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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JAMES A. “JB” BOTTORFF

CMSgt James A. Bottorff is the 175th Wing Command Chief, Martin State Airport, Baltimore, Maryland. CMSgt Bottorff serves as the key enlisted advocate and advisor to the Wing Commander on operational effectiveness and training of the Wing's enlisted Airmen. CMSgt Bottorff is a key member of the command leadership team and works with other enlisted leaders to include the State Command Chief, Group Senior Enlisted Leaders, and First Sergeants concerning enlisted matters. CMSgt Bottorff advises the Wing Commander on enlisted promotions, recognition programs, and awards and decorations. CMSgt Bottorff participates in the Wing Force Management Plan for all enlisted members and is responsible for the professional development of over 1,400 Airmen. As the wing's First Sergeant Functional Manager, CMSgt Bottorff oversees the First Sergeant program, to include the selection process and the Wing First Sergeant Council.

CMSgt Bottorff began his military career when he enlisted with the United States Air Force as an Aerospace Maintenance Apprentice in April 1994. CMSgt Bottorff completed Aerospace Maintenance technical school training at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, in June 1994 and Financial Services technical school training in June 1996, where he earned a 100% course average and received the Distinguished Graduate Award for academic excellence.



Upon his return from technical school, CMSgt Bottorff worked in various positions including Military and Travel Pay Specialist, Deputy Disbursing Officer, and Financial Management and Services Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge. He deployed on four separate occasions in support of Operations Joint Forge, Northern Watch, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom. Prior to accepting his current position, the chief master sergeant served as the Mission Support Group Senior Enlisted Leader, 175th Wing, Martin State Airport, Baltimore, Maryland.

EDUCATION

1997 Noncommissioned Officer Leadership Development Course, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich.
2000 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., by correspondence
2003 Bachelor of Science Degree, Public Administration, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.
2004 Master of Business Administration Degree, Strategic Management, Davenport University, Warren, Mich.
2005 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2009 Doctor of Business Administration Degree, University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Ariz.
2013 Associate of Science Degree in Financial Management, Community College of the Air Force, Montgomery, Ala.
2013 Air National Guard Chiefs Executive Course, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
2013 Senior Enlisted Joint PME, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va., by correspondence
2013 Reserve Component National Security Course, Washington, D.C.
2016 Senior Enlisted Joint PME II (E7-E9), Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va., by correspondence
2018 Continuous Process Improvement Course, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.
2020 Air Force Enterprise Leadership Seminar, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.
2020 National and International Security Leadership Seminar, Washington, D.C.
2021 Air Force Enterprise Perspective Seminar, Washington, D.C.
2022 Executive Level Diversity and Inclusion Course, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
2023 Air National Guard Command Chief Master Sergeant Training Course, Lackland AFB, Texas
2024 Leadership in Homeland Security, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
2025 Leading Strategically, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, Colo.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 1994–May 1994, Student, Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
2. May 1994–June 1994, Student, Aircraft Maintenance Technical School, Sheppard AFB, Texas



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3. June 1994–May 1995, Aircraft Maintenance Apprentice, 709th Air Refueling Squadron, March AFB, Calif.
4. May 1995–May 1996, Tool Kit Monitor, 605th Aircraft Generation Squadron, McGuire AFB, N.J.
5. May 1996–March 1997, Financial Management, 927th Air Refueling Wing, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich.
6. March 1997–March 1999, Travel Pay, 927 ARW, Selfridge ANGB, Mich.
7. March 1999–February 2002, Financial Management and Services Supervisor, 927 ARW, Selfridge ANGB, Mich.
(August 2000–September 2000, Paying Agent, Operation Northern Watch, Moron Air Base, Spain; July 2001–August 2001, Financial Manager, Operation Northern Watch, Incirlik AB, Turkey)
8. February 2002–September 2003, Financial Management Comptroller Technician, 927 ARW, Selfridge ANGB, Mich.
(November 2002–December 2002, Financial Manager, Operation Northern Watch, Incirlik AB, Turkey)
9. September 2003–October 2008, Financial Manager, 927 ARW, Selfridge ANGB, Mich. (November 2005–January 2006, Financial Manager, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Kirkuk AB, Iraq)
10. October 2008–September 2009, Financial Manager, 110th Fighter Wing, Battle Creek ANGB, Mich.
11. September 2009–October 2014, Human Resource Advisor, 110th Attack Wing, Battle Creek ANGB, Mich.
12. October 2014–November 2015, Chief, Enlisted Programs, Joint Force Headquarters, Mich.
13. November 2015–July 2017, Chief, A3 Conversion Team Support Branch, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
14. July 2017–November 2018, Resources Branch Chief, A2/3/6/10, JB Andrews, Md.
15. November 2018–August 2020, Operations Group Superintendent, 175th Wing, Martin State Airport, Md.
16. August 2020–January 2023, Mission Support Group Senior Enlisted Leader, 175th Wing, Martin State Airport, Md.
17. January 2023–Present, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 175th Wing, Martin State Airport, Md.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with silver oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Army Achievement Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1995 Honor Graduate, Financial Management Technical Training

1996 Distinguished Graduate, Financial Services Technical Training

1997 927th Air Refueling Wing Outstanding Airman of the Quarter

1997 927th Air Refueling Wing Outstanding Airman of the Year

1997 4th Air Force Outstanding Airman of the Year

1997 Air Force Reserve Command Twelve Outstanding Airmen of the Year

2005 332d Air Expeditionary Group Outstanding Non-Commissioned Officer of the Month

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

175th Wing Chiefs Council, Member

Air Force Sergeants Association, Member

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

National Guard Association of Michigan, Lifetime Member

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman April 13, 1994

Airman First Class Feb. 13, 1995

Senior Airman Sept. 1, 1996

Staff Sergeant May 1, 1998

Technical Sergeant May 1, 2000

Master Sergeant May 1, 2002

Senior Master Sergeant Dec. 1, 2009

Chief Master Sergeant Feb. 1, 2013

(Current as of March 2025)