



CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT ESTEBAN SALAZAR

Chief Master Sergeant Esteban Salazar is the interim Command Chief of the 711th Human Performance Wing and the Senior Enlisted Leader of the United States Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine (USAFSAM), the International Center of Excellence for Aerospace Medicine Consultation, Research, Education, and Training, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. He is the principal advisor to the Wing Commander on supporting more than 2,000 tri-service enlisted, officers, and civilians. Additionally, Chief Salazar advises the USAFSAM commander on the academic and administrative management of more than 5,000 students annually in ten Air Force Specialty Code-awarding courses, to include providing counseling and mentorship. The Wing is comprised of two technical directorates and ten diverse departments at seven geographically separated units at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Chief Salazar enlisted in the United States Air Force on June 14, 1994, as a Maintenance Production Manager and later cross trained into the Aerospace Medical Service Technician field. He has held assignments in Air Education and Training Command, USAF Pararescue School, and Pacific Air Forces and has filled myriad roles, including combat medic and Detachment Chief. Moreover, Chief Salazar deployed in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, Operation NEW DAWN, Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, United States Forces Korea, and Operation SPARTAN SHIELD.

Prior to assuming his current position, Chief Salazar was the Senior Enlisted Leader of the 378th Expeditionary Medical Group, Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, supporting and caring for 2,500 multi-component personnel enabling the wing to execute U.S Air Forces Central dynamic mission capabilities including tactical air and ground attack, aeromedical evacuation, and a responsive, staging, and operational air base with integrated air defense and forward-based air power. He assumed his current duties on 28 June 2022.

EDUCATION

- 1999 Airman Leadership School, Lackland Air Force Base, Tex.
- 1999 Paramedic School, San Antonio College
- 2001 Combat Casualty Care Course, Camp Bullis, Tex.
- 2001 Air Education & Training Command Basic Instructor Course
- 2001 Marine Corp Rappel Master Certified
- 2005 Associate in Allied Health Sciences, Community College of the Air Force
- 2005 Associate in Instructor of Technology and Military Science, Community College of the Air Force
- 2005 Master Instructor Certified, Air Education & Training Command
- 2006 Noncommissioned Officer School, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
- 2012 Bachelor of Science, Workforce Education and Development, Southern Illinois University
- 2013 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy-In Residence
- 2019 Chief Leadership Course

ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 1994 – June 1996, Aerospace Vehicle Distribution Officer, Randolph Air Force Base, Tex.
2. June 1996 – September 1997, Jet Engine Propulsion Flight Scheduler, Eglin AFB, Fla.
3. March 1998 – July 2001, Emergency Department Medical Technician, Lackland AFB, Tex.
4. July 2001 – July 2004, Defense Medical Readiness Institute, Camp Bullis, Tex.
5. July 2004 – July 2009, Pararescue/Combat Rescue Officer Paramedic Program, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
6. July 2009 – July 2011, Flight Chief, Emergency Department WHMC, Lackland AFB, Tex.
(OIF/OND Jul 2010 – January 2011, Flight Chief, 332d Expeditionary Medical Operations Squadron, Joint Base Balad, Iraq)
7. July 2011 – February 2013, Flight Chief, Emergency Department, SAMMC, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.
(OEF May 2012 – Dec 2012, Combat Medic, US Army, 67th Forward Surgical Team (Airborne), Afghanistan)
8. February 2013 – April 2015, Senior Enlisted Leader, Maternal Child SAMMC, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.
(OEF April 2014 – October 2014, Senior Enlisted Leader, 455th Expeditionary Medical Operations Squadron, Afghanistan)
9. April 2015 – September 2015, Senior Enlisted Leader, 959th Inpatient Operations Squadron, Ft Sam Houston, Tex.
10. September 2015 – June 2019, Senior Enlisted Leader, 374th Medical Operations Squadron, Yokota Air Base, Japan
11. July 2016 – October 2016, 374th Medical Group Senior Enlisted Leader, Yokota AB, Japan
12. September 2017 – February 2018, 374th Medical Group Senior Enlisted Leader, Yokota AB, Japan



EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

- Airman
December 14, 1994
- Airman First Class
October 14, 1995
- Senior Airman
December 14, 1996
- Staff Sergeant
August 1, 1999
- Technical Sergeant
April 1, 2004
- Master Sergeant
May 1, 2009
- Senior Master Sergeant
June 1, 2013
- Chief Master Sergeant
January 1, 2019

- (United States Forces Korea July 2018 – January 2019, Detachment Chief, Det 4 Gimhae AB Republic of Korea)
13. July 2019 – July 2020, Senior Enlisted Leader, 86th Medical Squadron. Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany
 14. July 2020 – February 2021, 86th Medical Group Senior Enlisted Leader, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
(OSS 10 November – 16 March 2022, 378th Expeditionary Medical Group Senior Enlisted Leader, Prince Sultan AB, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)
 15. June 2022 – Present, Senior Enlisted Leader, 711th Human Performance Wing and U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine, Wright- Patterson AFB, Ohio

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Joint Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal
Army Commendation Medal
Joint Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2003 Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute NCO of the Year
2005 Master Instructor Certified, Air Education & Training Command
2009 59th Medical Wing SNCO of the 4th Quarter for Nursing Services
2011 59th Medical Wing SNCO of the Year for Nursing Services
2012 59th Medical Wing Lamp Lighter Award, Emergency Nursing- Expert Category

(Current as of Sep 2023)

