



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT CHAD E. NIXON

Chief Master Sergeant Chad Nixon is the Command Chief for the 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. The 515 AMOW provides forward-deployed mobility command and control, aerial port operations, and en route aircraft maintenance support to Department of Defense organic and contracted commercial aircraft executing airlift, air refueling, and aeromedical evacuation missions throughout the Pacific theater. He serves as the Senior Enlisted Advisor responsible to the Commander for the morale and welfare of approximately 1,600 U.S. military, civilian, and local national personnel assigned from two Air Mobility Operations Groups, six geographically separated squadrons, three detachments, six operating locations, and eleven air terminals spanning from Alaska to Diego Garcia.

Chief Nixon entered the Air Force in January 1991 from Benton City, WA as a C-141B airlift aircraft maintenance specialist. He went on to be a Dedicated Crew Chief and Flying Crew Chief on C-141B and C-17A aircraft as well as being trained on C-5 and KC-10 aircraft. His assignments include Charleston AFB, South Carolina, McChord AFB, Washington, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, and Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Chief Nixon has deployed numerous times in support of Operations Restore Hope, Desert Star, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and Deep Freeze.



Prior to assuming his Command Chief position, he served as the Superintendent for the 735th Air Mobility Squadron, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii where he was responsible to the unit commander for the leadership and management for a diverse team of over 363 military and civilian personnel.

EDUCATION

- 1995 Airman Leadership School, Distinguished Graduate, Charleston, SC
- 2001 Associate of Applied Science, Aircraft Maintenance Technology, CCAF
- 2003 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Peterson AFB, CO
- 2007 Bachelor of Science, Professional Aeronautics, Magna cum Laude, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, FL
- 2009 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Distinguished Graduate, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2013 Master of Aeronautical Science, Safety and Management Specializations, ERAU, FL
- 2015 Professional Manager Certificate, CCAF
- 2017 Command Chief Candidate Course
- 2018 Senior Enlisted Legal Orientation Course
- 2018 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education I & II

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1991 – March 1991, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. March 1991 – May 1991, Student, Airlift Aircraft Maintenance Specialist Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas
3. May 1991 – September 1997, C-141B Aircraft Maintenance Specialist, 437th Aircraft Generation Squadron, Charleston AFB, South Carolina
4. September 1997 – August 2001, C-141B Flying Crew Chief, 62d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, McChord AFB, Washington
5. August 2001 – August 2003, Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, Protocol, 62d Airlift Wing, McChord AFB, Washington

6. August 2003 – September 2006, C-17 Flying Crew Chief, 62d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, McChord AFB, Washington
7. September 2006 – September 2012, Production Superintendent/Aircraft Maintenance Unit/Maintenance Superintendent, 735th Air Mobility Squadron (AMC), Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
8. September 2012 – September 2015, Command Large Aircraft Maintenance Manager, Headquarters, Air Force Material Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
9. September 2015 – August 2016, Command Aircraft Maintenance Functional Manager, Headquarters, Air Force Material Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
10. August 2016 – July 2018, Superintendent, 735th Air Mobility Squadron (AMC), Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI
11. August 2018 – Present, Command Chief, 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing (AMC), Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters
Air Force Recognition Ribbon with Oak Leaf Cluster

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1995 Distinguished Graduate, Airman Leadership School
2005 Lead Crew Chief, Best C-17 Maintenance Team in USAF
2007 15 EMTF Lt Gen Leo Marquez Award
2008 Air Force Gen Lew Allen, Jr. Trophy
2009 Distinguished Graduate, Senior NCO Academy
2009 515 AMOW SNCO of the Year
2011 735 AMS Lance P. Sijan

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant, 1 Apr 2014

(Current as of July 2018)