



Biography

Montana Air National Guard, Fort Harrison, MT

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT RANDALL S. KELLEY

CMSgt Randall S. Kelley is the State Command Chief Master Sergeant of the Montana Air National Guard and is assigned to Joint Force Headquarters, Montana. As the senior enlisted advisor for the Montana Air National Guard he serves as a member of the commander's staff to advise and assist in matters concerning enlisted members of the command or organization. He is responsible for the enlisted leadership, professional development, and management of the 120th Airlift Wing, the 219th RED HORSE Squadron and the Montana Air National Guard personnel assigned to Joint Force Headquarters, Montana. CMSgt Kelley ensures all enlisted personnel assigned to those units maintain required qualifications in order to support any state, federal or contingency tasking. He is responsible for ensuring all enlisted members of the Montana Air National Guard remain prepared to support the Governor, Adjutant General, and ultimately the citizens of Montana, during state emergencies.

CMSgt Kelley began his military career in January 1983 as a T-38 Crew Chief, assigned to 6515th Field Maintenance Squadron Edwards Air Force Base, California. In July 1984, he joined the Montana Air National Guard as a Flight Line Crew Chief, working on F-106, T-33, and F-16 A/B/C/D aircraft. During his career, he has held positions in Flight Line, Avionics Flight Line, Expediter, Maintenance Operations Center, Avionics, Maintenance Operations Flight, and Quality Assurance Superintendent. Chief Kelley served in support of numerous CORONET NIGHTHAWK deployments, Howard Air Force Base, Panama, PACAF THREAT SECURITY OPERATION, Kunsan Air Force Base, Republic of Korea, and as Chief Enlisted Manager at 120th Fighter Wing, Detachment-1, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. His combat tours include Operation SOUTHERN WATCH, Prince Sultan Air Force Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in 2002 and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, Balad Air Force Base Iraq in 2004.

Prior to assuming his current position, Chief Kelley was the Command Chief for 120th Airlift Wing, Montana Air National Guard, Great Falls, Montana.

EDUCATION

- 1988 Airmen Leadership School, IG Brown ANGTEC, Knoxville Tenn.
- 1993 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, IG Brown ANGTEC, Knoxville Tenn. (Distinguished Graduate)
- 2000 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by Correspondence
- 2010 Air National Guard Chief Executive Course-ANGRC Joint Base Andrews, Mary.
- 2018 Command Chief Master Sergeant Orientation Course, Lackland AFB, Texas.
- 2020 Associate Degree, Aircraft Maintenance Technology, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
- Air Force Achievement Medal
- Joint Meritorious Unit Award
- Meritorious Unit Award
- Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device and two oak leaf clusters
- Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
- National Defense Service Medal with bronze star
- Iraq Campaign Ribbon with two bronze stars
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Korean Defense Service Medal
- Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short
- Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with oak leaf cluster
- Air Force Longevity Service with three oak leaf clusters
- Armed Forces Reserve Medal with silver hour glass
- NCO PME Graduate Ribbon with oak leaf cluster

STATE AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Montana National Guard Distinguished Service Medal

Montana National Guard Commendation Medal, with two oak leaf clusters

Montana National Guard Outstanding Unit award with three oak leaf clusters

Montana National Guard Campaign Ribbon with bronze star

Montana National Guard OCONUS Ribbon with two bronze stars

Montana National Guard Service Ribbon with three oak leaf clusters

Montana National Guard Attendance Ribbon with four oak leaf clusters

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman June 1, 1983

Airman First Class July 1, 1984

Senior Airman Sept. 1, 1985

Staff Sergeant Feb. 1, 1988

Technical Sergeant June 1, 1994

Master Sergeant Dec. 1, 1998

Senior Master Sergeant Dec. 1, 2005

Chief Master Sergeant June 1, 2009