

AIR-VICE MARSHAL Sunday Kelvin Aneke

CHIEF OF AIR STAFF

Air Vice Marshal Sunday Kelvin Aneke was born on 20 February 1972 in Makurdi, Benue State to the family of Air Warrant Officer (rtd) Sylvester and Mrs Ngozi Aneke. He hails from Udi Local Government Area of Enugu State in South-Eastern Nigeria. Air Vice Marshal Aneke attended Army Children School New Cantonment 'A' NDA Kaduna from 1976 – 1982 where he obtained his first school leaving certificate. He proceeded to Government College Kaduna from 1982 – 1987 where he obtained his West African School Certificate. Air Vice Marshal Aneke started his military career on 10 September 1988 when he was enlisted into the Nigerian Defence Academy as a member of 40th Regular Combatant Course. Consequently, he was commissioned as a Pilot Officer into the Nigerian Air Force on 10 September 1993. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree (BSc) in Physics, Post Graduate Diploma in Management from the University of Calabar, Masters in International Affairs and Diplomacy from Ahmadu Bello University Zaria. He also has a Masters in Political Economy and Developmental Studies from the University of Abuja and a PhD (in view). He has a professional Certificate in Aviation Safety Management from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona, Florida. Air Vice Marshal Aneke has attended various military courses during his career in the Nigerian Air Force. These include a professional certificate in Aeromechanical Engineering from the officers Engineering School Technical Training Group (TTG) (now Air Force Institute of Technology), Ab-initio Flying Training from 301 Flying Training School and Basic Flying Training from 301 Flying Training School, now 401 Flying Training School. He attended the Prestigious Armed Forces Command and Staff College, where he obtained Certificates for the Junior and Senior Staff Courses, respectively. Air Vice Marshal Aneke attended the United States Air Force Air University Montgomery Alabama, where he obtained his Masters in Strategic Studies from the US Air War College. Air Vice Marshal Aneke has held numerous appointments in the Nigerian Air Force, some of these appointments include Admin officer at Aircraft Overhaul Centre Aircraft Maintenance Depot Ikeja, Admin officer and Group Logistics Officer at 301 Flying Training School NAF Base Kaduna, Commanding Officer Base Services Wing Air Maritime Group Benin and Staff Officer United Nations Peace Keeping Mission in Congo (MONUC) Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo. Other appointments held include Fleet Training Officer, Wing Chief Admin and Wing Chief Operations all at the Presidential Air Fleet Abuja, Group Operations Officer and later Commander 307 Executive Air Lift Group Abuja, Deputy Director Evaluation (Air) Headquarters Nigerian Air Force, Command Evaluation Officer Air Training Command Kaduna, Command Operations



Officer and Evaluation Officer Tactical Air Training Command Makurdi. The very senior officer as also held key appointments as Chief of Staff Air Training Command Kaduna, Command Operations Officer Tactical Air Command Makurdi, Director of Safety Headquarters Nigerian Air Force, Abuja, Deputy Director Operations Headquarters Nigerian Air Force, Director of Policy Headquarters Nigerian Air Force and Deputy Commandant Nigerian Defence Academy (Africa's Foremost Military University) Kaduna. He is currently the Air Officer Commanding, Nigerian Air Force Mobility Command domiciled in Yenagoa where he is doing well in adding value to the strategic intelligence of the Armed Forces of Nigeria in check mating all forms of criminality within his Commands' Area of Responsibility. Air Vice Marshal Aneke has participated in various operations within and outside Nigeria. As a Squadron Leader, he participated in Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance operations in Operation Restore Hope in the Niger Delta Region from 2004 – 2005. He also participated extensively in operations in Congo where he served as an Air Operations Officer in Kinshasa and Chief of Air Operations in the Kindu Region between 2005 and 2006. The very senior officer also brought his operational and field experience to bear as Wing Chief Operations in the Presidential Air Fleet, Abuja. As Commander Executive Airlift Group, he maintained an operational oversight over the use of crew and equipment of the Beechcraft King Air 350 aircraft, which was the Nigerian Air Force frontline intelligence platform for all counter insurgency operations. As Chief of Staff in Air Training Command, Kaduna, he was responsible for the coordination of air operations between the Command and other military components of Operation Thunder strike, in North-Western Nigeria. Air Vice Marshal Aneke is type-rated and has flown the following aircraft: Air Beetle 18, Air Beetle 18 extended version, Dornier 228, Citation 500, Falcon 900, Gulfstream V, Gulf Stream 550 and the Hawker 4000. He has an Advanced Transport Pilot Licence (ATPL) with a total of 4,359 flying hours. His medals and awards include GSS, DSS, GSM, FCM, Psc, USAFWC, MSc, MIAD, MPEDS. Air Vice Marshal Aneke is a pilot of repute, and his professional and personal conduct are commendable. He is calm by disposition and, by all standards, a good team player. He is also upright, dependable, and of the right maturity and carriage to handle strategic responsibility. Air Marshal Sunday Kelvin Aneke is recommended to be appointed as the Chief of Air Staff. Air Vice Marshal Aneke is happily married to Mrs Ngozi Enderline Aneke, and the marriage is blessed with three Boys, Chukwuebuka Kelvin Aneke, Ifeanyi Chukwu Brian Aneke and Uchechukwu Jason Aneke. He enjoys flying, music and movies and is grateful to the Almighty God for the journey and progress so far.