)
8. Apr 2009 - Mar 2010, Supt, Security Forces Operations, 35th Security Forces Squadron, Misawa AB, Japan
9. Apr 2010 - Dec 2010, Supt, Security Forces Operations, 90th Security Forces Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, WY
10. Dec 2010 - Dec 2011, Security Forces Manager, 790th Missile SF Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, WY
11. Dec 2011 - Feb 2013, Security Forces Manager, 90th Missile SF Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, WY
12. Feb 2013 - Mar 2014, Group Superintendent, 90th Security Forces Group, F.E. Warren AFB, WY
13. Mar 2014 - Jun 2014, Interim Command Chief, 90th Missile Wing, F.E. Warren AFB, WY
14. Jun 2014 - Apr 2016, Command Chief, 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman AFB, MO
15. Apr 2016 - Jun 2018, Command Chief, 57th Wing, Nellis Air Force Base, NV
16. Jun 2018 - Present, Command Chief, United States Air Force Central Command, Southwest Asia

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal

Joint Service Achievement Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Joint Meritorious Unit Award with oak leaf cluster

**OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:**

1997 Senior Airman Below-the-Zone

1999 Distinguished Graduate, Airmen Leadership School

2003 Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, 65th Air Base Wing/USFORAZ

2004 John L. Levitow Leadership Award, Noncommissioned Officer Academy

2005 Distinguished Graduate, DoD Military Police Investigator Academy

2005 Service Member of the Year, Naval Consolidated Brig, Charleston

2006 SNCO of the Year, Det 3 HQ USAF Security Forces Center

2006 Federal Executive Employee of the Year, South Carolina

2008 Distinguished Graduate, Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Chief Master Sergeant                      1 Dec 2011

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