



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT SCOTT M. TONTEGODE

Chief Master Sergeant Scott M. Tontegode is the command chief master sergeant of the 155th Air Refueling Wing in Lincoln, Nebraska. He is the primary advisor to the commander and senior staff on all enlisted issues including the health, welfare, morale, mentorship and discipline of more than 800 Airman assigned to the wing. Chief Tontegode is charged with the professional development and proper utilization of the enlisted force. He ensures the unit is trained, properly equipped and ready to complete state and local missions.

Chief Tontegode enlisted in the Nebraska Air National Guard in May of 1987 and graduated from the Refrigeration Specialist Course at Sheppard Air Force Base in January of 1988. Chief Tontegode has held positions at the 155th Air Refueling Wing in Civil Engineering, Medical and most recently with the Wing Staff as the Wing Occupational and Weapons Safety Manager. Chief Tontegode has been involved in developing Air Force and Air National Guard safety courses and has instructed over 1500 students in 26 states on safety and health regulations and safety concepts. Chief Tontegode deployed to Mississippi in support of Joint Task Force Katrina where he was part of a specialized health and safety team. He has also deployed to Antarctica as an Occupational Safety Specialist in support of OPERATION DEEP FREEZE and has been involved in numerous state activations due to natural disasters.



EDUCATION

- 1988 Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Apprentice Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas
- 1993 Bachelor of Arts, Geography with an emphasis on Environmental Studies, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.
- 1997 Environmental Specialist Apprentice Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas
- 1997 Hazardous Waste Operations and Response Course, 40- Hou, Fort Sill, Okla.
- 1998 Occupational Safety and Health Administration Permit-Required Confined Space Entry Course, Chicago, Ill.
- 1998 United States Air Force Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, by correspondence
- 2000 United States Air Force Safety Apprentice Course, Lackland AFB, Texas
- 2000 United States Air Force Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, by correspondence
- 2001 Occupational Safety and Health Administration Construction Standards, Chicago, Ill.
- 2002 United States Air Force Mishap Investigation, Non-Aviation Course, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
- 2004 AMC Anti-Terrorism Level II Course, HQ Air Mobility Warfare Center, Fort Dix, N.J.
- 2007 Senior Safety Professional Course, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
- 2007 Associates in Applied Science, Ecological Controls, Community College of the Air Force
- 2007 Associates in Applied Science, Safety, Community College of the Air Force
- 2011 National Guard Bureau Fiscal Law Course, Lincoln, Neb.
- 2014 United States Air Force Risk Management Application and Integration Course, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
- 2017 OSHA 501 Course for General Industry, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Ky.
- 2017 United States Air Force Wing Demand Reduction Program Manager Course, Lackland AFB, Texas
- 2019 Air Reserve Component Weapons Safety Management Course, Hill AFB, Utah
- 2019 Chief Master Sergeants Orientation Course, Joint Base Andrews, Md.

EDUCATION CON'T.

2019 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education I, by correspondence

2020 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1987– October 1987, Student, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. October 1987– November 1990, Refrigeration Specialist, 155th Air Refueling Wing, Lincoln, Neb.
3. November 1990 – September 1997, Utilities Craftsman, 155th Air Refueling Wing, Lincoln, Neb.
4. September 1997– August 1999, Environmental Specialist, 155th Air Refueling Wing, Lincoln, Neb.
5. August 1999 – November 2019, Occupational Safety Manager, 155th Air Refueling Wing, Lincoln, Neb.
6. November 2019 – Present, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 155th Air Refueling Wing, Lincoln, Neb.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS (See T&Q p. 263)

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with nine oak leaf clusters

Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with 9 Oak leaf clusters

Air Force Recognition Ribbon

National Defense Service Medal with bronze star

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal

Air Force Longevity Service with six oak leaf clusters

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with four devices

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Rifle)

Air Force Training Ribbon

Antarctica Service Medal

STATE AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Mississippi Emergency Service Medal

Nebraska National Guard Achievement Medal with device

Nebraska National Guard Emergency Service Medal with three devices

Nebraska National Guard Service Medal with thirty devices

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2016 Air National Guard Director of Safety Outstanding Achievement Award

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

National Guard Association of the United States

Air Force Association

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic, August 26, 1987

Senior Airman, July 1, 1989

Staff Sergeant, February 15, 1992

Technical Sergeant, October 21, 1994

Master Sergeant, August 17, 1998

Senior Master Sergeant, March 17, 2002

Chief Master Sergeant, October 1, 2017

(Current as of March 2020)