



CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT GEORGE M. JOHNSON III

Chief George M. Johnson III is the command chief master sergeant of the 165th Airlift Wing (AW), Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport, located in Garden City Georgia. He is the senior non-commissioned officer responsible for the 1,200-person organization, which supports the Air National Guard (ANG) and Air Mobility Command's worldwide airlift mission, operating C-130J Super Hercules aircraft. Chief Johnson is responsible for advising the commander on mission effectiveness, professional development, military readiness, training, manning utilization, and the health, morale and welfare of personnel from the 165 AW and two geographically separated units including the 224th Joint Communications Support Squadron and the 165th Air Support Operations Squadron.



Chief Johnson joined the ANG in March 1990 and completed Basic Military training in May. He then attended the power production technical school at Wichita Falls, Texas. Following technical training, he served with the 165th Civil Engineer Squadron (CES) for the next eighteen years as a power production craftsman filling various roles in support of training, operational exercises and deployments. Chief Johnson accepted an

(Active Guard Reserve) position with the Savannah Combat Readiness Training Center in 2008. He was directly responsible for the installation, operation, and maintenance of the aircraft arresting systems and emergency generators on base. He returned to the 165 CES in 2010 with the same responsibilities. In April 2018, he served as the facility systems superintendent where he managed and supervised activities devoted to installation, operation, maintenance and repair of high and low voltage power distribution systems, electrical power generating and control systems, and aircraft arresting systems. Prior to his current position, he was the senior enlisted leader for the 165th Civil Engineer Squadron, he advocated for nearly 90 Airmen on a wide range of topics, including health and morale, while providing mentorship, career coaching, and recognition for all assigned members. He also oversaw the engineering design, construction, maintenance, operations, and repair of installation facilities and utility systems.

EDUCATION

- 1995 Noncommissioned Officer Preparatory Military Course, Correspondence
- 1998 Electrical Construction and Fundamentals, Swainsboro Technical Institute
- 2000 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Correspondence
- 2012 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Correspondence
- 2016 Associate of Applied Science, Mechanical and Electrical Technology, Community College of the Air Force
- 2019 Civil Engineer Superintendent Course
- 2022 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education I, Correspondence
- 2022 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II, Correspondence
- 2024 Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certification
- 2025 Bachelor of Arts, Business, American Military University





BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 1990–May 1990, Student, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. June 1990–August 1990, Student, Technical Training School, Wichita Falls AFB, Texas
3. September 1990–March 2008, Power Production Craftsman, 165th Civil Engineer Squadron, Garden City, Georgia
4. April 2008–December 2009, Power Production Craftsman, Combat Readiness Training Center, Garden City, Georgia
5. January 2010–March 2018, Power Production Craftsman, 165th Civil Engineer Squadron, Garden City, Georgia
6. April 2018–April 2020, Facilities Systems Superintendent, 165th Civil Engineer Squadron, Garden City, Georgia
7. May 2020–December 2025, Chief Enlisted Manager, 165th Civil Engineer Squadron, Garden City, Georgia
8. January 2026 to present, Command Chief, 165th Airlift Wing, Savannah Georgia

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with 2 devices
Air Force Commendation Medal with 2 devices
Air Force Achievement Medal

STATE AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Georgia Special Operations Ribbon
Georgia Humanitarian Service Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic March 27, 1990
Airman October 14, 1990
Airman First Class 14 April 1991
Senior Airman February 04, 1993
Staff Sergeant March 03, 1995
Technical Sergeant Jun 18, 1999
Master Sergeant April 21, 2002
Senior Master Sergeant November 01, 2018
Chief Master Sergeant June 01, 2022

(Current as of February 2026)

