



BIOGRAPHY



AIR NATIONAL GUARD

Chief Master Sergeant Andrew M. Papania

Chief Master Sergeant Andrew M. Papania is the eleventh Command Chief Master Sergeant for the Mississippi Air National Guard assigned to the Joint Force Headquarters, Mississippi Air National Guard in Jackson, Mississippi. Chief Papania is responsible for reviewing promotion, retention, and assignment policy affecting over 2,300 enlisted personnel; conducting counseling and interviewing sessions through a visitation program to 29 units; and identifying issues and recommending action directly to commanders. He maintains liaison between the enlisted personnel, The Adjutant General and the Assistant Adjutant General for Air/Commander, Mississippi Air National Guard.

Chief Papania resumed responsibility as the State Command Chief Master Sergeant for the Mississippi Air National Guard on September 1, 2012.

Chief Master Sergeant Papania was born May 3, 1956 in Gulfport Mississippi. He attended St. John Catholic School in Gulfport and earned his diploma. He enlisted with the 890th Combat Engineer Battalion, Mississippi Army National Guard in November 1976. Chief Papania Graduated from the Engineering Equipment Mechanic School in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri as a light Wheel Vehicle mechanic.



In 1983, Chief Papania left the Army National Guard and joined the 173rd Civil Engineering Squadron as a Heavy Equipment Operator until 1986. October 1986, he accepted a job as a mechanic for the Air to Ground Range located at the Air National Guard Combat Readiness Training Center (CRTC). Chief Papania accepted the Airfield Manager's position at the CRTC in 1995 and worked in that position for five years. His appointment to the First Sergeant position occurred during the time he was the Airfield Manager. Chief Papania became the Vehicle Maintenance Superintendent in 2000 and remained in that position until October 26, 2007. Chief Papania served as the Senior Enlisted Advisor for the Air National Guard Combat Readiness Training Center, Gulfport, Mississippi from October 26, 2007 until 1 September 2012. As the Senior Enlisted Advisor, he was responsible for advising and informing the commander on all enlisted force issues. He enforced standards among the enlisted force and reviewed all promotion packages. Chief Papania worked directly with the First Sergeant on enlisted issues. He scheduled all units training at the Combat Readiness Training Center. He was the IMPAC card approving official for the Logistics section. Chief Papania advised the Director of Logistics and the Vehicle Maintenance Superintendent on enlisted force issues.

(Current as of 1 November 2012)

EDUCATION:

1974 St. John Catholic High School, Gulfport, Mississippi
1977 Engineer Equipment Mechanic School, Fort Leonard Wood, MO
1989 Non-Commissioned Officers Leadership School, McGhee-Tyson ANGB, TN
1993 Non-Commissioned Officers Academy, McGhee-Tyson, ANGB, TN
1995 Airfield Management School, Keesler AFB, MS
1997 First Sergeant Academy, Maxwell AFB, AL
2000 Senior Non-Commissioned Officers Academy, Maxwell AFB, AL
2007 ANG Chief Master Sergeant's Executive Course, Crystal City, VA
2012 ANG Command Chief Master Sergeant's Orientation Course, Lackland AFB, TX

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. November 1976 – November 1982: Vehicle Mechanic, 890th Combat Engineer Battalion (Combat Heavy), Gulfport, MS
2. February 1983 – September 1986: Heavy Equipment Operator, 173rd Civil Engineer Squadron, Gulfport, MS
3. September 1986 – January 1995: Vehicle Mechanic, Combat Readiness Training Center, Gulfport, MS
4. February 1995 – July 2000: Airfield Manager, Combat Readiness Training Center, Gulfport, MS
5. March 1997 – July 2000: First Sergeant, Combat Readiness Training Center, Gulfport, MS
6. July 2000 – October 2007: Vehicle Maintenance Superintendent, Combat Readiness Training Center, Gulfport, MS
7. October 2007 – September 2012: Senior Enlisted Advisor, Combat Readiness Training Center, Gulfport, MS
8. September 2012 - present: State Command Chief Master Sergeant, Mississippi Joint Force Headquarters, Jackson, MS

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with one device
Air Force Achievement Medal with one device
Army Achievement Medal
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one device
Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with nine devices
Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal
National Defense Service Medal with one device
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Armed Forces Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal
Air Force Longevity Service Award with seven devices
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with three devices
USAF NCO PME Graduate Ribbon with two devices
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with one device
Air Force Training Ribbon

MISSISSIPPI AWARDS AND DECORATION:

Mississippi Commendation Medal
Mississippi Medal of Efficiency
Mississippi War Medal with one device
Mississippi Emergency Service Medal
Mississippi Service School Medal with four devices
Mississippi Longevity Medal with six devices

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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS:

Member of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Private 22 November, 1976

Private 27 June, 1977

Private First Class 6 June, 1978

Specialist Four 25 April, 1979

Sergeant 15 February, 1983

Staff Sergeant 15 October, 1984

Technical Sergeant 24 April, 1992

Master Sergeant 1 April, 1995

Senior Master Sergeant 16 November, 2000

Chief Master Sergeant 6 March, 2007

Command Chief Master Sergeant 1 September 2012