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CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT RONALD F. "RONBO" BARTSCH

Chief Master Sgt. Ronald F. Bartsch is the senior enlisted leader for the 5th Combat Communications Group, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia. He is the principal advisor to the group commander on all matters influencing the effective employment and professional development of 523 personnel. He ensures the training and readiness of three squadrons enabling the mobilization and deployment of Airmen, tactical communications solutions and support equipment across the full spectrum of operations anytime, anywhere in 72 hours. In addition, the group provides emergency communications capabilities, full motion video support and United States Secret Service augmentee resources to various federal agencies supporting major political events involving the president and visiting dignitaries.

Bartsch entered the Air Force in April 1998 and graduated from Electronic Computer and Switching Systems Apprentice Course at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi, in August 1999. He has been in the Air Force for 27 years and his assignments include bases in Idaho, Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, Wyoming and Georgia. He deployed numerous times including right after 9/11 to build Al Udeid Air Base, the invasion of Iraq in 2003, and directly supporting Joint Special Operations, including a significant deployment in Pakistan from 2010 to 2011 and building two Special Operations Air Bases in Iraq to kick off the war with ISIS in 2014. Prior to his current position, CMSgt Bartsch was the senior enlisted leader of the 90th Communications Squadron at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming, and the 51st Combat Communications Squadron at Robins AFB, Georgia.



EDUCATION

2002 USAF Airman Leadership School, Mt. Home AFB, Idaho
2004 Communications-Electronics Career Advancement Course, Keesler AFB, Miss.
2010 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education I (SEJPME I)
2011 USAF NCO Academy, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
2013 USAF SNCO Academy (Course 14)
2013 Cyber Operations Fundamentals Course (COFC-Cyber 100)
2014 Joint Special Operations University Enlisted Academy, Joint Fundamentals Course, Continuing Education Program Level 1 (SOF E-6 PME)
2015 Associate of Electronic Systems Technology, Community College of the Air Force
2015 Joint Special Operations University Enlisted Academy, Enterprise Management Course, Continuing Education Program Level 2 (SOF E-7 PME)
2017 USAF SNCO Academy-Advanced Leadership Experience, Gunter Annex, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2017 Professional Managers Certification, Community College of the Air Force
2017 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II (SEJPME II)
2019 Bachelors of Science in Strategic Studies and Defense Analysis, Norwich University, Vt.
2020 Nuclear 150 Strategic Deterrence Basic Course
2021 Cyber 300 Joint Advanced Cyberspace Operations Course
2023 Human and AI Collaboration in the Workforce Certificate Course, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
2023 USAF Chief Master Sergeant Leadership Course
2025 Senior Enlisted Legal Orientation Course
2025 Command Team Integration Course
2025 Wing Command Team Course





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ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1999-August 2002, Theater Deployable Communications Technician, 366th Communications Squadron, Mt. Home AFB, Idaho
2. August 2002-August 2004, Quality Assurance Evaluator, 366th Communications Squadron, Mt. Home AFB, Idaho
3. August 2004-April 2006, Engineering and Installation Team Chief, 6th Communications Squadron, Macdill AFB, Fla.
4. April 2006-January 2008, Assistant NCOIC Configuration Management, 6th Communications Squadron, Macdill AFB, Fla.
5. January 2008-August 2012, Direct Support Communications Chief, Joint Communications Support Element, Macdill AFB, Fla.
6. August 2012-January 2014, NCOIC Airborne Communications Division, Aviation Tactics Evaluation Group, Joint Special Operations Command, Ft. Bragg, N.C.
7. January 2014-September 2016, J6 Superintendent, Aviation Tactics Evaluation Group, Joint Special Operations Command, Ft. Bragg, N.C.
8. September 2016-March 2018, Superintendent, Cyber Transport Systems, 633rd Communications Squadron, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.
9. March 2018-May 2019, Flight Chief, Special Missions, 633rd Communications Squadron, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.
10. May 2019-December 2019, Flight Chief, Operations, 633rd Communications Squadron, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.
11. December 2019-June 2023, Squadron Senior Enlisted Leader, 90th Communications Squadron, Francis E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
12. June 2023-March 2025, Squadron Senior Enlisted Leader, 51st Combat Communications Squadron, Robins AFB, Ga.
13. March 2025-Present, Senior Enlisted Leader, 5th Combat Communications Group, Robins AFB, Ga.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Joint Service Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air and Space Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Army Commendation Medal
Joint Service Achievement Medal
Air and Space Achievement Medal
Army Achievement Medal
Combat Readiness Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Good Conduct Medal with seven oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one service star
Iraq Campaign Medal with one service star
Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal with one service star
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Service Medal with one service star
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal with one service star
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with N device and two oak leaf clusters
Non-Article 5 NATO International Security Assistance Force Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2007 Team of the Year, Air Mobility Command
2011 Distinguished Graduate, Noncommissioned Officer Academy
2012 DOD Chief Information Officer Team Award
2013 NCO of the Year, Aviation Tactics Evaluation Group, Joint Special Operations Command
2014 Air Force Information Dominance Cyber Systems SNCO of the Year, Air Force Special Operations Command, 2016 SNCO of the Year, 633rd Communications Squadron
2017 CMSgt Richard L. Etchberger Team Award, SNCO Academy-Advanced Leadership Experience





2017 Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award, 9th Air Force
2017 SNCO of the Year, 633rd Communications Squadron
2020 SNCO of the Year, 90th Communications Squadron
2020 Air Force Cyberspace and Air Traffic Control Association, SNCO of the Year, Air Force Global Strike Command
2021 Air Force Information Dominance Cyber Support SNCO of the Year, 20th Air Force
2021 SNCO of the Year 90th Missile Wing
2022 Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award, 90th Missile Wing

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Permanent member, Air Force Association
Permanent member, Air Commando Association
Permanent member, Joint Communications Support Element Veterans Association

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic April 1, 1998
Airman First Class May 16, 1998
Senior Airman Sept. 16, 2000
Staff Sergeant June 1, 2002
Technical Sergeant Jan. 1, 2009
Master Sergeant Jan. 1, 2014
Senior Master Sergeant June 1, 2019
Chief Master Sergeant May 1, 2023
(Current as of April 2025)

