

## ***CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT (RETIRED) CHRISTOPHER F. TELLSWORTH***



Chris Tellsworth is a Retired Pararescue Special Warfare Operator Airman and former Chief Enlisted Manager for the 306th Rescue Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona.

Chris now works as the *Program Manager* for F3EA (*Find, Finish, Fix, Exploit, Analyze*) providing discrete mission support, security and training services including Special Operations specific requirements. He is a strategic leader and planner, an expert in organizing, equipping and training the world's most elite rescue forces and special operators.

He integrates operational subject matter expertise and programs realistic combat scenarios & training for the DoD's newest Personnel Recovery Special Operators. Chris directs and supervises all work performed under the Rescue Instructional and Training Services (RITS) mechanism with USAF Special Warfare based on ACC Commander intent, real world experience and current down-range lessons learned to have a positive impact on a *no-fail* mission.

Chief (Ret) Tellsworth advises F3EA leadership and associates on all matters affecting the "high risk" Special Warfare Personnel Recovery Mission; effective utilization, budget, facilities, manpower, discipline, morale, welfare and quality of life.

He is an expert on Joint Tactical Operations and the Guardian Angel Weapons System. He is also a uniquely qualified Pararescue Evaluator/Certifier and serves as an advisor on global level, Personnel Recovery Matters.

Chief (Ret) Tellsworth is from Northern California. He entered the Air Force in 1993 through Air Force Basic Military Training at Lackland AFB, Texas. In December of 1995 he graduated from the USAF Pararescue Apprentice Course, Kirtland AFB, NM. The Chief has held a variety of tactical, operational and strategic positions throughout the Air Force (in the Continental U.S. and overseas).

He is a veteran that has participated in numerous joint special operations missions and tactical deployments to include Operations: SOUTHERN WATCH (1996-1998, Saudi Arabia/Kuwait), ENDURRING FREEDOM (initial assault/multiple deployments, 2002-2019), ENDURRING FREEDOM-Horn of Africa (HOA) (2005-2017), IRAQI FREEDOM (initial assault, 2003-2018), JTF KATRINA (2005), JTF RITA (2005), JUKEBOX LOTUS (2014), and several JTF NASA Space Shuttle/Human Space Flight launch and recovery missions (1996-2019).

### **EDUCATION:**

2016 Masters of Science Emergency Management and Disaster Response  
2014 Bachelors of Science Business Administration  
2011 Air Force Chief Master Sergeant Orientation Course  
2011 Associates in Personnel Recovery Operations, Air force Community College  
2004 Military Tandem & Tethered Bundle (MTTB) Course  
2000 Pre-hospital Medical Care Provider/NREMT Paramedic  
1995 USAF Pararescue Apprentice Course

**ASSIGNMENTS:**

1994 - 1995, Pararescue Apprentice/Pipeline Course, Kirtland AFB, NM  
1995 - 1997, Pararescue Team Member, 41st Rescue Squadron, Patrick AFB, FL  
1997 - 1999, Pararescue Team Leader, 41st Rescue Squadron, Moody AFB, GA  
1999 - 2005, Special Tactics Team Leader, 24th Special Tactics Squadron, Pope AFB, NC  
2005 - 2007, Pararescue/Guardian Angel Team Leader, 212th Rescue Squadron, Anchorage, AK  
2007 - 2011, Pararescue Superintendent, 306th Rescue Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ  
2011 - 2020, Chief Enlisted Manager, 306th Rescue Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ  
2020 - 2021, Special Warfare Ground Operations Manager, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ  
2021- Current, Program Manager, F3EA, Tucson, AZ

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Bronze Star Medal with Valor Device, one oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Aerial Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Joint Service Commendation Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Combat Action Medal  
Air Force Combat Readiness Medal  
Air Force Good Conduct Medal  
National Defense Service Medal  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal  
Afghanistan Campaign Medal  
Iraq Campaign Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Medal  
Combat Parachute Jump Star Device

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION/RETIREMENT:**

Chief Master Sergeant October 2011  
Retired 01 February 2020