



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT ANDREW R. MING

Chief Master Sergeant Andrew R. Ming is the Senior Enlisted Leader for the newly formed Space Delta 1, Vandenberg Space Force Base, Calif. Chief Ming advises the DEL 1 Commander and squadron commanders on all matters regarding enlisted, officer and civilian life-cycle career development, to include initial accessions training, core technical training, intermediate & advanced weapon system training, while driving Guardian culture across five U.S. Space Force specialties. Chief Ming also oversees morale, welfare, organizational climate, diversity & inclusion and professional & personal development of assigned personnel. Chief Ming also monitors dormitory and temporary living conditions and coordinates local host base & garrison support unit(s) to assist units in obtaining quality living and working conditions for all assigned space professionals, which includes approximately 900 students per year.

Chief Ming grew up in Taft, California and graduated from Taft Union High School in 1996. He enlisted in the Air Force in February, 1997 and attended Air Force Basic Military Training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. His background includes duties as a Security Forces Military Working Dog Handler, various duties in Cyber Operations and multiple squadrons in his six-year tenure as a First Sergeant. His assignments include bases in Idaho, Germany, California, Korea, Alaska and Colorado. Chief Ming entered the USSF Dec. 1, 2020.

Prior to assuming his current position, Chief Ming served as the Group Superintendent, 30th Operations Group, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.



EDUCATION

1997 Ground Combat Skills, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
1997 Law Enforcement Academy, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
1997 Military Working Dog Handler Course, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
2002 Airman Leadership School, Kapaun Air Station, Germany
2002 Communications-Computer Operations Course, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.
2005 Adv. Communications-Computer Operations Course, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.
2009 Non-commissioned Officer Academy, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.
2011 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Course 14, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2011 Associates of Science Degree, Criminal Justice, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2011 Associates of Science Degree, Information Technology, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2011 United States Air Force First Sergeant Academy, Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, Alabama
2012 Associates of Science Degree, Human Resource Management, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2012 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va., by correspondence
2014 Bachelor of Science, Information Technology Management, American Military University, Charles Town W. Va., by correspondence
2017 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, Alabama
2018 Masters of Science, Project Management, University of Alaska, Anchorage, Alaska
2020 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education – II, Joint Forces Staff College, by correspondence
2020 Chief Leadership Course, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. February 1997–April 1997, Trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
2. April 1997–September 1997, Student, Law Enforcement Academy & Military Working Dog Handler Course, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
3. September 1997–July 1999, Military Working Dog Handler, 366 Security Forces Squadron, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho
4. July 1999–May 2002, Military Working Dog Handler, 568th Security Forces Flight, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
5. May 2002–January 2007, Communications Operations, 48th Intelligence Squadron, Beale Air Force Base, Calif.
6. January 2008–January 2012, Operations Flight Chief, National Reconnaissance Office, El Segundo, Calif.
7. January 2012–January 2013, First Sergeant, 6th Intelligence Squadron, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea
8. February 2013–August 2014, First Sergeant, 673d Civil Engineer Squadron, Joint-Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
9. August 2014–July 2015, First Sergeant, 673d Security Forces Squadron, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
10. August 2015–August 2017, First Sergeant, 3d Munitions Squadron, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
11. September 2017–June 2019, Operations Flight Superintendent, 673d Communications Squadron, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
12. July 2019–July 2020, Chief Enlisted Manager, 460th Cyber Squadron, Buckley Air Force Base, Colo.
13. July 2020–May 2021: Group Superintendent, 30th Operations Group, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.
14. June 2021–August 2021: Senior Enlisted Leader, Delta 1 Task Force, Vandenberg Space Force Base, Calif.
15. August 2021–Present: Senior Enlisted Leader, Delta 1, Vandenberg Space Force Base, Calif.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Good Conduct Medal with six oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Medal
Korean Defense Service Medal
Air and Space Campaign Medal
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Small Arms Expert Marksman with bronze star

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1997 Honor Graduate, Military Working Dog Handler Course
2001 USAFE Military Working Dog Team of the Year
2002 86th Security Forces Squadron Military Working Dog Handler of the Year
2007 480th Intelligence Wing Information Assurance Manager of the Year
2009 Communications-Operations Space Squadron Technician of the Year
2010 Communications-Operations Space Squadron NCO of the Year
2011 Communications-Operations Space Squadron Outstanding Cyber Operations SNCO of the Year
2012 Air Force Intelligence-Surveillance-Reconnaissance Agency's Outstanding First Sergeant of the Year
2013 673d Air Base Wing Outstanding First Sergeant of the Year
2015 11th Air Force Lance P. Sijan SNCO Leadership Award

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic Feb. 19, 1997
Airman Aug. 19, 1997
Airman First Class June 19, 1998
Senior Airman Feb. 19, 2000
Staff Sergeant Mar. 1, 2002
Technical Sergeant Apr. 1, 2007
Master Sergeant June 1, 2011
Senior Master Sergeant July 1, 2016
Chief Master Sergeant July 1, 2019

(Current as of August 2021)