



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT ROBERT J. LANING

Chief Master Sergeant Robert J. Laning is the Senior Enlisted Leader for the 312th Training Squadron, Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas. He is responsible for organizing, training, and equipping a force of 180 joint military and civilian instructors and staff supporting the Department of Defense Fire Academy and the Scientific Applications Specialists Training producing over 3,000 students annually. In addition, Chief Laning provides oversight of a 4.1 million dollar annual budget and resources valued at 54.4 million dollars.

Chief Laning is from Los Angeles California and entered the Air Force on 25 September 1996. After completing basic and technical training in Texas, he began his career as a firefighter and progressed through the ranks serving at the flight, squadron, center and ultimately at the Senior Enlisted level. Throughout his career, Chief Laning deployed in support of anti-terrorism efforts during OPERATIONS SOUTHERN WATCH, ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, NEW DAWN and in the Horn of Africa.



EDUCATION:

2001 Airman Leadership School, Kapaun AS, Germany
2007 Associate of Applied Science, Fire Science, Community College of the Air Force
2007 Non-commissioned Officer's Academy, Goodfellow AFB, TX
2008 Associate of Applied Science, Instructor of Technology and Military Science, Community College of the Air Force
2010 Air Force Institute of Technology Fire Protection Superintendent Course, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
2012 USAF Incident Management Course, Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL
2015 Joint Senior Non-commissioned Officer Professional Military Education Course
2016 National Incident Management System, Federal Emergency Management Agency Certified
2016 Air Force Institute of Technology Civil Engineer Superintendent Course, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
2019 Commission on Fire Accreditation International Standards of Cover/Self-Assessment Course
2020 Chief Leadership Course, Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. September 1997 - August 1998, Firefighter, Altus AFB, Oklahoma
2. September 1998 - Jun 1999, Firefighter, Howard AFB, Panama
3. June 1999 - July 2001, Driver-Operator, Ramstein AB, Germany (Mar – Jun '00, Prince Sultan AB, Saudi Arabia)
4. July 2001 - January 2004, Crew Chief, Randolph AFB, Texas (May – Oct '02, Kandahar AB, Afghanistan)
5. February 2004 - February 2006, Station Captain, Yokota AB, Japan (Jun – Sep '04, Ali Al Salem AB, Kuwait)
6. March 2006 - August 2010, Instructor/Fire Officer Course Supervisor, DoD Fire Academy, Goodfellow AFB, Texas
7. August 2010 - January 2015, Deputy Fire Chief, Eglin AFB, Florida (Jun – Oct '11, Quick Strike Team Lead, AFCENT)
8. January 2015 - January 2016, Deputy Fire Chief, Soto Cano AB, Honduras
9. January 2016 - August 2017, Deputy Fire Chief, Patrick AFB, Florida (Jan – Jul '17, Senior Enlisted Leader, Chabelley Airfield, Republic of Djibouti)
10. August 2017 - August 2020, Fire & Emergency Services Program Manager, HQ AFIMSC JBSA Lackland-Kelly, Texas
11. August 2020 - August 2022, Installation Fire Chief, Hurlburt Field, Florida
12. August 2022 - Present, Senior Enlisted Leader, 312th TRS, Goodfellow AFB, Texas

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal, with six oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal, with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal, with five oak leaf clusters

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

2000 Air Force Winner CMSgt Ralph E. Sanborn, Large Fire Dept of the Year, Ramstein AB, Germany

2010 Air Force Material Command CMSgt Ralph E. Sanborn, Large Fire Dept of the Year, Eglin AFB, Florida

2011 Air Force Winner CMSgt Ralph E. Sanborn, Large Fire Dept of the Year, Eglin AFB, Florida

2012 Group Senior Non-commissioned Officer of the Year, Eglin AFB, Florida

2012 Air Force Material Command/Air Force Runner-up, CMSgt Larry R. Daniels Civil Engineer Superintendent of the Year

2012 Air Force Winner CMSgt Ralph E. Sanborn, Large Fire Dept of the Year, Eglin AFB, Florida

2013 Group Senior Non-commissioned Officer of the Year, Eglin AFB, Florida

2016 Air Force Space Command Fire Officer of the Year, Patrick AFB, Florida

2017 Texas Air Force Association (Alamo Chapter) Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year

2018 Air Force Material Command GEICO Military Service Award – Fire Safety & Prevention

2019 Air Force Material Command GEICO Military Service Award – Fire Safety & Prevention

2020 Air Force Special Operations Command CMSgt Ralph E. Sanborn Medium Fire Dept of the Year, Fire Prevention Program of the Year and SMSgt Robert A. McAllister Heroism Awards, Hurlburt Field, Florida

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Chief Master Sergeant February 2020

(Current as of November 2022)