



# Biography

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## **CHIEF MASTER SGT. FRANKLIN D. SMITH**



Chief Master Sergeant Franklin (Frank) D. Smith is the command chief master sergeant for the 35th Fighter Wing at Misawa Air Base, Japan. He serves as the senior enlisted advisor to the 35th Fighter Wing commander and the Misawa Air Base installation. He is responsible for the health, welfare and morale of the enlisted force on the installation. He represents the enlisted community to the commander and advises the commander of important enlisted force issues. Chief Smith provides the communications link between the installation commander and the enlisted community, ensuring the commander's programs and policies are understood.

The chief entered the U.S. Air Force in March 1978. His background includes various duties in the security forces and first sergeant career fields. In addition to his many stateside and overseas assignments, Chief Smith has deployed in support of operations Southern Watch, Joint Endeavor and Allied Force.

### **EDUCATION:**

- 1981 Military Airlift Command Noncommissioned Officer Preparatory Course
- 1983 Strategic Air Command Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School
- 1985 Associate's degree, criminal justice, Community College of the Air Force
- 1986 Bachelor's degree, occupational education, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
- 1989 Strategic Air Command Noncommissioned Officer Academy
- 1990 Associate's degree, industrial security, Community College of the Air Force
- 1996 Associate's, personnel administration, Community College of the Air Force
- 1997 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy
- 2001 Master's degree, public administration, Troy State University, Ala.

### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. June 1978 - September 1981, security alert team member, 45th Missile Security Squadron, Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.

2. September 1981 - March 1986, Military Airlift Command elite guard, 375th Security Police Squadron, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
3. March 1986 - March 1987, quality control evaluator, 487th Security Police Group, Comiso Air Station, Sicily
4. March 1987 - February 1993, wing security controller, security flight supervisor, first sergeant, 351st Missile Security Squadron, Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.
5. February 1993 - March 1994, first sergeant, 343rd Training Detachment, Fort Dix, N.J.
6. March 1994 - June 1996, first sergeant, 305th Transportation Squadron and 13th Airlift Squadron, McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.
7. June 1996 - July 1998, first sergeant, 65th Logistics Group, Lajes Field, Azores
8. July 1998 - April 2001, first sergeant, 20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.
9. April 2001 – January 2003, command first sergeant, headquarters United States Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
10. January 2003 - present, command chief master sergeant, 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa Air Base, Japan

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
 Meritorious Service Medal with three bronze oak leaf clusters  
 Air Force Commendation Medal with four bronze oak leaf clusters  
 Air Force Achievement Medal with bronze oak leaf cluster  
 Army Achievement Medal  
 Joint Meritorious Unit Award with bronze oak leaf cluster

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Chief master sergeant	June 2001
Senior master sergeant	August 1997
Master sergeant	June 1991