



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT CHRIS G. DURCHOLZ

Chief Master Sergeant Chris G. Durcholz is the seventh Command Chief Master Sergeant for the 181st Intelligence Wing, Hulman Field, Indiana Air National Guard, Terre Haute, Indiana. He holds the top Chief Enlisted Manager position within the wing and provides leadership to the enlisted force and advises commanders on matters impacting all enlisted members. He is responsible for all matters influencing the health, moral, welfare and professional development of more the 895 Airman within the 181st Intelligence Wing.

Chief Durcholz began his military career with the United States Air Force in December 1982 where he served three years on Active duty as an Aircrew Life Support Technician. In 1986 he continued his career in the Indiana Air National Guard with the 181st Fighter Wing, 113th Fighter Squadron and in 1991, became a full time Aircrew Life Support Civil Service Technician. He cross-trained in 1996 to become a Production Recruiter for the 181st Fighter Wing. In 1999 he returned to the 113th Fighter Squadron and was later chosen to be the Aircrew Protection Superintendent. During this period, Chief Durcholz participated in OPERATION's NORTHERN WATCH, IRAQI FREEDOM, and ENDURING FREEDOM. In 2008, he cross-trained into the Network System Analyst Career field and became part of the 137th Intelligence Squadron, Distributed Ground Station-IN (DGS-IN). During this time he was chosen to be the lead Signals Intelligence (SIGINT) Non-Commission Officer and was responsible for establishing initial operations for high altitude at DGS-IN. He then served as the Flight Chief for All High Altitude operations at DGS-IN until 2013 when he became the Operations Superintendent for SIGINT. In February 2015, he was selected to be the Acting 181st ISRG Superintendent, and in July 2015 was selected as the permanent Superintendent. He is responsible for over 370 Intelligence operators and computer system maintainers.



Prior to assuming his current position, the Chief served as the third 181st ISR Group Superintendent, IN ANG, Terre Haute, Indiana.

EDUCATION

- 1983 Air Force Basic Military training Lackland AFB, TX
- 1983 Aircrew Life Support Chanute AFB, Ill.
- 1984 Basic Water Survival training Homestead AFB, Fla.
- 1996 Production Recruiter Lackland AFB, TX
- 1996 Community College of the Air Force; Survival and Rescue
- 2000 Combat Survival training Fairchild AFB Wash.
- 2002 Class Room Instructor Dyess AFB, TX
- 2002 Community College of the Air Force; Human Resources Management/Personnel Administration
- 2008 Network System Analyst Course Goodfellow AFB, TX
- 2012 Community College of the Air Force; Intelligence Analysis

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1983-March 1986, 561st Tactical Fighter Squadron, Life Support Repairer, USAF
2. April 1986-June 1996, 113th Fighter Squadron, Life Support Repairer, INANG
3. July 1996-September 1999, 181st Fighter Wing, Production Recruiter, INANG

ASSIGNMENTS CON'T.

4. October 1999-July 2001, 113th Fighter Squadron, Life Support Technician, INANG
5. August 2001-Mar 2008, 113th Fighter Squadron, Aircrew Protection Superintendent, INANG
6. March 2008-May 2013, 137th Intelligence Squadron, Flight Chief, INANG
7. June 2013-January 2015, 137th Intelligence Squadron, Operations Superintendent - SIGINT, INANG
8. February 2015-May 2018, 181st ISRG Superintendent, IN ANG
9. May 2018-Present, 181st Intelligence Wing Command Chief, IN ANG

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with bronze oak leaf cluster
Air Force Commendation Medal with two bronze oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal with two bronze oak leaf clusters
Joint Meritorious Unit Award
Meritorious Unit Award
Air Force Outstanding unit award with two bronze oak leaf clusters
Air Reserve Meritorious Service Medal with two silver oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal with one Service Bronze Star
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with one Service Bronze Star
Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

National Guard Association of Indiana – Life Member
Enlisted Association of the National Guard – Life Member

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic December 8, 1982
Airman February 10, 1984
Airman First Class August 10, 1984
Senior Airman January 1, 1987
Sergeant January 1, 1988
Staff Sergeant April 1, 1990
Technical Sergeant August 12, 1995
Master Sergeant October 15, 2001
Senior Master Sergeant November 14, 2003
Chief Master Sergeant September 23, 2015

(Current as of June 2018)