



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT NIKKI M. DRAGO

Chief Master Sergeant Nikki M. Drago is the Command Chief Master Sergeant, 3rd Wing, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. He serves as the personal advisor to the wing commander and vice wing commander on all matters affecting the enlisted force and their families. He provides oversight and recommendations regarding the combat readiness, health, welfare, development and quality of life for more than 2,200 assigned personnel responsible for achieving the Combatant Commander's objectives through Global Reach, Airborne Command and Control and Air Dominance. The 3rd Wing employs the F-22, C-17, C-12 and E-3 aircraft.

Chief Drago entered the Air Force in May 1997. He graduated from the security specialist course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in September 1997. His background includes various roles throughout the spectrum of the Security Forces career field, to include serving as a Group Superintendent and on staff at the Center and Major Command level. His assignments include bases in North Dakota, Texas, Italy, Iceland, Azores, South Korea, England and Germany. He has deployed in support of Operations Joint Forge, Allied Force, Juniper Shield, United Assistance, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

Prior to his current assignment, he served as the Security Forces Manager for the 48th Security Forces Squadron, Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England.

EDUCATION

- 2001 Airman Leadership School, Kapaun AB, Germany
- 2002 Associate degree in police science, Community College of the Air Force
- 2007 Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice administration, Columbia Southern University, Cum Laude, Orange Beach, Ala.
- 2007 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Correspondence Course
- 2008 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Keesler AFB, Miss.
- 2010 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy Correspondence Course
- 2011 Professional Manager Certification, Community College of the Air Force
- 2012 Integrated Defense Command and Control Course, Lackland AFB, Texas
- 2012 Master of Business Administration degree in military operations, Trident University, Magna Cum Laude, Cypress, Calif.
- 2013 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Gunter Annex, Ala.
- 2014 Security Forces Advanced Officer Course, Lackland AFB, Texas
- 2015 Inspector General Executive Leadership Course, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
- 2016 Secretary of the Air Force, Office of the Inspector General Training Course, Lansdowne, Va.
- 2016 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II Correspondence Course
- 2017 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education I Correspondence Course
- 2017 Command Chief Master Sergeant Training Course, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
- 2018 Senior Enlisted Legal Orientation Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2019 AF Continuous Process Improvement Senior Leader Course, Joint Base San Antonio, Lackland-Kelly, Texas
- 2021 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Workplace Certificate, University of South Florida Muma College of Business, Tampa, Fla.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1997 – July 1997, Student, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. July 1997 – September 1997, Student, Security Specialist Technical School, Lackland AFB, Texas
3. September 1997 – May 2000, Tactical Escort Team Leader, 91st Security Forces Squadron, Minot AFB, N.D. (December 1998 – April 1999), Security Controller, 16th Expeditionary Air Base Group, San Vito, Italy
4. May 2000 – October 2002, NCOIC, Resources and Custody Response Force Supervisor, 831st Munitions Support Squadron, Ghedi AB, Italy
5. October 2002 – October 2005, NCOIC, Installation Security, NCOIC, Physical Security and Security Controller, 85th Security Forces Squadron, Keflavik NAS, Iceland
6. October 2005 – July 2009, Flight Sergeant and NCOIC, Personnel Reliability Program, 91st Security Forces Group, Minot AFB, N.D. (October 2007 – April 2008), Quick Reaction Force Flight Sergeant, 886th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, Camp Bucca, Iraq
7. August 2009 – August 2010, Flight Sergeant, 51st Security Forces Squadron, Osan AB, South Korea

8. September 2010 – September 2012, Security Forces Manager/Superintendent and Operations Superintendent, 65th Security Forces Squadron, Lajes Field, Azores (January 2011 – August 2011), Superintendent, Theater Security Cooperation Division, 376th Air Expeditionary Wing, Transit Center at Manas International Airport, Kyrgyz Republic
9. October 2012 – July 2015, Security Forces Manager/Superintendent, 423d Security Forces Squadron, RAF Alconbury, England (August 2014 – February 2015), Security Forces Manager/Anti-terrorism Officer, 324th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron and 69th Reconnaissance Group, Detachment 2, NAS Sigonella, Italy
10. July 2015 – May 2017, Chief Enlisted Manager, U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Inspector General, Ramstein AB, Germany
11. June 2017 – July 2018, Group Superintendent, 91st Security Forces Group, Minot AFB, N.D.
12. August 2018 – January 2020, Chief Enlisted Manger, Protection Services Division, Headquarters Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center, Joint Base San Antonio, Lackland-Kelly, Texas
13. January 2020 – September 2021, Security Forces Manager/Superintendent, 48th Security Forces Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, England\
14. September 2021 – Present, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 3rd Wing, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with silver and oak leaf cluster
 Air Force Commendation Medal with silver leaf cluster
 Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters
 Army Achievement Medal
 Outstanding Airman of the Year Ribbon with oak leaf cluster

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1999 91st Space Wing Security Forces Flight Level Airman of the Year
 1999 91st Security Forces Squadron Airman of the Year
 2000 831st Munitions Support Squadron Airman of the Year
 2001 831st Munitions Support Squadron Security Forces Support Staff Airman of the Year
 2004 85th Security Forces Squadron NCO of the Year
 2005 48th Fighter Wing Security Forces Support Staff NCO of the Year
 2005 U.S. Air Forces in Europe American Legion Spirit of Service recipient
 2006 91st Security Forces Group NCO of the Year
 2006 20th Air Force Security Forces Support Staff NCO of the Year
 2007 91st Missile Wing Security Forces Support Staff NCO of the Year
 2008 Air Force Space Command Lance P. Sijan recipient
 2008 91st Missile Wing Security Forces Flight Level NCO of the Year
 2008 Distinguished Graduate and Academic Achievement Award, NCO Academy
 2008 Air Force Space Command NCO of the Year
 2010 65th Security Forces Squadron SNCO of the Year
 2011 65th Air Base Wing SNCO of the Year
 2012 423d Air Base Group Lance P. Sijan recipient
 2013 U.S. Air Forces in Europe SNCO of the Year
 2013 423d Security Forces Squadron, Air Force Outstanding Security Forces Medium-Size Unit
 2014 423d Security Forces Squadron, Air Force Outstanding Security Forces Medium-Size Unit
 2020 48th Security Forces Squadron, Air Force Outstanding Security Forces Large-Size Unit

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic	May 7, 1997
Airman	November 7, 1997
Airman First Class	September 7, 1998
Senior Airman	May 7, 2000
Staff Sergeant	April 1, 2002
Technical Sergeant	June 1, 2006
Master Sergeant	July 1, 2010
Senior Master Sergeant	March 1, 2013
Chief Master Sergeant	December 1, 2015

(Current as of September 2021)