



CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JUAN J. GARZA JR.

CMSgt Juan J. Garza Jr. is the Senior Enlisted Leader at 637th Training Group, Defense Language Institute English Language Center, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. In this position, he serves as the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Commandant/Commander for the Department of Defense's only English Language Training Center for International Military Partners consisting of three Air Force squadrons, two Army Companies, and a Navy Detachment. He advises command teams on operational and personnel issues regarding welfare, readiness, morale, proper utilization, and quality of life for 1,200 enlisted personnel, civilians and International Military Students from over 115 countries. Additionally, CMSgt Garza coordinates with military leaders, professional military organizations and community partners promoting Security Cooperation partnerships supporting five Combatant Command mission sets. He assists with cadre preparation and site visits of Non-Resident Mobile Training Teams at 26 locations around the world supporting 2,500 international students annually.



CMSgt Garza was born in Houston, Texas. He spent his childhood there and graduated from MacArthur High School in 1997. He entered the Air Force in October of 1998. He completed technical training at Vandenberg AFB, California.

CMSgt Garza has supported the nuclear and space missions at F.E. Warren AFB, Wyoming, Cape Canaveral AFS, Florida, Ramstein AB, Germany. He has also mentored over 1000 Joint Senior Enlisted Leaders and Noncommissioned Officers during his time as a Professional Military Education Instructor and Vice Commandant. CMSgt Garza is married with two daughters. Prior to assuming his current position, CMSgt Garza was the Senior Enlisted Leader at the 90th Missile Maintenance Squadron, F. E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming.

EDUCATION

2004 Airman Leadership School, Francis E. Warren AFB, Wyo.

2008 Associate of Applied Science, Electrical and Mechanical Technology, Community College of the Air Force

2010 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.

2014 Bachelor of Business, Business Management, American Military University, Charles Town, W.Va.

2015 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education, by correspondence

2016 United States Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Gunter Annex, Ala.

2022 United States Air Force Chief Leadership Academy, Maxwell AFB, Gunter Annex, Ala.

2024 Master's in Education, Curriculum and Instruction, Liberty University, Lynchburg, Va.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 1998–November 1998, Trainee, Basic Military Training, 323rd Training Squadron, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. November 1998 – July 1999, Student, Facilities and Periodic Maintenance Course, 576th Training Squadron, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
3. July 1999–June 2006, Quality Assurance Evaluator, 90th Maintenance Group, Francis E. Warren AFB, Wyo.





BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

4. June 2006–May 2011, NCOIC Spacecraft Facilities, 45th Launch Control Support Squadron, Cape Canaveral AFS, Fla.
5. May 2011–July 2014, Quality Assurance Superintendent, 498th Nuclear Surety Group, Ramstein AB, Germany
6. July 2014–August 2018, Facilities Flight Chief, 90th Missile Maintenance Squadron, Francis E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
7. August 2018–June 2021, Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy Director of Resource/Flight Instructor, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
9. June 2021 – August 2022, Vice Commandant, Gunter Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
10. August 2022 – May 2024, Senior Enlisted Leader, 90th Missile Maintenance Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
11. May 2024 – Present, Senior Enlisted Leader, 637th Training Group, Defense Language Institute English Language Center, Joint Base San Antonio - Lackland, Texas

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2004 John L. Levitow, Airman Leadership School
2010 Air Force Space Command Leo Marquez Supervisor of the Year
2010 Distinguish Graduate, Noncommissioned Officer Academy
2010 45th LCG Lt. Gen Leo Marquez Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year
2015 90th Maintenance Group Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year
2015 90th Maintenance Group Lew Allen Jr. Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman April 14, 1999
Airman First Class Feb. 14, 2000
Senior Airman Oct. 14, 2001
Staff Sergeant Oct.1, 2004
Technical Sergeant July 1, 2008
Master Sergeant March 1, 2013
Senior Master Sergeant Jan 1, 2017
Chief Master Sergeant Jan 1, 2022

(Current as of June 2024)

