



52nd Fighter Wing

BIOGRAPHY

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CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JAMES C. KELLY JR.

Chief Master Sergeant James C. Kelly Jr. (Jimmy) is the command chief master sergeant to the commander, 52nd Fighter Wing, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, on matters concerning health, welfare and morale of more than 4,600 enlisted personnel assigned to the wing. The 52nd Fighter Wing maintains, deploys and employs F-16CJ and A/OA-10 aircraft, and TPS-75 radar systems in support of NATO and the National Command Authorities. The wing supports the Supreme Allied Commander Europe with mission-ready personnel and systems providing expeditionary air power for suppression of enemy air defenses, close air support, air interdiction, counterair, air strike control, strategic attack, combat search and rescue, and theater airspace control. The wing also supports contingencies and operations other than war as required.



Chief Kelly grew up in Richmond, Va., and joined the Air Force in May 1977 as an aircraft armament systems technician. He's had various assignments in aircraft maintenance including maintenance superintendent for two fighter squadrons, two operations groups and a maintenance group. He participated in Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, DENY FLIGHT, DELIBERATE FORCE, ALLIED FORCE and ENDURING FREEDOM.

EDUCATION:

- 1984 Pacific Air Forces Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School, Clark AB, Philippines
- 1986 Strategic Air Command Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Barksdale AFB, La.
- 1987 Associate Degree in Aircraft Armament Systems, Community College of the Air Force
- 1992 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Gunter Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1995 Bachelor of Science Degree Professional Aeronautics, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Fla.
- 2001 Masters Degree in Public Administration, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, Ga.
- 2003 Associate Degree in Aircraft Maintenance Technology, CCAF

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. May 1977 - June 1977, trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
2. June 1977 - August 1977, student, Aircraft Armament Systems, Lowery AFB, Colo.
3. September 1977 - January 1979, weapons mechanic, 3rd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing, Clark Air Base, Philippines
4. February 1979 – July 1979, aircraft armament systems technician, 479th Component Repair Squadron, 479th Flying Training Wing, Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.

5. August 1979 – May 1981, F-4 support technician, 3rd Aircraft Generation Squadron, 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing, Clark Air Base, Philippines
6. May 1981 – August 1982, load crew chief, 366th Aircraft Generation Squadron, 366th Fighter Wing, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho
7. September 1982 – September 1985, load standardization crew member, 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing, Clark Air Base, Philippines
8. September 1985 – December 1992, load standardization crew chief, NCOIC, trailer maintenance, NCOIC weapons loading, production superintendent, 7th Munitions Maintenance Squadron, 7th Bombardment Wing, Carswell Air Force Base, Texas
9. January 1993 – April 1995, production superintendent, 334th Fighter Squadron, 4th Wing, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.
10. April 1995 – November 1995, NCOIC, Maintenance Operations Center, 31st Fighter Wing, Aviano Air Base, Italy
11. November 1995 – July 1998, sortie generation flight chief, maintenance superintendent, 555th Fighter Squadron, 31st Fighter Wing, Aviano Air Base, Italy
12. July 1998 – August 1999, 31st Operations Group superintendent, 31st Fighter Wing, Aviano Air Base, Italy
13. August 1999 – February 2004, maintenance superintendent, 70th Fighter Squadron, 347th Operations Group, 347th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and 347th Maintenance Group, 347th Rescue Wing, Moody Air Force Base, Ga.
14. February 2004 – June 2004, 347th Rescue Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant (interim), Moody Air Force Base, Ga.
15. July 2004 – present, 52nd Fighter Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Bronze Star Medal
 Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters
 Kosovo Campaign Medal
 Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait)

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

Distinguished Graduate, Commandant's and Drill Master Awards, NCO Leadership School
 Distinguished Graduate, NCO Academy
 Distinguished Graduate, Senior NCO Academy

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Airman Basic	May 1977
Airman	November 1977
Airman First Class	May 1978
Senior Airman	March 1980
Sergeant	March 1981
Staff Sergeant	July 1981
Technical Sergeant	April 1986
Master Sergeant	July 1989
Senior Master Sergeant	March 1992
Chief Master Sergeant	June 1997

(Current as of September 2004)