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Senior Master Sergeant Joseph Lathwood is the senior enlisted advisor of the Portland, Maine Military Entrance Processing Station and supports the USMEPCOM mission of evaluating applicants by applying Department of Defense standards in processing and determining eligibility for military service.

He enlisted in the Air Force at Albany MEPS in March 2005, and completed Basic Military Training in Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

He served as superintendent of Aerial Port Operations, 735 Air Mobility Squadron, Joint Base Pearl Harbor, Hickam, Hawaii; superintendent, Passenger Terminal, 8th Expeditionary Air Mobility Squadron, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar; superintendent, Deployment and Distribution Flight, 375 Logistics Readiness Squadron, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois; instructor supervisor, 345 Training Squadron, Fort Lee, Virginia; unit training monitor, 366 Logistics Readiness Squadron, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho; and ramp services apprentice, 437 Aerial Port Squadron, Charleston, South Carolina.

Senior Master Sergeant Lathwood's professional military education includes the Air Transportation Course, Hazardous Material Preparer Course, Joint Inspector Course, Parachute Rigger Course, Basic Instructor Course, Airman Leadership School, Non-Commissioned Officer School, Senior Non-Commissioned Officer School, Transportation Security Administration Course, and Air Mobility Command Air Load Planners Course. He earned his Associate of Arts in logistics management and two Associate of Arts instructor degrees from the Community College of the Air Force.

His military awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Commendation Medal, three Air Force Commendation Medals, two Air Force Achievement Medals, the Army Achievement Medal, and various service, unit and personal medals and ribbons.