



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT ERIC R. JAREN

(Retired from the United States Air Force effective Sept. 1, 2012)

In his last assignment, Chief Master Sergeant Eric R. Jaren served as the Command Chief, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. As the command chief, he reported directly and was the adviser to the Commander (4-Star General) of the Air Force Materiel Command, on all matters affecting training, education, readiness, effective utilization of the command's 13,431 enlisted Airmen and their families assigned to 11 centers and 31 wings and wing-equivalent directorates spread across 67 geographically-separated locations. He also served on the USAF Enlisted Board of Directors and several other corporate boards, evaluating policies impacting 267,000 personnel in the Air Force.



Chief Jaren entered the Air Force in August 1982 and served at squadron, group, wing and numbered Air Force levels. His assignments included superintendent positions within the Maintenance Group, Operations Group and Mission Support Group, as well as additional duties in mobility operations, first sergeant, protocol and special projects. Before serving as the Command Chief of a major command, he served as the command chief for the Air Force Flight Test Center and 95th Air Base Wing at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

Chief Jaren is a veteran of numerous contingencies including Operations Desert Shield/Storm/Calm, Restore Hope, Support Hope, twice for Enduring Freedom, twice for Iraqi Freedom and Peaceful Summit, and put "boots on the ground" in over 40 countries.

EDUCATION

1998 Associate degree in aircraft maintenance technology, Community College of the Air Force
2000 Airframe and powerplant license, Federal Aviation Administration

2008 Bachelor's degree in management and psychology, Excelsior College, N.Y.
2008 Leadership Development Program, Air Force Smart Operations 21st Century
2008 Leadership Development Program, Gettysburg Leadership Experience, Gettysburg, Pa.
2009 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education, Joint Forces Staff College, Va.
2009 Keystone Fellow, Leadership Development Program, National Defense University, Wash., D.C.
2010 Master's degree in business administration, TUI University, Cypress, Calif.
2011 Professional Manager Certification, Community College of the Air Force
2012 Executive Certificate in Negotiation, Mendoza College of Business, University of Notre Dame

MEMBERSHIPS

Board of Trustees, Air Force Museum Foundation
Wright-Patterson AFB Chief's Group
Air Force Association (AFA), Wright Memorial Chapter 212
Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA), Kittyhawk Chapter
751 Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Post 8312
Trident University Senior Leaders Group

ASSIGNMENTS

1982 - 1982, Trainee, 3709th Basic Military Training School, Lackland AFB, Texas
1982 - 1982, Student, Aircraft Technician, 3761 Student Training Squadron, Sheppard AFB, Tx.
1983 - 1990, Aero Repair Specialist, C5/C141s, 60th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Travis AFB, Calif.
1990 - 1991, Crew Chief, Saudi Arabia (Operation Desert Shield/Storm/Calm)
1991 - 1996, Flight Line Supervisor, C5/C141s, 60th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Travis AFB, Calif.
1996 - 1997, Production Supervisor, C5/C141/KC10s, 60th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Travis AFB, Calif.
1997 - 1998, Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, Wing Protocol and Special Projects, 60th Air Mobility Wing, Travis AFB, Calif.
1998 - 2002, Aircraft Program Manager, C141/C17s, HQ 15th Air Force, Travis AFB, Calif.
2002 - 2004, Superintendent, 715th Air Mobility Squadron, Travis AFB, Calif.
2004 - 2006, Superintendent, F-15Es, 494th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom
2006 - 2007, Superintendent, F-15Cs, 493d Aircraft Maintenance Unit, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom
2007 - 2008, Superintendent, 95th Mission Support Group, Edwards AFB, Calif.
2008 - 2008, Interim Command Chief, Air Force Flight Test Center and 95th Air Base Wing, Edwards AFB, Calif.
2008 - 2010, Command Chief, Air Force Flight Test Center and 95th Air Base Wing, Edwards AFB, Calif.

2010 - 2012, Command Chief, HQ Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit Medal

Airman's Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with one silver leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal with three oak leaf cluster

Air Force Good Conduct Medal with seven devices

National Defense Service Medal with one device

Southwest Asia Service Medal with three devices

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Kuwait Liberation Medal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Kuwait Liberation Medal

Government of Kuwait

MAJOR AWARDS

1985 Senior Airman Below-the-Zone

1995 Noncommissioned Officer of the year, 60th Air Mobility Wing

1996 Stripes for Exceptional Performer's promotion

1999 Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the year, Headquarters Fifteenth Air Force

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2001 Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the year, Headquarters Fifteenth Air Force

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant November 1, 2004

(Current as of September 2012)