



BIOGRAPHY



MANATEE COUNTY FLORIDA

CARL HUNSINGER

CHAIRMAN, MANATEE COUNTY VETERANS' COUNCIL



Chief Master Sergeant Carl Hunsinger, USAF (retired) served nearly 31 years on active duty. Upon graduation from high school, he graduated from the Florida Police Officer Standards and Training Course and the Florida Correctional Officer's Training Institute. After three years as a civilian police officer and correctional officer, he entered the Air Force and began basic military training in June 1978. He was a career logistician and transporter with an extensive background in Vehicle Operations, Fleet Management and software development. Carl has served this nation around the world. He was last stationed and deployed in Southwest Asia (June 2007 – July 2008) where he was the Command Chief Master Sergeant for the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing. As the top enlisted leader, Chief Hunsinger advised the commander and staff on matters influencing the health, morale, welfare and effective utilization of over 19,000 assigned combat enlisted personnel. The 386th Air Expeditionary Wing was responsible for a wide variety of missions in support of United States Air Forces Central and United States Central Command objectives including intra-theater airlift, casualty evacuation, theater internment, convoy operations, security, and combat service support for specified U.S. military units supporting all coalition forces. He was the Commander's representative on advisory councils, board member of wing level enlisted promotions, special action boards, functional manager of 18 First Sergeants and lead for all assigned Group Chief Master Sergeants. Chief Hunsinger provided coordinating actions with Joint top enlisted leaders throughout southwest Asia. He ensured combat readiness of several classified locations throughout Kuwait and Iraq with superior leadership, enlisted policies, practices and training.

Chief Hunsinger led from the front participating in many combat missions by land and air. He served a career total of 27 months in combat operations of three deployments earning two Bronze Star Medals (one from the USA and one from the USAF), two Iraqi Campaign Medals, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and the Air Force Expeditionary Medal with Gold Border, seven Meritorious Service Medals and six Air Force Commendation Medals. In addition; the USA awarded him the 1st Infantry Division and 25th Infantry Division patches with orders. In an earlier 2004-2005 deployment to Mosul Iraq, the US Army selected Chief Hunsinger as the acting 17 CSB Command Sergeant Major making him their first ever Air Force E-9 to fill this position in direct combat. There he performed duties as the Army's on-scene commander with the quick response and recovery forces for post attacks both inside and outside the wire.

Other assignments include; Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio Texas, Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene Texas, Homestead Air Force Base Florida (twice assigned), Hahn Air Base Germany, Osan Air Base Republic of Korea, HQ PACAF Hickam Air Force Base HI (twice assigned), Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama (with the Air Force Logistics Management Agency & Standard Systems Software Development), Charleston Air Force Base in South Carolina, Yokota Air Base Japan, Scott Air Force Base Illinois, Ali Al Salem Air Base in Kuwait (twice assigned), Mosul (Diamondback) Iraq and many other temporary duty locations around the world.

Primary Academics:

United States Navy Senior Enlisted Academy (Advanced Leadership), Newport RI
Basic Combat Convoy Course BC3 (inaugural course), Camp Bullis TX
Awarded B.S. Degree in Workforce Education and Development, Southern Illinois University – Carbondale
Associates Degree in Transportation Management
Associates Degree in Law Enforcement
Ground Transportation Leadership and Fleet Management School, United States Air Force
Six Sigma and Six Sigma Lean, Villanova University
Human Resource Management, Villanova University
Project Management Basic & Advanced, Villanova University
Prospectus, Proposal and Grant Writing Certification, Idaho State University

Community Recognition:

Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame Inductee, Class of 2018
2018 Jewish Family & Children's Service Tribute to Veterans Annual Award
2018 Goodwill Manasota Community Ambassador of the Year

Primary Membership and Affiliations (Past/Present):

Manatee County Veterans Council (3rd Term Elected Chairman)
Sarasota County Veterans Commission Member
Goodwill Manasota Veterans' Task Force (Charter Member)
American Veterans (AMVETS) Lifetime Member
Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Lifetime Member
American Legion Kirby Stewart Post 24 Member and Centennial Program Chairman
Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 97 Lifetime Member
Moose Lodge (Past Member)
Manasota Elks Lodge (Veterans Support Committee)
Appointed by Manatee County Board of Commissioners to the Metropolitan Planning Organization as member of the Transportation Citizen Advisory Committee (served 3-years)
Steering Group Committee Member of the USF Sarasota-Manatee Quality of Life Veteran Demographical Study

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