



BIOGRAPHY

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JOSE TAMAYO

Chief Master Sergeant Jose Tamayo was appointed Florida Wing Command NCO on April 8, 2024. He serves as a member of the command team advising the wing commander on matters affecting the Florida Wing including the implementation of the emergency services, aerospace education and cadet programs. Additionally, he is responsible for mentoring seniors and cadets on their journey to becoming dynamic aerospace leaders.

Chief Tamayo is from Hialeah, Florida. In 1984, Chief Tamayo joined Civil Air Patrol as a cadet and earned the Amelia Earhart Award. In 1989 he attended the International Air Cadet Exchange to Belgium. As a senior member, at the Daytona Beach Composite Squadron, Chief Tamayo served as the Emergency Services Officer, Encampment Training Officer and as the Activity Project Officer for the 1991 Florida Wing Drill Competition. While living overseas he was a member of the Spangdahlem Cadet Squadron as the Leadership and Testing officer. After a long break, he returned to CAP in 2019 at the Offutt Composite Squadron where he served as Deputy Commander for Cadets. Returning home to Florida, Chief Tamayo joined the Patrick Composite Squadron as the Deputy Commander for Seniors and served as the Group 4 NCO Advisor.



His Civil Air Patrol awards include the Commander's Commendation, Benjamin O. Davis and Chuck Yeager Awards. He currently holds a technician rating in cadet programs.

During his Career in the Air Force Chief Tamayo served as Aeromedical Evacuation Technician. He accumulated over 3,000 flight hours on the C-9, C-17, C-21, C-130 and KC-135 aircraft, earning the Chief Enlisted Aircrew Badge. His military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Aerial Achievement Medal, and Afghanistan Campaign Medal. Chief Tamayo retired from the Air Force Reserve after 30 years of service. He served as the Senior Enlisted Leader of the 932d Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Scott AFB and 315th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Charleston AFB.

Jose holds a Master of Arts in International Relations from the University of Oklahoma and a Bachelor of Professional Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He is a career federal civil servant and is currently employed by Space Launch Delta 45 as a Financial Management Specialist.

Jose is married to his wife Diana for 20 years, they have a daughter Elizabeth and granddaughter, Natasha.