

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE

CHIEF
MASTER
SERGEANT
RECOGNITION
CEREMONY
2026



SINCLAIR CONFERENCE CENTER
APRIL 10, 2026



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

MEDALLION CEREMONY

1700 Hours

SOCIAL

1730 Hours

CEREMONY

1800 Hours

HONOREE INTRODUCTIONS

NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION

GUEST INTRODUCTIONS

POW/MIA RECOGNITION

DINNER

INTERMISSION

GUEST SPEAKER

Command Chief, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center
Chief Master Sergeant Timothy J. Wieser

CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

RECOGNITION CEREMONY

CMSGT CHARGE AND CREED

CLOSING REMARKS

Commander, 711th Human Performance Wing
Colonel Dale Harrell
&

Command Chief, 711th Human Performance Wing
Chief Master Sergeant Charles Wortman

AIR FORCE SONG



HONOREES



Brian Anders | 87th Aerial Port Squadron



Charrell Broadus | 88th Medical Group



Chantell Brown | Air Force Materiel Command



Alan Bruhn | Air Force Materiel Command



Christopher Cline | Air Force Materiel Command



Jayme Cline | USAF School of Aerospace Medicine



Robert Collins | Air Force Materiel Command



Timothy Davis | 89th Airlift Squadron



Emily DeJesus | USAF School of Aerospace Medicine



Regina Denman | USAF School of Aerospace Medicine



Shana Echevarria | Air Force Materiel Command



Adrian Galcik | Air Force Materiel Command



Sarah Katoski | 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron



Ryan Lamarr | 445th Security Forces Squadron



Cody Shreve | Air Force Materiel Command



Athena Sotak | 88th Medical Group



Timothy Stout | 64th Intelligence Squadron



Justin Viator | 88th Medical Group



GUEST SPEAKER



Chief Master Sergeant Timothy J. Wieser Command Chief, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center

Chief Master Sergeant Timothy J. Wieser is the Command Chief Master Sergeant for the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. He is the Senior Enlisted Leader on matters influencing the combat readiness, health, welfare, morale, effective utilization and quality of life for more than 26,000 people working at 77 locations and 12 wing/wing-equivalent organizations, to include the host installations at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, and Hanscom AFB, Massachusetts.

Chief Wieser also chairs enlisted boards and issues directives and other guidance within the Command Chief's scope of responsibility. The service population includes the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center's Command, Control, Communications, Intelligence, and Networks (C3I&N), Nuclear Command, Control, and Communications (NC3), and Electronic Systems (HB), Program Executive Offices, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Lincoln Laboratory, the MITRE Federally Funded Research Development Center, the Massachusetts National Guard Joint Force Headquarters, and over 200 geographically separated units. In addition, the base supports 130,000 retired military personnel and their spouses, and 2,700 housing residents.

Chief Wieser enlisted in the United States Air Force in November of 1998. He has held a variety of key leadership and management positions at the squadron, group, and wing levels. His previous assignments include bases in Texas, South Korea, South Dakota, Alaska, Arkansas, Kuwait, New Mexico, Georgia and North Dakota. He has also deployed in support of Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, PACIFIC ANGEL, and INHERENT RESOLVE. Prior to assuming his current position, he served as the Command Chief, Air Force Test Center, Edwards AFB, California.





HISTORY OF THE CHIEF

The rank of Chief Master Sergeant and Senior Master Sergeant were created by Congress as part of the Career Compensation act of 1958 and are a direct by product of the explosion in technology that took place during and immediately following World War II. These ranks did not exist prior to 1958 when E-7 was the highest enlisted grade. Congress created the super grades as part of the Career Compensation Act of 1958 to relieve grade suppression by enabling services to promote above E-7. The basic law provided that each service could promote 2 percent of the enlisted force to E-8 and 1 percent to E-9 while requiring E-7's have 8 years and E-8's 10 years enlisted service to be promoted. The Air Force opted to require a minimum of 10 years service to be promoted to SMSgt and 11 years to be promoted to CMSgt.

The first Air Force promotions to SMSgt were effective 1 September 1958 and another group was promoted 1 March 1960. Quotas, for the first time in Air Force history, were allocated by specific Air Force Specialty Code and selection boards were held at command level. The Air Force promotion to CMSgt were effective 1 December 1959. Command boards selected 1700 for advancement from those promoted to SMSgt in September 1958 and March 1959, however, only 620 actually assumed the rank of CMSgt on 1 December 1959. The remaining 1080 selected were withheld until 1 June 1960 due to budgetary constraints. There was no line numbers at the time and everyone selected moved up as a group. Many old timers still believe that SMSgt and CMSgt were authorized to replace the Warrant Officer Program, but this was not the case. The Air Force had already eliminated the Flying Sergeants and Flight Officers and was not eliminating the Warrant Officers. The 1 December 1959 Chief Master Sergeants became one of the most elite rank groups in the Air Force-similar the ratio of General Officers. Those promoted to CMSgt in the first increment can be justly proud of their achievement.

They are our charter chiefs or founding fathers.

Every man or woman promoted to Chief Master Sergeant has every right and should feel just as proud of their accomplishment as the Charter Chiefs.



1958 - 1991



CURRENT



Gen. McPeak and CMSAF Gary Pfingston reveal proposed changes to the enlisted chevrons. The proposal moved one of the stripes from the bottom of the master sergeant, senior master sergeant, chief master sergeant, and CMSAF chevrons and placed it at the top. After a long test and transition period, the new chevrons became mandatory on 1 October 1997.





CHIEF'S CREED

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANTS

are individually to be regarded as people:

Who cannot be bought;

Whose word is their bond;

Who put character above wealth;

Who possess opinions and a will;

Who will not lose their individuality in a crowd;

Who do not hesitate to take chances;

Who will be as honest in small things
as in great ones;

Who will make no compromise with wrong;

Whose ambitions are not confined to their
own selfish desires and interests;

Who are true to their friends
through good report and evil report,
in adversity as well as prosperity;

Who do not believe that shrewdness, cunning,
and hardheadedness are the best qualities for
winning success;

Who are not ashamed or afraid to stand
for the truth when it is unpopular,
who can say "No" with emphasis,
although all the world is saying "Yes."



Congratulations to our newest
Chief Master Sergeants
and their families.

Welcome to the Top 1%



To whom much is given,
much is required.



SPECIAL THANKS

Sinclair Conference Center

Volunteer Airmen

88 ABW Protocol Office

88 ABW Public Affairs Office

First Command

Wright Patterson AFB
Honor Guard



AIR FORCE SONG

Off we go into the wild blue yonder,
Climbing high into the sun;
Here they come zooming to
meet our thunder,
At'em now, Give'em the gun!
(Give'em the gun!)
Down we dive, spouting our
flame from under,
Off with one helluva roar!
We live in fame or go down in flame.
Hey!
Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force!



