



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JOSHUA L. ZIMMERLY

Chief Master Sergeant Joshua L Zimmerly is the State Command Chief of the Idaho Air National Guard. He is the senior enlisted leader and primary adviser to the Commander of the Idaho Air National Guard on all matters regarding the readiness, training, professional development, morale and welfare, and effective utilization of more than 1160 enlisted members. The organization's primary missions are close air support and forward air control to combat troops from all services in support of combat operations abroad, agile combat mission support, and cyber operations. The organization is also responsible for providing ready Airmen to respond to stateside emergencies including natural disaster responses.



Chief Zimmerly joined the Air National Guard in August 1996 as a Fire Protection Apprentice. After graduating technical school in March 1997, he returned to his home station at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho. Chief Zimmerly worked fulltime from 1998-2008 as State of Idaho Military Division driver/operator at Gowen Field Fire Department. While assigned to the 124th Civil Engineer Squadron. Chief Zimmerly has completed three overseas deployments, the first in 2000 at Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia, as a Firefighter in support of Operation Southern Watch. The second deployment was in 2003 at Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait, as a Crew Chief in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. His third deployment was to the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing, Ali Al Salem, Kuwait, in 2016-2017 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, as the Assistant Fire Chief of Operations. Chief Zimmerly was Military Fire Chief for the Gowen Field Fire Department and its 27-person flight from 2021-2023, serving both CONUS and OCONUS missions.

Prior to assuming his current position, the Chief was the 124th Mission Support Group Senior Enlisted Leader which is comprised of over 320 Airmen.

Chief Zimmerly is a full time Training Captain for the City of Boise Fire Department, where he has served the citizens of Boise for over 16 years. He is currently responsible for the Training Division Officer Development Program which includes an annual Officers Academy and multiple testing processes. Chief Zimmerly is also an Executive Board Member of Local 149 Boise Firefighters Union, where he is responsible for the public relations and communication.

EDUCATION

1997 Fire Protection Apprentice Course, Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas
1999 National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians – Basic
2001 Airmen Leadership School, Maxwell Air Force Base by correspondence
2005 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell Air Force Base by correspondence
2008 Bachelor's degree in Political Science, Cum Laude, Boise State University, Boise, Idaho
2008 Associates degree in Applied Science, Fire Science, CCAF, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2017 USAF Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Gunter Maxwell AFB by correspondence





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2020 Resilience Training Assistant Course, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho, in person training
2020 Emotional Intelligence Course, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho, in person training
2020 WMGT 570 Civil Engineer Superintendent Course, Air Force Institute of Technology
2020 WMGT 427 Fire Emergency Services Flight Superintendent Course, Air Force Institute of Technology

ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. Sep-Oct 1996 Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. Oct 1996-Mar 1997 Louis F Garland Fire Academy, Goodfellow AFB, Texas
3. Mar 1997 Fire Fighter 124th Civil Engineer Squadron, Gowen Field, Boise Idaho
4. Aug 2003 Fire Protection Craftsman, 124th Civil Engineer Squadron, Gowen Field, Boise Idaho
5. Jan 2013 Station Captain, 124th Civil Engineer Squadron, Gowen Field, Boise Idaho
6. Jul 2016 Assistant Fire Chief of Operations, 124th Civil Engineer Squadron, Gowen Field, Boise Idaho
(July-January 2016-2017, Assistant Fire Chief of Operations, 386th Air Expeditionary Wing, Ali Al Salem, Kuwait)
7. Mar 2020 – Deputy Fire Chief, 124 Civil Engineer Squadron, Gowen Field, Boise Idaho
8. Jul 2021 – Fire Chief, 124th Civil Engineer Squadron, Gowen Field, Boise Idaho
9. Oct 2023 – Senior Enlisted Leader, 124th Mission Support Group, Gowen Field, Boise Idaho
10. Mar 2025 – State Command Chief, Joint Force Head Quarters, Gowen Field, Boise Idaho

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Meritorious Unit Award
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device
Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal

STATE AWARDS

Idaho Governor's Outstanding Unit Citation with two devices
Idaho Reenlistment Ribbon with 5 devices
Idaho Service Ribbon with four devices

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION *[MILITARY ONLY]*

Airman First Class 07 Aug 1996
Senior Airman 10 Jul 1998
Staff Sergeant 23 Mar 2001
Technical Sergeant 06 Sep 2003
Master Sergeant 01 Mar 2014
Senior Master Sergeant 13 Jan 2018
Chief Master Sergeant 12 Jul 2022

(Current as of Mar 2025)

