



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT MICHAEL S. COOPER

Chief Master Sergeant Michael S. Cooper is the Chief Enlisted Manager, Combat Readiness Training Center (CRTC) Gulfport, Mississippi. The primary mission of the CRTC is to provide an integrated, year round, realistic joint training environment (Air Space, Ranges, Systems, Facilities, and Equipment) for units to enhance their capability and combat readiness. The CRTC is certified as a Joint National Training Center emphasizing Special Operations Forces (SOF), Suppression/Destruction of Enemy Air Defenses (SEAD/DEAD), Close Air Support (CAS), En-Route Casualty Care (ERCC) and Combat Search and Rescue (CSAR) in addition, the CRTC is an Aerial Port of Embarkation/Debarcation in support of Contingency Operations worldwide. Chief Cooper has oversight of CRTC facility maintenance and repair to include thirty five military, civilian, and contract employees as well as budgeting and fiscal planning for the CRTC's largest Master Cooperative Agreement.

He enlisted in the United States Air Force in May of 1996. After graduation from Basic Military Training at Lackland AFB, Texas, Chief Cooper attended the Structural Apprentice Course at Naval Construction Training Center Gulfport, Mississippi. Upon completion of training, Chief Cooper was assigned to the 100th Civil Engineer Squadron, Royal Air Force Base, Mildenhall, England where he served as Structural Journeyman for four years. In 2001 Chief Cooper was transferred to the 366th Training Squadron, Det. 6 as a Technical Training Instructor for the Civil Engineer Structures School, Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, MS. Chief Cooper separated from active duty in February 2005 and joined the Mississippi Air National Guard's 209th Civil Engineer Squadron. He served there until September of 2006 when he became the recruiter for the 255th Air Control Squadron Gulfport, Mississippi. As Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC) of the section he was responsible for overall recruiting, advertising, and financial management of three Air Guard units on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. After completion of his recruiting tour he was transferred to the CRTC, Air-to-Ground Range where he served as structural craftsman and NCOIC. Chief Cooper has contingency deployments to Bosnia, Saudi Arabia, and Qatar. Prior to assuming his current position, Chief Cooper served as the Base Facility Manager, Support Directorate, and Senior Enlisted Advisor for Combat Readiness Training Center in Gulfport, Mississippi.



EDUCATION

- 1996 U.S. Air Force Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
- 2000 Airman Leadership School, RAF Feltwell, UK.
- 2001 Basic Instructor Course, Keesler AFB, Biloxi, Miss.
- 2002 Associate Degree, Construction Technology, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2002 Associate Degree, Instructional Training of Military Science, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2006 USAF NCO Academy, Gunter Annex, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2006 USAF Recruiting School, Lackland AFB, Texas
- 2007 Retention Office Manager School, Magee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Tenn.
- 2007 Advanced Recruiting School, Magee Tyson ANG Base, Tenn.
- 2008 Associate Degree, Human Resources Management, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2010 USAF SNCO Academy, Gunter Annex, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2014 Senior Enlisted Joint PME, Course II, by correspondence
- 2016 Civil Engineer Superintendent Course, Wright Paterson AFB, Ohio
- 2017 Senior Enlisted Joint PME, Course I, by correspondence
- 2019 ANG Chief Master Sergeant Orientation Course, Joint Base Andrews AFB, Md.
- 2020 Bachelor of Arts, General Studies/Human Resources, Southern New Hampshire University, N.H.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. December 1996–February 2001, Structural Journeyman, 100th CES, RAF Mildenhall, UK (September–November 1997, Structural Journeyman, 401st AEW, Tuzla, Bosnia) (Nov 1998 – May 1999, Structural Journeyman, 363rd AEW, Prince Sultan AB, Saudi Arabia)
2. February 2001–January 2005, NCOIC, Mobile Training Team/Instructor, 366 TRS Det 6, Gulfport, Mississippi
3. January 2005–September 2006, Utilities Craftsman, 209th CES, Gulfport, Mississippi
4. September 2006–September 2009, NCOIC, Recruiting Services, 255th ACS, Gulfport, Mississippi
5. September 2009–July 2013, Air to Ground Range NCOIC, MS ANG CRTC, Camp Shelby, Mississippi (September 2009–February 2010, Coordinator, Maintenance Ops, 71st EACS, Al Udeid AB, Qatar)
6. July 2013 – April 2021, Base Facility Manager/Support Directorate, Senior Enlisted Advisor, MS ANG CRTC, Gulfport, Mississippi (January 2019–April 2019, NGB, Advise and Assist Team, 156th AW, Carolina, Puerto Rico)
7. April 2021–Present, Chief Enlisted Manager, MS ANG CRTC, Gulfport, Mississippi

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Army Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Meritorious Unit Award
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one silver and one oak leaf cluster
Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

2002 Technical Training Teaching Practicum
2002 Air Force Certified Instructional Systems Development
2007 Recruiting and Retention NCO of the year Mississippi
2008 Recruiting and Retention NCO of the year Mississippi
2008 Director of the Air National Guard, Recruiting Challenge Winner
2008 Gold Recruiting Badge Winner

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic May 15, 1996
Airman Nov. 15, 1996
Airman First Class Sept. 15, 1997
Senior Airman May 15, 1999
Staff Sergeant June 1, 2001
Technical Sergeant June, 2005
Master Sergeant June 4, 2007
Senior Master Sergeant Oct. 1, 2013
Chief Master Sergeant Oct. 11, 2018

(Current as of April 2021)