



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT RON LERCH

CMSgt Ron Lerch is the Senior Enlisted Advisor (SEA) to the Deputy Chief of Space Operations for Intelligence (DCSO-I), U.S. Space Force, Pentagon, VA. Chief Lerch serves as an advisor to the DCSO-I on all issues affecting the readiness of over 1,200 intelligence professionals throughout the service. Additionally, he advises on intelligence policy, oversight, and guidance of Space Force intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities.

Chief Lerch entered the Air Force in July 2003 and graduated from Goodfellow AFB, TX as an intelligence operations apprentice in March 2004. His experience includes supporting low-observable programs, such as the B-2 stealth bomber and RQ-170 remotely piloted aircraft and working on the Nevada Test and Training Range. After transferring to the Space Force in 2020, he served as the Senior Enlisted Leader (SEL) to the Secretary of the Air Force, then the SEL of the 71st ISR Squadron, Peterson SFB, CO. Prior to his current assignment, he was the SEL for the Intelligence Directorate at Space Systems Command, Los Angeles AFB, CA.



EDUCATION

- 2004 Intelligence Operations Analyst Course, Goodfellow AFB, TX (Distinguished Graduate)
- 2007 Airman Leadership School, Whiteman AFB, MO (John L. Levitow Award Recipient)
- 2012 Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice, Grantham University, MO (Summa Cum Laude)
- 2013 Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, Sheppard AFB, TX (Distinguished Graduate)
- 2019 Senior-Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, Gunter Annex, AL (Distinguished Graduate)

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Mar 2004 – Nov 2008, NCOIC, Intel Ops, 509th Operations Support Squadron, Whiteman AFB, MO
2. Dec 2008 – Dec 2013, Intel Flight Chief, 30th Reconnaissance Squadron, Tonopah Test Range, NV
3. Jan 2014 – Dec 2018, SEL, Intel Analysis, HAF/A2, Pentagon, VA
4. Jan 2018 – Jan 2019, Manager, Analysis and Training, 7AF/A2, Osan AB, Republic of Korea
5. Feb 2019 – Oct 2019, Flight Chief, Mission Analysis Cell, Beale AFB, CA
6. Oct 2019 – Jun 2021, SEL for the Secretary of the Air Force, Pentagon, VA
7. Jun 2021 – Jul 2022, SEL, 71st ISRS, Peterson SFB, CO
8. Jul 2022 – Jul 2024, SEL, SSC/S2, Los Angeles AFB, CA
9. Jul 2024 – Present, SEA, Deputy CSO-I, Pentagon, VA

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- Legion of Merit
- Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
- Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters
- Joint Service Achievement Medal
- Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster





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OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2011, Presidential Unit Citation, Joint Task Force Neptune (Operation NEPTUNE'S SPEAR)

2017, National Intelligence Meritorious Unit Citation, National Joint Operations Intelligence Center

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman, 29 Jul 2003

Airman 1st Class, 29 May 2004 Senior Airman, 29 Jan 2006

Staff Sergeant, 01 Aug 2007

Technical Sergeant, 01 Jul 2010

Master Sergeant, 01 Mar 2015

Senior Master Sergeant, 01 Jun 2020

Chief Master Sergeant, 01 Aug 2023

