



CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT (RET) DAVID J. BARTON

CMSgt (Ret) David J. Barton is the Deputy Director, Retiree Activities Office, 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa Air Base, Japan. He is responsible for providing assistance and information to approximately four hundred and fifty retirees, dependents and survivors of military retirees in northern Japan (to include the prefectures of Fukushima, Yamagata, Miyagi, Iwate, Akita, Aomori and the northern island of Hokkaido). He is responsible for assisting in casualty affairs, social security, tax preparation, and ensuring survivors of military personnel from all branches of service receive the benefits to which they are entitled.

June 1965 entered the Air Force after graduating from high school. Upon completion of basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, he was assigned to the 3380th Civil Engineering Squadron at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi, for training as a Protective Coating Specialist. His next assignment was to Misawa Air Base, Japan, in June 1967. While at Misawa he retrained into the Corrosion Control career field. Upon completion of this 3-year tour, he was reassigned to Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, to the 2nd Field Maintenance Squadron. He left Barksdale in August 1971 for an assignment with the 40th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron at Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai Air Base, Thailand.

From NKP, he went to K. I. Sawyer Air Force Base, Michigan, in September 1972, where he was in charge of the Corrosion Phase Dock on B-52 and KC-135 aircraft. Three years later, he returned to Thailand for duty at Udorn Royal Thai Air Base. When Udorn was closed in December 1975, he finished the last 6 months of his short tour obligation at Clark Air Base, Republic of the Philippines. He was then assigned to Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, for 3 years in May 1976. Upon completion of this consecutive overseas tour, he transferred to Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, and was assigned to the 55th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron. Chief Barton was selected in May 1981 for duty at Headquarters Military Airlift Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. While at Scott, his duties included the Command Corrosion Control Manager and Chief, Field Maintenance Branch, Director of Maintenance Engineering, Deputy Chief of Staff Logistics. He was reassigned in September 1987 to Misawa Air Base, Japan where he cross-flowed into the Aircraft Systems Chief enlisted career field. In addition to his stateside and overseas assignments, Chief Barton has deployed in support of humanitarian operations in Central America, the Panama Canal Zone and Guam for Operation Bullet Shot to support B-52 operations in Southeast Asia. Prior to his current position he was assigned in September 1987 to Misawa Air Base, Japan where he cross-flowed into the Aircraft Systems Chief enlisted career field and was the Maintenance Superintendent for the 35th Maintenance Squadron until his retirement in March 1996. In December 1996 he was hired to fill the School Bus Operations Supervisor in the 35th Transportation Squadron, Misawa Air Base Japan. He retired from that position in August 2005.



EDUCATION

- 1969 Air Force Noncommissioned Officer Preparatory Course, Misawa Air Base, Japan
- 1979 Aerospace Defense Command Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Tyndall Air Force Base, FL.
- 1983 USAF Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Gunter Air Base, AL.
- 1992 Associate Degree, Metals Technology, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL.





ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. August 1965 - June 1967, Protective Coating Specialist, 3380th Civil Engineering Squadron, Keesler Air Force Base, MS.
2. June 1967 - June 1970, Aircraft Corrosion Control Specialist, 475th Field Maintenance Squadron, Misawa AB, Japan
3. June 1970 - August 1971, Aircraft Corrosion Control Supervisor, 2nd Field Maintenance Squadron, Barksdale AFB, LA.
4. August 1971 - August 1972, NCOIC Corrosion Control, 40th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai Air Base, Thailand
5. August 1972 - August 1975, NCOIC Corrosion Phase Dock, 410th Field Maintenance Squadron, K.I. Sawyer AFB, MI.
6. August 1975 - December 1975, Corrosion Control Supervisor, 432nd Field Maintenance Squadron, Udorn Royal Thai Air Base, Thailand
7. December 1975 - June 1976, Corrosion Control Supervisor, 3rd Field Maintenance Squadron, Clark AB, Republic of the Philippines
8. June 1976 - September 1979, Corrosion Control Supervisor, 18th Field Maintenance Squadron, Kadena AB, Okinawa
9. September 1979 – September 1981, Field Maintenance Branch Chief, 55th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, Eglin AFB, FL.
10. September 1981 - September 1987, Command Corrosion Control Manager, Headquarters Military Airlift Command, Scott AFB, IL.
11. September 1987 – March 1996, Maintenance Superintendent, 35th Maintenance Squadron, Misawa AB, Japan
12. March 1996 – August 2005, School Bus Operations Supervisor, 35th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Misawa AB, Japan
13. August 2005 – present, Deputy Director, Retiree Activities Office, 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa AB, Japan

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with three bronze oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Presidential Unit Citation with Valor device
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award
Korean Defense Service Medal
Vietnam Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal
Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Citation
Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 3 campaign stars
Distinguished Service Medal
Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters
Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Life Member – Air and Space Force Association
Life Member – Air Force Sergeants Association
Life Member -Thailand, Laos, Cambodia Brotherhood

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Sgt November 1, 1967
SSgt July 1, 1969
TSgt January 1, 1974
MSgt November 1, 1978
SMSgt November 1, 1982
CMSgt September 1, 1985
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