



7TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (AIRBORNE)

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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Chief Warrant Officer Five Tommy Austin

Command Chief Warrant Officer

Chief Warrant Officer Five Tommy Austin was born July 4, 1966 in Anderson, Indiana. He joined the Army in September of 1983 and upon completion of Basic and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Benning, Georgia as an infantryman, Mr. Austin served in various Infantry assignments to include 1st Bn, 52nd INF(M), 1st AD, W. Germany, 1/327th INF, and 101st Pathfinders (ABN), 101st ABN DIV, Ft. Campbell, KY, LRSD (ABN), 7th ID(L), Ft. Ord, CA, and the LRSD (ABN), 5th ID(M), Ft Polk, LA.



Chief Warrant Officer Five Austin attended the Special Forces Qualification Course and graduated in December 1991. Between 1991 and 1996 he served as a Noncommissioned Officer on ODA 754, 2nd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) as a Special Forces Weapons Sergeant and Intelligence Sergeant. In June 1996, he attended Warrant Officer Candidate School and the Special Forces Warrant Officer Basic Course. As a Warrant Officer, CW5 Austin served as the Assistant Detachment Commander for ODA 715, Detachment Commander & Assistant Detachment Commander ODA 714, Assistant Detachment Commander, ODA 795, Detachment Commander ODA 797, Company Operations Warrant Officer ODB 780, Senior Instructor, SF Warrant Officer Technical & Tactical Certification Course, 1st SWTG(A), Commandant of the Warrant Officer Institute, S3X Special Plans Officer and the S35 OCONUS Manager for the 7th SFG(A) and currently as the Command Chief Warrant Officer.

Chief Warrant Officer Five Austin has numerous deployments to the SOUTHCOM and CENTCOM AORs.

Chief Warrant Officer Five Austin is a graduate of the Primary, Basic and Advanced Noncommissioned Officer courses, the Special Forces Qualification Course, Ranger School, Pathfinder School, Air Assault School, the Special Forces Warrant Officer Basic, Advanced, Staff and Senior Staff Courses, the Basic and Advanced Military parachutist, Military Free Fall Basic and Military Free Fall Jumpmaster Courses, SERE level C, SERE SV91 & 93, PSYOPS & Civil Affairs Officers Courses, Special Forces Advanced Recon and Exploitation Techniques Course.

Chief Warrant Officer Five Austin's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (3rd award), the Army Commendation Medal (4th Award), the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal (4th Award), the Good Conduct Medal (4th Award), the National Defense Service Medal (1 bronze star), the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the NCO Professional Development Ribbon (numeral 3), the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Ribbon (numeral 2), the NATO Medal, the Inter-American Defense Board Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Unit Award, the Army Superior Unit Award, the Master Parachutist Badge, the Military Freefall Jump Master Badge, the Pathfinder Badge, the Air Assault Badge, the Expert Infantrymen Badge, the Ranger tab, the Special Forces tab and foreign parachutist badges from Colombia, Guatemala, Chile and Ireland.