BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Senior Master Sergeant Christopher S. Koopmans



Senior Master Sergeant Christopher S. Koopmans is a retired United States Air Force senior non-commissioned officer. In October 2021, Sergeant Koopmans began working in his current position as an Aerospace Science Instructor at Braswell High School, Denton ISD, in Aubrey, Texas. Sergeant Koopmans' primary responsibility is managing the Air Force JROTC program's daily operations under the Senior Aerospace Science Instructor's supervision. He teaches high school students aerospace science, leadership, drill and ceremony, physical training, military customs and courtesies, and proper wear of the Air Force Uniform.

Sergeant Koopmans graduated from Graham High School in Graham, Texas, in 1995, and then enlisted in the active-duty Air Force the same year. Initially, he trained as an Aircraft Armament Systems Specialist (2W1X1) at Sheppard AFB, Texas. For the next 11 years, he served as a weapons load crew member on the F-15, F-16, and AC-130H aircraft. In July 2006, he retrained to become a paralegal specialist (5J0X1) and worked in the claims and military justice offices. In 2009, Sergeant Koopmans separated from active duty to pursue his civilian education full-time. He immediately enlisted in the Air Force Reserves with no break in service. Sergeant Koopmans retrained again to become an Air Transportation specialist (2T2X1), and he subsequently worked in every section of the aerial port squadron.

Sergeant Koopmans is married to Maria Ling Camarena, who is a Spanish teacher at Denton High School. She is in her 20th year of teaching high school Spanish. Sergeant Koopmans has four children, of whom he is tremendously proud. Samuel, his oldest, is active-duty Air Force stationed at Schreiver AFB in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Karol Marie, his oldest daughter, currently resides in Little Elm, Texas, and works retail. Andrew, his younger son, is a corrections officer in Wichita Falls, Texas, and is a Marine veteran. Karen Marie, his youngest child, is graduating soon from Texas A&M. In his off-duty time, Sergeant Koopmans enjoys reading, taking road trips with his wife, spending time with family and friends, and being actively involved in his home church.

EDUCATION

1997 A.A.S., Aircraft Armament Technology, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, AL, (Eagle Grant)
2000 Airman Leadership School; in-residence; Elmendorf AFB, AK (Honor Graduate)
2004 B.S., Health Services Administration, Weber State University, Ogden, UT, (Cum Laude)
2010 A.A.S., Transportation Technology, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, AL
2010 NCO Academy; in-residence; Buckley AFB, CO
2012 Senior NCO Academy; correspondence
2013 Master's Degree, Master of Divinity; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX
2014 Senior NCO Joint Professional Military Education; correspondence
2015 Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Academy (SNCOA); in-residence; Petaluma, CA, (Spirit of the Chief Award)
2015 Senior NCO Leadership Development Course; in-residence; NAS Fort Worth JRB, TX
2017 Chief Orientation Course; in-residence; Robins AFB, GA
2018 Chief Master Sergeant Leadership Course; in-residence; Maxwell AFB (Gunter Annex), AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1996 – March 1999, Weapons Load Crew Team Member, 4 FS, Hill AFB, UT
2. March 1999 – March 2000, Weapons Release Shop, 8 MXS, Kunsan AB, ROK
3. March 2000 – March 2003, Weapons Load Crew Team Chief, 19 FS, Elmendorf AFB, AK
4. March 2003 – July 2006, Weapons Flight Expeditor, 16 AMU, Hurlburt Field, FL
5. July 2006 – January 2009, Paralegal, 341 SW, Malmstrom AFB, MT
6. January 2009 – February 2016, Air Transportation Specialist, NAS Fort Worth JRB, Fort Worth, TX
7. February 2016 – October 2021, Aerial Port Operations Flight Chief, Lackland AFB, TX
8. October 2021 – Present, Aerospace Science Instructor, Braswell High School, Aubrey, TX

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

1. Meritorious Service Medal
2. Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
3. Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster
4. Meritorious Unit Award
5. AF Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device with five oak leaf clusters
6. AF Good Conduct Medal with three oak leaf clusters
7. Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
8. National Defense Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
9. Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
10. Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one oak leaf cluster
11. Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
12. Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
13. Korean Defense Service Medal
14. Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal
15. Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal
16. AF Overseas Ribbon Short
17. AF Overseas Ribbon Long
18. Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border
19. AF Longevity Service with five oak leaf clusters
20. Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 1 'M' Device with one oak leaf cluster
21. USAF NCO PME Graduate Ribbon with one oak leaf cluster
22. AF Training Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic – 10 August 1995
Airman – 10 February 1996
Airman First Class – 10 December 1996
Senior Airman – 10 August 1998
Staff Sergeant – 1 August 2000
Technical Sergeant – 1 September 2006
Master Sergeant – 1 December 2011
Senior Master Sergeant – 1 May 2015

(Current as of October 2026)