

**NEW JERSEY STATE COMMAND CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT (ret)  
MICHAEL R. FRANCIS**

Command Chief Master Sergeant (ret) Michael R. Francis currently serves as the Veterans Liaison for Congressman Frank A. LoBiondo in New Jersey’s second Congressional District. He was previously employed as a Senior Adjunct Instructor for Atlantic Cape Community College. He concluded his military service as the seventh State Command Chief for the New Jersey Air National Guard until his retirement in June 2012 where he was a member of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs working group on Total Force Fitness, NJ National Guard Resilience, Risk Reduction and Suicide Prevention Council and the Air National Guard Enlisted Field Advisor Council.

Chief Francis enlisted in the United States Navy in January 1973 and he was assigned to the USS Vulcan, AR-5 and subsequently served as an Enlisted Intelligence Assistant at the Defense Intelligence Agency Philadelphia. He was discharged in 1979. In June of 1983 he joined the New Jersey Air National Guard and was assigned to 177th Security Police Flight. Chief Francis was activated on September 11th, 2001 to support of Operations NOBEL EAGLE and was deployed in support of Operations ENDURING and IRAQI Freedom. His assignments included Antiterrorism and Investigations Non Commissioned Officer in Charge, Security Forces Manager, and Operations Superintendent at Sather Air Base, Baghdad International Airport, Iraq where he was awarded the combat patch from the United States Army 18<sup>th</sup> Military Police Brigade. He worked with New Jersey’s state partnership nation, Albania where he instructed on the duties and responsibilities of a Non Commissioned Officers and as an instructor for the Satellite Non Commissioned Officer Academy. He retired from the Margate City Police Department obtaining the rank of Lieutenant in the Patrol Division in 2007 and the New Jersey Air National Guard in 2012.

**EDUCATION**

- 1983 Associate Degree, Criminal Justice, Atlantic Community College, Mays Landing, NJ
- 1996 Baccalaureate Degree, Law Enforcement, Thomas Edison State College, Trenton, NJ
- 2001 Master Degree, Administration, Fairleigh Dickerson University, Teaneck, NJ
- 2006 Chief Master Sergeant Leadership Course, Gunter Annex, Montgomery Alabama
- 2007 Command Chief Master Sergeant Course, Lackland AFB, TX

**ASSIGNMENTS**

- 1973-1979 United States Navy and Naval Reserves
- 1983-2007 177th Security Forces Squadron
- 2007-2009 Command Chief Master Sergeant, 177th Fighter Wing
- 2009-2012 State Command Chief Master Sergeant, New Jersey Air National Guard

**AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Legion of Merit	Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border
Meritorious Service Medal	AF Longevity Service
Air Force Commendation Medal	Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 1 'M' Device
Army Commendation Medal	USAF NCO PME Graduate Ribbon
Air Force Achievement Medal	Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon
Meritorious Unit Award	AF Training Ribbon
AF Outstanding Unit Award	New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal
Navy 'E' Ribbon	New Jersey Meritorious Service Medal
Navy Good Conduct Medal	New Jersey Commendation Medal
Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal	New Jersey Ribbon of Honor
National Defense Service Medal with two bronze stars	New Jersey Good Conduct Ribbon
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal	New Jersey Merit Award Ribbon
Iraq Campaign Medal	New Jersey Desert Storm Medal
Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal	New Jersey State Service Ribbon
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal	New Jersey Governor’s Unit Award Ribbon
Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal	New Jersey Unit Strength Award Ribbon
AF Overseas Ribbon Short	