



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT LEARIE R. GAITAN

Chief Master Sergeant Learie R. Gaitan is the Superintendent of Air Force Basic Military Training (BMT) at the 737th Training Group, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He is responsible for the supervision, leadership and training of more than 800 permanent party personnel, and a daily student load of more than 6,000. The Group executes all aspects of the Air Force's enlisted recruit training program, and ensures the orderly transition from civilian to military life for 39,000 Active Duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve non-prior service accessions annually. Chief Gaitan grew up in Port of Spain, Trinidad and entered the Air Force from Cleveland, Ohio in June of 1994. His background includes various duties within the Services career field at the unit and MAJCOM level. Throughout his career he has also filled special duties as a Master Military Training Instructor and Superintendent of Plans & Operations for Army & Air Force Exchange Services (AAFES) Headquarters Europe & South West Asia. Previous assignments include installations in Germany, Bulgaria, Kuwait, Republic of Korea, New Mexico, Texas and South Dakota. His deployments include support of Operation Deny Flight, Southern Watch and Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. Prior to assuming his current position, he served as a Senior Enlisted Leader for Installation Support Directorate, HQ Air Force Services Center Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas.



EDUCATION:

1994 Airframe & Powerplant (A&P) Training Gen. Benjamin O 'DAVIS, Aviation, Cleveland, OH
1995 Electronics Certification Course, Cleveland Institute of Electronics, Cleveland, OH
1998 Air Force Military Training Instructor Course, Lackland AFB, TX
2002 Airman Leadership School, Lackland AFB, TX
2002 Air University Academic Instructor School, Maxwell AFB, AL
2005 Associate Degree in Fitness & Recreation Management, CCAF
2007 Non-commission Officer Academy, Kirkland AFB, NM
2009 Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Bellevue University, NE
2012 Senior Non-commission Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, AL
2012 Joint Senior Non-commission Officer Academy, (correspondence)
2012 Master's Degree in Business Administration & Management, Bellevue University, NE
2013 Lean Six Sigma Program BB, Aveta Business Institute
2015 Professional Managers Certificate, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, AL
2016 Allen Freed Middle East Strategic Seminar, USTC, Scott AFB, IL
2017 Chief Leadership Course, Maxwell AFB, AL
2017 Allen Freed Associates, White House Strategic Communication Planning Seminar, USTC, SAFB, IL

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. June 1994 – August 1994 student, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, TX
2. August 1994-October 1994, student, Technical y Training School , Lackland AFB, Tx
3. November 1994 - August 1998, Lodging Desk Clerk, Readiness Apprentice, Ellsworth AFB, SD
4. August 1998 – September 2003, Military Training Instructor, Lackland AFB, TX
5. September 2003 – January 2004, Food Service Craftsman, Ramstein AB, GE
6. February 2004 – July 2005, Unit Training Manager, Ramstein AB, GE
7. July 2005 - August 2006, NCOIC, Mortuary Affairs, Ramstein AB, GE
8. August 2006 - August, 2007 NCOIC Readiness & Mortuary Affairs, Holloman AB, NM
9. September 2007 – August 2008, Superintendent, Protocol, 52nd FW, Holloman AB, NM

10. September 2008 – Aug 2011, Superintendent, Plans & Operations HQ AAFES Europe & SWA, Mainz Kastel, GE
11. September 2011 – September 2012, Superintendent, Sustainment Services Flt, Kunsan AB, ROK
12. October 2012 – May 2013, Lodging Assistant General Manager, Spangdahlem AB, GE
13. May 2013 – July 2014, Fitness Director, Spangdahlem AB, GE
14. July 2014 – May 2016, Superintendent, Sustainment Services Flt Scott AFB, IL
15. May 2016 – June 2018, Superintendent, AMC/A1R Readiness & Integration/Services Functional Manager & Senior Enlisted Leader, HQ AMC/A1 Scott AFB, IL
16. June 2018 – February 2020, Senior Enlisted Leader, Air Force Services Center, SVI, JBSA, TX
17. Feb 2020 - Present, Superintendent, 737 Training Group, JBSA-Lackland, Texas

DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal (7 OLC)
Air Force Commendation Medal (2 OLC)
Army Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal (1 OLC)
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (4 OLC) AF
Organizational Excellence Award
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal Global
War on Terrorism Service Medal
Korean Defense Service Medal
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

2014 - 375th Force Support Sq, SNCO of the Year
2013 - 52nd Force Support Sq, SNCO of the Year
2012 - PACAF Food Service Hennessy Award
2012 - 52nd Spangdahlem, AF Inn-Keeper Award
2010 - DOD Combat Trafficking In Person Program Award
2008 - Step Promoted To MSgt
2007 - Lance P. Sijan (NCO Cat)
2007 - John L. Levitow Award
2007 - 49th FW NCO of the Year
2006 - Air Force Services NCO of the Year
2005 - 86th Services Squadron, NCO of the Year
2003 - USAFE Training Program of the Year
2002 - 323rd TRS, Instructor of the Year
2002 - Leadership Award, Airman Leadership School
2000 - 323rd TRS, Airman of the Year

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Staff Sergeant – 1 December 2000
Technical Sergeant – 1 May 2005
Master Sergeant – 9 January 2008
Senior Master Sergeant – 1 May 2013
Chief Master Sergeant – 1 September 2016

Effective 24 February, 2020

