

5th BATTALION, Victor Company TAC Officer CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT VICTOR A. PEÑA (Ret)

Chief Master Sergeant Peña culminated a 30-year career as Squadron Superintendent, 15th Air Support Operations Squadron (ASOS), Fort Stewart, GA. He was responsible for leading and managing the operational employment of 144 Tactical Air Control Party, Intelligence and Logistics personnel in support of the Army's 3rd Infantry Division. Chief Peña guided the integration and synchronization of joint airpower engaged in close air support, and other air-to-ground operations, to meet the commanding general's scheme of maneuver. Additionally, he advised the squadron commander on training, equipment, manpower and enlisted matters.



A native of Long Branch, New Jersey, Chief Master Sergeant Peña enlisted in the United States Air Force in August 1991. Following completion of Basic Training, he was selected to attend the Tactical Air Command and Control Specialist course at Hurlburt Field, Florida. As a Tactical Air Control Party member and Joint Terminal Attack Controller, he has served at every echelon within the joint force including combat experience in Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn and Operation Spartan Shield.

EDUCATION: 2011 Associate Degree in Information Systems Technologies, 2011 Community College of the Air Force, 2012 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education, by correspondence, 2015 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, 2016 Professional Managers Certification, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, 2016 Bachelor of Arts (Summa Cum Laude) in Multidisciplinary Studies, Grantham University, 2018 Chief Leadership Course, Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, Alabama

ASSIGNMENTS: 1991-2021

1st Air Support Operations Group, Detachment 1, Fort Ord, California, 16th Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Knox, Kentucky, 19th Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, 604th Air Support Operations Squadron OL-A, Camp Casey, Republic of Korea, 19th Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, 4th Air Support Operations Squadron, Sullivan Barracks, Mannheim, Germany, 20th Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Drum, New York, 607th Air Support Operations Group, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, 682nd Air Support Operations Squadron, Shaw AFB, South Carolina, 682nd Air Support Operations Squadron, Pope AAF, North Carolina, 82nd Expeditionary Air Support Operations Squadron, Camp Buehring, Kuwait, 607th Air Support Operations Group, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, 15th Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Stewart, GA

MAJOR AWARDS, DECORATIONS AND OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Bronze Star with one oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Force Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Distinguished Honor Graduate, South Korean Fire Support Integration Course Distinguished Honor Graduate, Joint Fire Power Integration Course Distinguished Honor Graduate, European Air Ground Operations Course "Leadership" Award Winner, Airman Leadership School Graduate, Sabalauski Air Assault School Graduate, Basic Parachutist Course, Jungle Warfare Training Course, Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, 4th Air Support Operations Squadron, Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, 20th Air Support Operations Squadron Honor Graduate, Air Support Operations Center, Initial Qualification Course Graduate, Military Resiliency Instructor Course, Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, 682nd Air Support Operations Squadron

Chief Peña is married to Mrs. Suzanne Peña and has a son from a previous relationship Camden (14) that resides in Dunlap, Tennessee