



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Command Chief Master Sergeant Barbara Gossage



Chief Gossage began her military career in August 1979 when she joined the United States Air Force. After attending basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas and technical school at Sheppard AFB, Texas for Telecommunications Operator, she was assigned 6 different tours during her 10 years on active duty. These included Nellis AFB, Nevada; Izmir Turkey (2 tours: 1 fixed comm & 1 mobile comm); Clark AB, Philippines; Plattsburgh AFB, New York and Reese AFB, Lubbock, Texas. Chief Gossage began her Air National Guard career in Montana with the 120th Fighter Interceptor Group where she worked in the Base Telecommunications Center. She then transferred to the 119th Fighter Interceptor Group in Fargo, North Dakota and work in the combined Base Telecommunications/Data Automation Center. In January 1998 she joined the

155th Air Refueling Wing's Communications Flight. She has worked numerous positions in the 155th Communications Flight including Base Communications Center Operator, Communications Security Accountant, Network Control Center Operator, Training Manager and NCOIC. Chief Gossage assumed her current position as Wing Command Chief in September 2005.

Chief Gossage assumed her current position as the State Command Chief Master Sergeant for the Nebraska Air National Guard on 1 Oct 2008. She works directly for the Adjutant General of Nebraska. The Nebraska National Guard consists of over,000 Soldiers and Airmen. The Nebraska Air National Guard consists of over 1,000 Airmen that work in Refueling and Joint Force Headquarters in Lincoln and an Operations Group at Offutt AFB. These units serve our communities, state, and nation for both homeland defense and federal missions.

EDUCATION:

- 1979 – Graduated from Upper Perkiomen High School, Pennsburg, PA.
- 1983 – Supervisory Development Course, in residence
- 1985 – NCO Leadership School, in residence. Distinguished Graduate
- 1987 – Graduated from the CCAF in Communications Operations Technology
- 1988 – NCO Academy, via correspondence

1994 – Graduated from Park College with a BA in Business Administration and Management
2002 – USAF Senior NCO Academy, via correspondence. Distinguished Graduate
2004—Chiefs Executive Course
2005— Command Chief Master Sergeant Course
2005—Chiefs Leadership Course

AWARDS:

Meritorious Service Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
AF Outstanding Unit Award 2 Devices
AF Good Conduct Medal 1 Device
Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal 4 Devices
National Defense Service Medal 1 Device
AF Overseas Ribbon Short
AF Overseas Ribbon Long
AF Longevity Service 4 Devices
USAF NCO PME Graduate Ribbon
AF Training Ribbon

PROMOTIONS:

Master Sergeant – 19 March 2000
Senior Master Sergeant – 7 April 2002
Chief Master Sergeant – 2 May 2004