

## **Chief Warrant Officer 5 Steven Kilgore**

Command Chief Warrant Officer
Combined Arms Center

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Steven E. Kilgore is assigned as the Command Chief Warrant Officer to the US Army Combined Arms Center and Ft Leavenworth. He has held that position since July 2019.

Steve is originally from Gary, Indiana. He enlisted in the Army in 1987 after graduating from Portage High School and was accepted for the Warrant Officer Flight Training program. Upon graduation from Initial Entry Rotary Wing training as an AH-1F Cobra pilot, Steve was appointed a Warrant Officer 1 in September 1989. His military education includes the AH-1F,



AH-64A, AH-64D, and AH-64E Instructor Pilot Courses, the Instrument Flight Examiner Course, the Aviation Master Gunner Course, the UH-72A Aircraft Qualification Course, the Joint Firepower Controller's Course, the USMC Forward Air Controller – Airborne (FAC-(A)) course, the Norwegian Air Force Winter Survival School, the International Special Operations Training Center Sniper Course, and the Warrant Officer Senior Staff Course. In 1999, He graduated with a Master's Degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Steve has served in numerous Cavalry and Attack Aviation assignments. He has served as a pilot-in-command with the 3rd Battalion (Attack), 4th Aviation Regiment, and the 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, as a platoon leader and instructor pilot in the 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, as a standardization instructor pilot in the 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment and the 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, as a platoon leader and standardization instructor pilot in the 1st Battalion (Attack), 25th Aviation Regiment, as a standardization instructor pilot with the 11th Attack Helicopter Regiment, as the brigade master gunner in the 21st Cavalry Brigade and as the Command Chief Warrant Officer for the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade.

He has 35 months deployed in combat operations. During these deployments, Steve has performed the duties of attack helicopter instructor pilot with the 1st Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, 2003, the Brigade Tactical Operations officer for the Aviation Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, 2004-2005, and the Brigade Master Gunner for the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, 2006-2007 and deployed to assist both 82nd CAB in Afghanistan and 28th CAB in Iraq in 2009.

His Senior Staff duties include assignments as the Aviation Branch Master Gunner, Chief of Aviation Warrant Officer Assignments - US Army Human Resources Command, the Theater Aviation Standardization Officer for the U.S. Army, Europe and as the US Army's Warrant Officer Leader Development Officer assigned to the Headquarters, Department of the Army.

Steve's military awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters, 2 Air Medals for Valor, the Air Medal with Numeral 6, the Army Commendation Medal for Valor, the Army Commendation Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Force Achievement Medal, the Navy Unit Citation, the Combat Action Badge, the Army Master Army Aviator Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.

His hobbies include hiking, rugby, the study of military history and competitive rifle marksmanship.