



# BIOGRAPHY

**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

## SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT NATHAN D. CHRESTENSEN

Senior Master Sergeant Nathan Chrestensen is the Superintendent, Operations, 1st Weather Group, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. In this position, he manages agile development and directs continuous process improvement of weather characterization tactics, techniques, and procedures for over 950 Airmen. He analyzes performance data from six worldwide squadrons, identifies operations and training shortfalls and develops corrective actions in concert with six squadron operations superintendents. He is also responsible for overseeing weather systems and network performance and coordinating subordinate units' seasonal battle rhythms, planning large-scale exercises, and applying lessons learned across the weather enterprise.

Sergeant Chrestensen was born in Sioux City, Iowa and graduated from Sioux City East High School in 1999. He enlisted in the Air Force in 2001 and began his career as a weather forecaster. His background includes various duties ranging from worldwide strategic airlift support at the 618 Air Operations Center to Army support in Iraq. He has spent nearly two years deployed in support of Operations IRAQI FREEDOM, NEW DAWN, ENDURING FREEDOM, and Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa. Sergeant Chrestensen graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Leadership from Bellevue University in 2012.



### EDUCATION

- 2005 Airman Leadership School
- 2007 Associate of Applied Science in Weather Technology
- 2011 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Course (Correspondence)
- 2012 Bachelor of Arts in Leadership, Bellevue University
- 2012 Noncommissioned Officer Academy (In-Residence)
- 2012 Professional Manager Certification
- 2012 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy (Correspondence)
- 2014 Joint Special Operations University Joint Fundamentals Course (Correspondence)
- 2015 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy (Correspondence)
- 2015 Advanced Weather Management Course
- 2016 Navy Primary Professional Military Education (Correspondence)
- 2016 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy (In-Residence)
- 2017 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II Course (Correspondence)

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 2001 – September 2001, Student, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. September 2001 – March 2002, Student, Technical Training School, Keesler AFB, Miss.

3. March 2002 – August 2004, Regional Weather Forecaster, 15th Operational Weather Squadron, Scott AFB, Ill.
4. August 2004 – April 2006, Global Mobility Weather Forecaster, 618th Air Operations Center, Scott AFB, Ill.
5. April 2006 – April 2007, Weather Forecaster, Unit Deployment Manager, 8th Operations Group Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea
6. April 2007 – August 2010, Weather Forecaster, 55th Operations Support Squadron, Offutt AFB, Neb.
7. October 2008 – May 2009, Battlefield Weather Forecaster, Task Force 449, Camp Striker, Iraq
8. August 2010 – July 2012, NCOIC Mission Weather Element, 55th Operations Support Squadron, Offutt AFB, Neb.
9. December 2010 – July 2011, NCOIC Mission Weather Element, 379th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron, Al Udeid, Qatar
10. October 2012 – April 2013, Weather Forecaster, 455th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron, Bagram AB, Afghanistan
11. July 2012 – May 2014, NCOIC Airfield Support Function, 55th Operations Support Squadron, Offutt AFB, Neb.
12. May 2014 – July 2014, Flight Chief, 55th Operations Support Squadron, Offutt AFB, Neb.
13. July 2014 – July 2017, Flight Chief, 15th Operational Weather Squadron, Scott AFB, Ill.
14. July 2017 – Present, Superintendent, Operations, 1st Weather Group, Offutt AFB, Neb.

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Army Commendation Medal  
Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

#### **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

2008 ACC Standardization and Evaluation Program for Weather Operations Exceptional Performer  
2008 Operational Readiness Inspection Superior Performer  
2008 55th Operations Group Weather Warrior of the Year  
2010 55th Operations Support Squadron Tuskegee Airman Award Nominee  
2010 55th Operations Group Weather Warrior of the Year  
2010 55th Wing Weather NCO of the Year  
2011 55th Wing Weather NCO of the Year  
2011 Al Udeid Grand Slam Hall of Fame Inductee  
2012 55th Operations Support Squadron NCO of the Year  
2013 ACC Compliance Unit Inspection Superior Performer  
2013 55th Operations Support Squadron NCO of the Year  
2014 55th Operations Support Squadron Lance P. Sijan Award Nominee  
2015 15th Operational Weather Squadron Lance P. Sijan Award Nominee  
2015 15th Operational Weather Squadron SNCO of the Year  
2015 1st Weather Group SNCO of the Year  
2018 Air Combat Command Weather SNCO of the Year  
2018 557th Weather Wing SNCO of the Year

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Senior Master Sergeant January 2018

*(Current as of July 2020)*