



# BIOGRAPHY

**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

## CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT LAURA M. PUZA

Chief Master Sergeant Laura M. Puza is the Senior Enlisted Advisor to The Judge Advocate General (TJAG). In this position, she serves as the senior advisor to TJAG and to senior staff on enlisted matters for paralegals within The Judge Advocate General's Corps worldwide. She exercises management responsibility over and serves more than 1,300 Air Force active duty and Air Reserve Component paralegals. CMSgt Puza advises TJAG on all issues regarding quality of life, morale, health and welfare as a member of the JAG Corp's Strategic Planning Committee and the Judge Advocate General's School Advisory Board. She is the twentieth Senior Enlisted Advisor to The Judge Advocate General.

CMSgt Puza was born in Shamokin, Pennsylvania and graduated from Southern Columbia Area High School in June 1998. She attended Basic Military Training the following October. CMSgt Puza graduated from the Services Apprentice Course in February 1999 and retrained into the paralegal career field in 2005.



## EDUCATION

- 2002 Airman Leadership School
- 2004 CCAF, Associate of Applied Science - Fitness, Recreation, and Services Management
- 2005 Paralegal Apprentice Course (Distinguished Graduate)
- 2007 Paralegal Craftsman Course
- 2007 CCAF, Associate of Applied Science - Paralegal Studies
- 2009 NCO Academy (Distinguished Graduate)
- 2010 Bachelor of Science, Paralegal Studies, Kaplan University (summa cum laude)
- 2011 SNCO Academy (Correspondence)
- 2011 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Course (Correspondence)
- 2014 Professional Manager Certification
- 2014 SNCO Academy (Residence)
- 2016 Master of Science in Administration, Human Resources, Central Michigan University
- 2017 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II Course (Correspondence)
- 2018 Chief Leadership Course (Residence)
- 2019 Command Chief Master Sergeant Training Course

## ASSIGNMENTS

1. February 1999 – July 2002, Cook; Fitness Center Representative; Missile Alert Facility Chef, 741st Missile Squadron, Minot AFB, ND
2. July 2002 – May 2005, Senior Cook; Sports and Fitness Director, 704th Munitions Support Squadron, Ghedi AB, Italy

3. August 2005 – July 2010, NCOIC (Claims, Military Justice, Civil Law), 71st Flying Training Wing, Vance AFB, OK (September 2008 – March 2009, NCOIC, Military Justice, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Udeid AB, Qatar)
4. July 2010 – June 2014, Superintendent, HQ Air Force Office of Special Investigations, Quantico MCB, VA
5. July 2014 – August 2015, Superintendent, 88th Air Base Wing, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
6. August 2015 – May 2017, Manager, Civil Law and Litigation Directorate, Joint Base Andrews, MD (October 2016 – May 2017, Law Office Superintendent and Wing Staff Agency Superintendent, 380th Air Expeditionary Wing, Southwest Asia)
7. May 2017 – March 2018, Senior Enlisted Advisor, Military Commissions Defense Organization, Office of the Military Commissions, Arlington, VA
8. March 2018 – August 2020, Space Force Paralegal Manager (MAJCOM Functional Manager), Headquarters, United States Space Force (formerly Air Force Space Command), Peterson AFB, CO
9. August 2020 – September 2022, MAJCOM Functional Manager, Headquarters, Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI
10. September 2022 – May 2023, Paralegal Career Field Manager, Pentagon, Washington, DC
11. June 2023 – Present, Senior Enlisted Advisor to The Judge Advocate General, Pentagon, Washington, DC

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters  
Joint Service Commendation Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal  
2001 91st Space Wing Chef of the Year  
2001 Senior Airman Below-the-Zone  
2007 19th Air Force Outstanding Paralegal NCO of the Year  
2007 71st Flying Training Wing Staff Agency NCO of the Year  
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2011 HQ Air Force Office of Special Investigations SNCO of the Year  
2016 Air Force Legal Operations Agency Outstanding SNCO of the Year

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Chief Master Sergeant - 1 March 2018

(Current as of June 2023)