

# U.S. ARMY SPECIAL OPERATIONS AVIATION COMMAND BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH



## CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 5 MARK A. MEYER

Command Chief Warrant Officer

Assumed responsibility Friday, 30 September 2016



CW5 Mark A. Meyer graduated basic training in August 1984 at Fort McClellan, Alabama. He attended Advanced Individual Training at Fort Gordon, GA, graduating as a Radio Teletype Operator in January 1985. In 1989, CW5 Meyer graduated flight school at the Army Aviation Center, Fort Rucker, Alabama, as a UH-1 Huey / UH-60 Blackhawk assault pilot. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Professional Aeronautics with a Minor in Business and Safety from Embry - Riddle Aeronautical University and graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1999.

After graduation from flight school, he was assigned to the 2nd Armored Division, Ft Hood Texas, and was hand-picked to serve as a UH-1 pilot for the 175th Combat Aviation Company. Following this assignment, CW5 Meyer flew as a UH-60 Pilot-in-Command and worked as the flight operations officer for Alpha Company, 2-2 Infantry Division, Camp Stanley, Korea. In 1995, CW5 Meyer attended the UH-60 Instructor Pilot Course and was then assigned to Alpha Company, 2-82nd Aviation Battalion at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, as an Instructor Pilot and then Company Standardization Instructor Pilot. In 1999, Mark attended the Instrument Flight Examiner Course and was assigned to the 542nd MEDEVAC Company as the Standardization Instructor Pilot. The following year, Mark was chosen for a nominative position to fill the role of Chief of Warrant Officer Recruiting for the U.S. Army at Fort Knox, Kentucky. In 2003, CW5 Meyer was selected for the fixed-wing AQC and moved to the 1-214th Aviation Regiment in Wiesbaden, Germany serving as the flight operations Officer-in-Charge and C-12 Pilot-in-Command.

In 2005, CW5 Meyer was assigned to United States Army Operational Support Element (USAOSE) where he served in support of Overseas Contingency Operations. CW5 Meyer commanded the Headquarters and Headquarters Troop (HHT) from 2009 to 2011 and was the Troop executive Officer from 2011 to 2014. From 2014-2016, CW5 Meyer served as the Command Chief Warrant Officer (CCWO) for USAOSE. His deployments as a Warrant Officer included assignments in EUCOM, AFRICOM, SOUTHCOM, and CENTCOM while participating in Operations, ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, INHERENT RESOLVE, and numerous National Command Authority directed contingency missions. CW5 Meyer was hand selected to be the fourth United States Army Special Operations Aviation Command (Airborne) CCWO. Mark has a total of more than 7,000 rotary wing and fixed wing flight hours. He has 2,500 hours of combat or imminent danger flight time and 1,500 hours flown under night vision goggles.

CW5 Meyer's awards and decorations include; the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (8 OLC), and the Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal w/ 4 Stars, GWOT Expeditionary and Service Medal, Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal and NATO Medal. CW5 Meyer is a Master Aviator and has earned the Combat Action Badge, Military Free Fall Parachutist Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge and the Army Recruiter Badge.

CW5 Meyer is from Sherwood, Ohio and married to his wife of twenty nine years, the former Melissa Patterson of Defiance, OH. They live at Ft Bragg with their son Maxwell. They have three daughters: Amanda Meyer, Madison Meyer and Morgan Lohoefer.