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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

## Chief Master Sergeant Scott M. Tontegode

CMSgt Scott M. Tontegode serves as the State Command Chief for the Nebraska Air National Guard. He is the principal advisor to the Adjutant General and senior staff on all matters concerning the health, welfare, morale, professional development, and effective utilization of the more than 900 Air National Guard enlisted Airmen assigned to the state.

Chief Tontegode enlisted in the Nebraska Air National Guard in May of 1987 and graduated from the Refrigeration Specialist Course at Sheppard Air Force Base in January of 1988. Chief Tontegode has served his entire career with the Nebraska Air National Guard, holding positions within the 155<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing's Civil Engineer Squadron, Medical Group and in the Wing Headquarters. During his tenure as the Wing's Occupational Safety Manager, he played a key role in developing multiple Air Force and Air National Guard safety courses. He also provided training to both military and civilian members across several states on safety and health regulations, safety program management, and foundational safety concepts. Chief Tontegode has deployed to Mississippi in support of Joint Task Force Katrina and to Antarctica as an Occupational Safety Specialist in support of Operation Deep Freeze. Additionally, he has been involved in numerous state activations in response to natural disasters. Prior to his current assignment, Chief Tontegode served as the 155th Air Refueling Wing Command Chief.



## EDUCATION

- 1988 Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Apprentice Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas
- 1993 Bachelor of Arts, Geography with an emphasis on Environmental Studies, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.
- 1997 Environmental Specialist Apprentice Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas
- 1998 Occupational Safety and Health Administration Permit-Required Confined Space Entry Course, Chicago, Ill.
- 1998 United States Air Force Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, by correspondence
- 2000 United States Air Force Safety Apprentice Course, Lackland AFB, Texas
- 2000 United States Air Force Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, by correspondence
- 2002 United States Air Force Mishap Investigation, Non-Aviation Course, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
- 2007 Senior Safety Professional Course, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
- 2007 Associate of Applied Science in Ecological Controls, Community College of the Air Force
- 2007 Associate of Applied Science in Safety, Community College of the Air Force
- 2014 United States Air Force Risk Management Application and Integration Course, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
- 2017 United States Air Force Wing Drug Demand Reduction Program Manager Course, Lackland AFB, Texas
- 2019 Air Reserve Component Weapons Safety Management Course, Hill AFB, Utah
- 2019 Chief Master Sergeant Orientation Course, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
- 2019 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education I, by correspondence
- 2020 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II, by correspondence
- 2020 Air National Guard Command Chief Master Sergeant Training Course
- 2021 Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA) Phase I Course
- 2024 Contemporary Base Issues Course, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
- 2025 Artificial Intelligence Course, USSTRATCOM, Offutt AFB, Neb.





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## ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1987-October 1987, Student, Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
2. October 1987-November 1990, Refrigeration Specialist, 155th Air Refueling Wing, Lincoln, Neb.
3. November 1990-September 1997, Utilities Craftsman, 155th Air Refueling Wing, Lincoln, Neb.
4. September 1997-August 1999, Environmental Specialist, 155th Air Refueling Wing, Lincoln, Neb.
5. August 1999-November 2019, Occupational Safety Manager, 155th Air Refueling Wing, Lincoln, Neb.
6. November 2019-2025, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 155th Air Refueling Wing, Lincoln, Neb.
7. January 2025-Present, Nebraska State Command Chief, Joint Force Headquarters, Lincoln, Neb.

## MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal  
Air Force Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with nine oak leaf clusters  
Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with 9 Oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Recognition Ribbon  
National Defense Service Medal with bronze star  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Humanitarian Service Medal  
Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal  
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal  
Air Force Longevity Service with six oak leaf clusters  
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with four devices  
Antarctica Service Medal

## OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1991 Honor Graduate, Environmental Support Specialist Course  
2000 Distinguished Graduate, Safety Apprentice Course  
2016 Air National Guard Director of Safety Outstanding Achievement Award

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Nebraska National Guard Enlisted Association

## EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic Aug. 26, 1987  
Senior Airman July 1, 1989  
Staff Sergeant Feb. 15, 1992  
Technical Sergeant Oct. 21, 1994  
Master Sergeant Aug. 17, 1998  
Senior Master Sergeant March 17, 2002  
Chief Master Sergeant Oct. 1, 2017

(Current as of May 2025)

