



CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT (RET) RICHARD M. GREEN

CMSgt Richard M. Green was the fourth Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Director of the Air National Guard, serving from August 1986 through August 1990. He established the Air National Guard Enlisted Aircrew Advisory Panel in 1990, serving as the Director till 2002. Chief Green retired on 31 December 2003 with 38 years of service.

Chief Green was born on August 15, 1946 in Little Rock, Arkansas. He graduated from high school in Little Rock in 1964 and continued his education at Little Rock University (now University of Arkansas at Little Rock) on a varsity basketball scholarship. His military education includes Basic Military Training, 1965; Aircraft Maintenance School, 1965; Combat Crew Training, KC-135, 1975; Flight Instructor Course, 1976; United States Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officers Academy, May 1983; and a degree in Resource Management from the Community College of the Air Force, 1985.

The Chief began his military career by enlisting in the Arkansas Air National Guard in 1965. After returning from basic training and technical school, he continued to attend the university until called to active duty with the 189th Tactical Reconnaissance Group in 1968. After serving as a crew chief on RF-101 aircraft, Itazuke Air Base, Japan and Osan Air Base, Korea, Chief Green returned to inactive status. He accepted an air technician position as an F-101 crew chief with the 189th in 1969 and began his flying career as a C-47 flight engineer that same year. He continued his crew chief and flight engineer duties until 1975 when he was selected to attend KC-135 Boom Operator School. The Chief became supervisor of the Inflight Refueling Section in 1976.

He was named Senior Enlisted Advisor for the 189th Air Refueling Group in 1983, continuing his duties as Air Refueling Program Manager and Flight Engineer until assuming his duties as Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Director, Air National Guard on 1 August 1986. He served as Enlisted Aircrew Training Manager for the 189th Airlift Wing from September 1990 to December 2003.

Chief Green is an aircrew member with more than 8500 flying hours in C-47, C-54, T-29, C-131, KC-135, C-22, and C-130 aircraft. His military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Outstanding Airman of the Year ribbon, and the National Defense Service Medal. He was named Federal Employee of the Year in 1984 and an Air National Guard Outstanding Airman of the Year in 1985.

Chief Green's civic affiliations include: Arkansas Noncommissioned Officers Association, Board of Directors (former President); Noncommissioned Officers Academy Association, Chapter 54 (former President); Enlisted Association of the National Guard; Air Force Sergeants Association; Noncommissioned Officers Association; and Air Force Association. He is a former Elder and Chairman of the Board of his local church.

The Chief was promoted to Chief Master Sergeant in July 1984.

Richard M. Green: Veteran works for enlisted military men and women

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Maumelle's Richard Green spent his military career as an enlisted man, but as he was promoted through the ranks, he used his expertise to look out for the recruited men and women who make up the bulk of the armed forces.

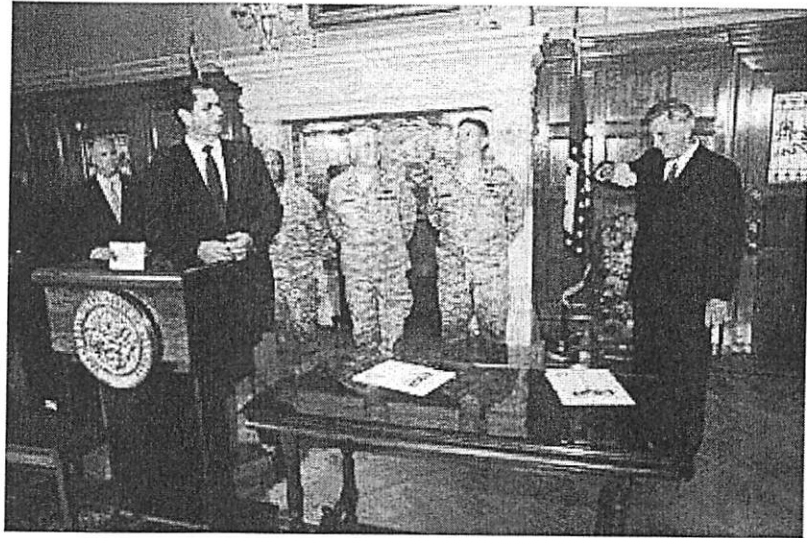
After serving 38 years in the Air Force's Arkansas Air National Guard as a full-time technician, Green retired to Hot Springs.

But it wasn't long before he became involved with the armed services again, this time as program specialist with the Arkansas Employer

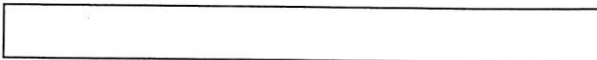
Support for the National Guard and Reserve Committee. He works with military reservists and their civilian employers, and communities to ensure understanding of the role of the reserve members.

It's similar to his previous career — he's still looking out for reservists because they compose the bulk of troops who have difficulty on the job after their mandatory military service. Even though federal laws guarantee jobs after returning from military duty, conflicts and misunderstandings still occur, he said.

Green grew up in Little Rock and attended Hall High School where he starred in basketball. He attended the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, then known as Little Rock University, on a basketball scholarship and played varsity basketball for three years.



Richard Green speaks in the Governor's Conference Room after Gov. Mike Beebe proclaimed Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve Week in Arkansas. Beebe, right, offers a salute as he reminisced about his Arkansas National Guard duty as an enlisted man while Attorney General Dustin McDaniel, left, Arkansas National Guard Assistant Adjutant General Brig. Gen. William J. Johnson, Arkansas Air National Guard commander Brig. Gen. Riley Porter and Col. Jim Summers.



He grew up during a time when Little Rock's Main Street was in its heyday. His parents owned Green's Furs at 304 Main St. in the 1950s and '60s.

Green received a draft notice from the Army, but was able to enlist in the Arkansas Air National Guard and attend basic training following his freshman year at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

He said he had life planned out, but history interceded when North Korea captured a U.S. Navy vessel, the Pueblo, causing his unit to be activated in January 1968

"[I was] deployed to Japan and Korea for a year. ... Took a full-time position for one year, began my flying career [with the guard] and retired 35 years later."

That's how the modest Green described his career that spanned parts of five decades. During that time, he developed a close relationship with the Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve Committee.

Green rose through the ranks to become chief master sergeant for the Arkansas Air National Guard and was the fourth senior enlisted adviser to the director of the Air National Guard, serving from August 1986 through August 1990. He established the Air National Guard Enlisted Aircrew Advisory Panel in 1990, serving as the director until 2002.

In 1968 he was a member of the 189th Tactical Reconnaissance Group, serving as a crew chief on RF-101 aircraft at Itazuke Air Base, Japan, and Osan Air Base, Korea.

After returning home in 1969, Green accepted a full-time job with the guard as an F-101 air technician crew chief with the 189th. He also began his flying career as a C-47 flight engineer that same year. He continued his crew chief and flight engineer duties until 1975, when he was selected to attend KC-135 Boom Operator School, as the guard unit gradually switched from the smaller jets to the military version of the Boeing 707. He trained on the tanker version tasked with refueling aircraft in flight. Green became supervisor of the in-flight refueling section in 1976, responsible for flying the plane during the dangerous air-to-air refueling missions.

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His civic affiliations include: Enlisted Association of the National Guard (former state president); Noncommissioned Officers Academy Association, Chapter 54 (former president); Air Force Sergeants Association; Noncommissioned Officers Association; and Air Force Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion.

When he retired from his full-time position in 2004, he became hospital services manager with United Blood Services in Hot Springs.

In 2007, when he accepted his current position, which requires him to work at Camp Robinson, Green moved to Maumelle.

Green said he loves the city.

"Great location, great establishments ... very friendly people," Green said. "Its a small area with all businesses being easy to access."

He has one daughter who works for a construction company in North Little Rock.