

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT STEPHANIE A. CATES



CMSgt Stephanie A. Cates is the Command Chief Master Sergeant, Third Air Force, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Third Air Force is the United States Air Forces in Europe's and the United States Air Forces in Africa's Numbered Air Force for the United States European Command and United States Africa Command, respectively. Third Air Force is comprised of ten active duty wings and ninety geographically separated units, spanning more than 100 countries across two continents. As the Numbered Air Force's senior enlisted leader, Chief Cates advises the commander on issues affecting the readiness, organization, training, health, welfare, morale, development, and utilization of 30,000 Airmen.

Chief Cates grew up as an Air Force dependent and enlisted in the Air Force in May 1996. She attended Imagery Analysis Apprentice Training at Good Fellow AFB, Texas and graduated in December of 1996. Her assignments include bases in California, Virginia, Texas, Ohio, Washington, D.C., and New Mexico. She has deployed to Italy, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bosnia, Iraq, Afghanistan and Turkey. Prior to assuming her current position, she served as Command Chief for the 377th Air Base Wing at Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico.

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 hell of a roar!
We live in fame or go down in flame.
Hey!
Nothing can stop the U.S. Air Force!



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OFFICER INDUCTION CEREMONY
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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

PROTOCOL ANNOUNCEMENT

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TSGT CASSONDR A NEUERBURG

INVOCATION

MAJ PHILLIP J. REDMOND

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DINNER

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AIR FORCE SONG

CONCLUSION

JOSHUA AHN

LEONARD ARAGON

MATTHEW BELMER

SCOTT BISHOP

JENNIFER BRETSCHEIDER

RAYMOND CAGE

NICHOLAS DAVIS

QUATISHA FARLAND

DEVIN GARCIA

SUSAN GIBSON

JUSTIN GRAHAM

JAMES GRANGER

BRADLEY GRAVES

ARRIN GUNN

ANDREW HARCZ

JOSHUA HARDEN

CASSONDR A HELMUTH

JAVID HENRY

JOHNATHON HIGGINS

JAYMES HOPTLEY

JORDY JACKSON

MICHAEL JAMES

MICHELLE KOPIL

WILLIAM LANGSTON

ROBERT LEGGETT

JORDAN LOVING

NESTOR MATOS RODRIGUEZ

SARAH MCCOURT

RODERICK MCKENZIE

CHARLES MITCHELL

LANCE MORGAN

RYAN NONENMACHER

MICHAEL PARKER

MELVIN PETTWAY

TREVOR RENFROW

JENNA SAENZ

BRANDON SCHISSLER

KYRSYS SIERRA ARENAS

SEAN SMITH

RICHARD SPALDING

STEPHEN SPOR

ETHAN STROSCHEIN

GERARD THOMAS

JESSICA TOMASSI

MARIANO TREJO

KYLE UNGER

ALEX WESTING

RYAN WILKINSON

MYCO WILSON

In today's Air Force, advancement to Master Sergeant is one of the most significant promotions for enlisted members. At the rank of Master Sergeant, Airmen enter the Senior Non-commissioned Officer Tier and duties begin to focus on leadership and management, as they have mastered the techniques and abilities required.

In 1991, CMSAF #10 Gary Pfingston and Air Force leaders changed the look of the MSgt insignia by removing the bottom (sixth) rocker, and relocated it as a single chevron on top of the five lower stripes, aligning the insignia with the other ranks of the Senior Non-commissioned Officer tier: Senior Master Sergeant and Chief Master Sergeant. The single chevron on top the Master Sergeant insignia indicates those who—through professionalism, competence, and a demonstrated capability to accept responsibility—have gained the experience, knowledge, and skills necessary to be entrusted with the title:

"MASTER SERGEANT"

*"Rain does not fall
on one roof alone."*

SPECIAL THANKS
TOP THREE ORGANIZATION
FIRST SERGEANTS ASSOCIATION

SNCO Inductees