



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JAMES M. POPE

Chief Master Sergeant James Pope is the acting Command Chief of the 316th Wing at Joint Base Andrews-Naval Air Facility Washington, Maryland. In this role, he advises the commander on all enlisted matters and on issues regarding the welfare, readiness, utilization, morale, and quality of life for personnel across five wings, three headquarters, and over 80 tenant organizations, as well as 60,000 military and civilian Airmen, and families in the National Capital Region and around the world. The 316th Wing supports contingency operations in our nation's capital with immediate response rotary wing assets. It also provides security for the world's highest visibility flight line and is responsible for operations of the Air Force Memorial and the Air Force Chaplaincy.



Chief Pope was raised as an Air Force dependent, living in several stateside and overseas locations, prior to entering the Air Force in 1995. Throughout his career, he has held a variety of leadership positions serving at the squadron, group, and wing levels. He has deployed in support of Operations JOINT GUARD, SOUTHERN WATCH, IRAQI FREEDOM and Joint Task Force Phoenix for Hurricane Michael recovery operations at Tyndall AFB. His assignments include bases in Colorado, Illinois, Mississippi, Maryland, Texas, Washington State, and the Republic of Korea. He has also served overseas in Bosnia, Egypt, Hungary, Kuwait, Iraq, and Egypt. Prior to this assignment, he served as the Senior Enlisted Leader, 316th Mission Support Group, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland.

EDUCATION

2001 Airman Leadership School, McChord Air Force Base (AFB), Washington State
2009 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2009 Associate of Applied Science, Electrical and Mechanical Technology, CCAF
2009 Air Force Academy Training School, USAFA, Colorado
2012 First Sergeant Academy, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2013 Associate of Applied Science, Education and Training, CCAF
2013 Associate of Applied Science, Human Resource Management, CCAF
2014 Professional Managers Certification, CCAF
2015 Bachelor of Science, Business Management, Colorado State University, CO
2017 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, by correspondence
2019 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II Course; Joint Forces Staff College
2022 Chief Leadership Course, Chief Master Sergeant Academy, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

ASSIGNMENTS

1. February 1995 – May 1995, trainee, Basic Military Training, 332nd Training Squadron, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. May 1995 – August 1995, student, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Apprentice Course, 366th Training Squadron, Sheppard AFB, Texas
3. August 1995 – May 2001, HVAC Journeyman, 62nd Civil Engineer Squadron, McChord AFB, Washington State

4. May 2001 – May 2002, HVAC Craftsman, 607th Combat Communications Squadron, Camp Humphreys, Republic of Korea
5. May 2002 - October 2007, NCOIC, HVAC Section, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, Keesler AFB, Mississippi
6. October 2007 - November 2009, NCOIC, HVAC Section, 316th Civil Engineer Squadron, Andrews AFB, Maryland
7. November 2009 - November 2012, Academy Military Training NCO, Cadet Squadron 16, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado
8. November 2012 - November 2013, First Sergeant, 362nd Training Squadron, Sheppard AFB, Texas
9. November 2013 - July 2014, First Sergeant, 80th Flying Training Wing (Euro NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training), Sheppard AFB, Texas
10. July 2014 - November 2015, First Sergeant, 82nd Medical Group, Sheppard AFB, Texas
11. November 2015 - August 2020, Superintendent, Operations Flight, 375th Civil Engineer Squadron, Scott AFB, Illinois
12. August 2020- August 2021, Chief Enlisted Manager, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron, Osan AB, Republic of Korea
13. August 2021 – June 2023, Senior Enlisted Leader, 316th Civil Engineer Squadron, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland
14. June 2023 – Present, Senior Enlisted Leader, 316th Mission Support Group, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with six oak leaf clusters
Army Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal with eight oak leaf clusters

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1998 Airman of the Year, 62nd Civil Engineer Squadron
2005 Non-commissioned Officer of the Year, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron
2014 First Sergeant of the Year, 2nd Air Force/82nd Training Wing
2018 Larry Daniels Award, Civil Engineer Superintendent of the Year, 375th Civil Engineer Squadron
2019 Lance P. Sijan, 375th Air Mobility Wing

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant July 2020

(Current as of March 2024)