



BIOGRAPHY



CARL HUNSINGER, CMSGT, USAF (RETIRED) PRESIDENT/FOUNDER, MANASOTA VETERANS, INC.



Chief Master Sergeant Carl Hunsinger, USAF (retired) served nearly 31 years on active duty. Upon graduation from high school, he graduated from the Florida Police Officer Standards and Training Course and the Florida Correctional Officer's Training Institute. After three years as a civilian police officer and correctional officer, he entered the United States Air Force and began basic military training in June 1978. He was a career logistician and transporter with an extensive background in vehicle operations, vehicle fleet management, combat readiness, contingency planning and software development. Chief Hunsinger served this nation around the world. He was last stationed and deployed in Southwest Asia (June 2007 – July 2008) where he was the Command Chief Master Sergeant for the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing. As the top enlisted leader, Chief Hunsinger advised the commander and senior staff on matters influencing the health, morale, welfare and effective utilization of over 19,000 assigned combat enlisted personnel in Kuwait and southern Iraq. The 386th Air Expeditionary Wing was responsible for a wide variety of missions in support of United States Air Forces Central and United States Central Command objectives including intra-theater airlift, casualty evacuation, theater internment, convoy operations, security, and combat service support for specified U.S. military units supporting all coalition forces. He was the Senior Air Force Commander's representative on advisory councils, board member of wing level enlisted promotions, special action boards, functional manager of 21 First Sergeants and the lead for all assigned Group Chief Master Sergeants. He provided coordinating actions with Joint top enlisted leaders throughout southwest Asia. He ensured combat readiness of several classified locations throughout Kuwait and Iraq with superior leadership, enlisted policies, practices, and training. Last stateside assignment; 375 Airlift Wing Command Chief at Scott Air Force Base, IL.

Chief Hunsinger led from the front in many combat missions by land and air. He served a career total of 27 months in combat operations in three major deployments earning two Bronze Star Medals (one from the US Army and one from the US Air Force). Other major awards include two Iraqi Campaign Medals, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and the Air Force Expeditionary Ribbon with Gold Border, seven Meritorious Service Medals and six Air Force Commendation Medals. In addition, the US Army awarded him the 1st Infantry Division and 25th Infantry Division patches with orders. In an earlier 2004-2005 deployment to Mosul Iraq, the US Army selected Chief Hunsinger as their acting 17th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion Command Sergeant Major making him their first ever Air Force E-9 to fill this position in direct combat. He performed duties as the Army's on-scene commander with the quick response force and recovery forces for post attacks both inside and outside the wire.

Other assignments included; Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio Texas, Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene Texas, Homestead Air Force Base Florida (twice assigned), Hahn Air Base Germany, Osan Air Base Republic of Korea, HQ Pacific Air Forces Hickam Air Force Base HI (twice assigned), Maxwell

Air Force Base in Alabama (with the Air Force Logistics Management Agency & Standard Systems Group computer software development) Air Staff assigned, Charleston Air Force Base in South Carolina, Yokota Air Base Japan, Scott Air Force Base Illinois, Kuwait, Mosul (Diamondback) Iraq and many other temporary duty locations around the world. Today, he continues as a 100 percent passionate volunteer and community Veteran leader working and advocating for his fellow Veterans, their families and the overall supporting the communities Manatee and Sarasota counties.

Primary Academics:

Awarded B.S. Degree in Workforce Education and Development, Southern Illinois University Carbondale (GPA 3.97)

Associates Degree in Transportation Management, Community College of the Air Force

Associates Degree in Law Enforcement, Wayland Baptist University

United States Navy Senior Enlisted Academy (Advanced Leadership), Newport RI

Basic Combat Convoy Course BC3 (inaugural course), Lackland AFB and Camp Bullis TX

Ground Transportation Leadership and Fleet Management School, United States Air Force

Six Sigma and Six Sigma Lean, Villanova University

Human Resource Management, Villanova University

Project Management Basic & Advanced, Villanova University

Prospectus, Proposal and Grant Writing Course with Certificate, Idaho State University

Community Recognition:

Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame Inductee, Class of 2018 (Presented by Gov. Rick Scott)

2018 Jewish Family & Children's Service Tribute to Veterans Annual Award

2018 Goodwill Manasota Community Ambassador of the Year

Quilt Of Valor Presented at American Legion Post 325 on May 22, 2021

Primary Membership and Affiliations (Past/Present):

Manasota Veterans Inc (501c3), President/Founder (2019-present)

Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame Society (Lifetime Member), Past Board of Directors

Manatee County Veterans Council (Immediate past and 3-Term Chairman)

Sarasota County Veterans Commission (past member)

Goodwill Manasota Veterans' Task Force (Charter Member)

American Veterans AMVETS (Lifetime Member)

Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW (Lifetime Member)

American Legion Post 325 (Member)

Disabled American Veterans DAV Chapter 97 (Lifetime Member)

Air Force Sergeants Association (Member)

Manasota Elks Lodge (Past Member, Veterans Support Committee)

Appointed by Manatee County Board of Commissioners to the Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Citizen Advisory Committee (served 3-years)

Key Team Member; Study Sponsor and Steering Group Committee Member of the USF Sarasota-Manatee, Manatee County Veteran Quality of Life Study (published 2021)

2024 Steering Committee, Manatee County Veterans Park Project

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