



BIOGRAPHY



MICHELLE M. THOMAS, CMSGT, USAFR (RETIRED) **SECRETARY/BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MANASOTA VETERANS**



Chief Master Sergeant Michelle M. Thomas, USAFR (retired) served 29 years on active duty, AF Reserve, Individual Mobilization Augmentee and Active Guard/Reserve. She joined the Air Force right after graduating from high school and began basic military training in September 1986. She served as Medical Services Specialist for the first 12 years with the last four years in Aeromedical Evacuation and then retrained into personnel where she performed human resources duties at base level, major command and Air Force levels. Her last duty station was Robins Air Force Base in Georgia where she served as Superintendent, Manpower, Personnel and Services Directorate at Air Force Reserve Command. As the Superintendent, Chief Thomas advised leadership and staff on matters influencing the personnel policies and processes ultimately affecting 69,000 Air Force Reserve members. She was the Directorate's enlisted representative on manpower, personnel and services matters. She also served as the Personnel Career Field Functional

Manager which involved managing the personnelists and personnel positions throughout the Air Force Reserve.

Chief Thomas had four different joint assignments and served as the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Air Force Review Boards Agency. She deployed multiple times in support of Operation Desert Storm/Shield and Operation Iraqi Freedom earning her the Southwest Asia Service Medal with 1 Service Star, Air Force Expeditionary Medal with Gold Border, ten Meritorious Service Medals, and Air Force Commendation Medal.

Other assignments include; Wiesbaden Regional Medical Center in GE, Tonopah Test Range in NV, Luke AFB in AZ, MacDill AFB in FL, HQ European Command in GE, Andrews AFB in MD and Robins AFB in GA.

Primary Academics:

B.S. Degree in Business Management, Columbia Southern University
Associates of Science Degree in Personnel Management, Community College of the Air Force
Associates of Medical Services, Community College of the Air Force
Air Force Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy (Advanced Leadership), Montgomery AL

Primary Membership and Affiliations (Past/Present):

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA)

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