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CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT ERIC R. ERLER

CMSgt Eric Erler is the Command Chief Master Sergeant for 138th Fighter Wing, Tulsa Air National Guard. He is responsible for advising commanders and staff on all matters affecting readiness, training, utilization, professional development, health, morale and welfare for approximately 1,200 Airmen of the wing. As the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Wing Commander, he works to provide a cohesive enlisted force and to mentor, educate and grow Airmen at all levels. He leads by example daily to inspire and sustain a culture of team spirit, inclusion and equity, professionalism, and integrity.

CMSgt Erler entered the Air Force in February 1987. He completed basic training and technical school in November of that year. He has been a full-time member of the 138 Fighter Wing since December 1989. Chief Erler was selected as the 138 Maintenance Squadron First Sergeant in December of 1999 and in 2002 was named First Sergeant of the Year for the 138th Fighter Wing and the State of Oklahoma. In 2005, he was chosen as an augmentee for the Air Combat Command Inspector General team where he utilized his technical expertise and experience during the performance of multiple Operation Readiness Inspections. Chief Erler served as 138th Maintenance Group Quality Assurance Superintendent and SEL where he expertly managed the maintenance quality effort on the F-16. Chief Erler served as a key advisor to the Maintenance Group Commander meticulously monitoring all personnel actions, ensuring worldwide readiness. Prior to his current position, Chief Erler was Senior Enlisted Leader for the 138th Logistics Readiness Squadron



EDUCATION

1987 Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
1987 Tactical Aircraft Maintenance technical School, Shepard AFB, Texas
1990 Noncommissioned Office Prep, correspondence course
1999 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, correspondence
2000 USAF First Sergeant academy, Maxwell AFB
2006 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, correspondence course
2017 Associate's degree, Aircraft Maintenance Technology, Community College of the Air Force
2020 Chief Master Sergeant Orientation Course, Class 20-3, National Guard Bureau

ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. July 1987-September 1987, Trainee, 3707 Basic Military Training Squadron, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
2. September 1987-November 1987, Student, Student Training Squadron, Lackland AFB, Texas
3. November 1987-December 1989, Crew Chief, Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Tulsa, Oklahoma
4. December 1989-May 1989, Inspection Section, Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 138th Fighter Wing, Tulsa, Okla
5. May 1989-November 1999, Crew Chief, Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 138 FW, Tulsa, Okla (October 1996-December 1996, Crew Chief, Operation PROVIDE COMFORT II, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey) (February 1998-March 1998, Crew Chief, Operation





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- NORTHERN WATCH, 125th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, Incirlik AB, Turkey) (September 1999-October 1999, Crew Chief, Operation NORTHERN WATCH, 125 EFS, Incirlik AB, Turkey)
6. November 1999-December 2002, First Sergeant, Maintenance Squadron, 138 FW, Tulsa, Okla (February 2000-March 2000, Crew Chief, Operation NORTHERN WATCH, 125EFS, Incirlik AB, Turkey) (August 2001-September 2001, Flight Chief, Operation SOUTHERN WATCH, 125EFS, Al Jabar AB, Kuwait) (September 2002-November 2002, First Sergeant, Operation NORTHERN WATCH, 125EFS, Incirlik AB, Turkey)
 7. December 2002-May 2004, Crew Chief, Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 138 FW, Tulsa, Okla
 8. May 2004-January 2015, Flight Chief, Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 138 FW, Tulsa, Okla (May 2005-July 2005, Flight Chief, Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, 125EFS, Al Udeid AB, Qatar) (June 2007-September 2007, Flight Chief, Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, 125EFS, Balad AB, Iraq) (September 2008-November 2008, Flight Chief, Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, 125EFS, Balad AB, Iraq) (September 2013-November 2013, Flight Chief, Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, 125EFS, Kandahar AB, Afghanistan)
 9. January 2015-July 2018, Production Superintendent, Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 138 FW, Tulsa, Okla (September 2015-January 2016, Production Superintendent, Theatre Support Package, 125EFS, Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan) (April 2018-July 2018, Production Superintendent, Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Operation FREEDOMS SENTINEL, 125EFS, Bagram AB, Afghanistan)
 10. July 2018-January 2023, Quality Assurance Superintendent, Maintenance Group, 138 FW, Tulsa, Okla
 11. January 2023-June 2023, Traffic Management Superintendent, Logistics Readiness Squadron, 138 FW, Tulsa, Okla
 12. June 2023-March 2024, Senior Enlisted Leader, Logistics Readiness Squadron, 138 FW, Tulsa, Okla
 13. March 2024-Present, Wing Command Chief, 138 FW, Tulsa, Okla

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air and Space Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster and combat "C" device
Air and Space Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with nine oak leaf clusters
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two bronze stars
Iraq Campaign Medal with bronze star
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Gold Hourglass and three "M" devices
NATO Medal with bronze star
Louisiana Emergency Service Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1995 Crew Chief of the Month, 138 Maintenance Group
1995 Maintenance Safety Award 138 Fighter Wing
2001 First Sergeant Council President, 138 Fighter Wing
2002 First Sergeant of the Year, 138 Fighter Wing
2002 First Sergeant of the Year, Oklahoma Air National Guard
2002 Minute Man of the Year, Enlisted Association National Guard of the US
2002 Superior Performance Award, Air Combat Command Inspector General
2009 Superior Performance Award, Air Combat Command Inspector General
2011 Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Council President, 138 Fighter Wing
2011 Certificate of Appreciation, White House Communications Agency





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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

National Guard Association of Oklahoma

National Guard Association United States

138th Fighter Wing Diversity Council

Air Force First Sergeants Association Diamond Club

138th Fighter Wing Chiefs Council

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Senior Airman May 1, 1989

Sergeant April 3, 1990

Staff Sergeant February 15, 1992

Technical Sergeant October 2, 1997

Master Sergeant December 10, 1999

Senior Master Sergeant September 1, 2006

Chief Master Sergeant September 1, 2018

(CURRENT AS OF AUGUST 2024)

