

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER FIVE RICHARD D. COMER



Command Chief Warrant Officer – Army, North Carolina

Command Chief Warrant Officer Five Richard D. Comer is the Senior Warrant Officer Leader and State Command Chief Warrant Officer for the North Carolina National Guard. He serves as the principal Warrant Officer advisor, and is responsible to The Adjutant General for the supervision, training and well-being of the nearly 300 Warrant Officers of the North Carolina Army National Guard. Command Chief Warrant Officer Comer has over 25 years of service with the North Carolina National Guard and over 29 years of Active Duty and National Guard Service. Command Chief Warrant Officer Comer joined the Texas Army National Guard in August 1982. After completing basic training and advanced individual training as a Medic in June 1983, Chief Comer transferred to his home state of West Virginia. After transferring to the West Virginia National Guard he joined family members that had a combined service of more than 125 years in the Guard. He was assigned to Headquarters Headquarters Troop (HHT) 150th Armor Cavalry as Medic until February 1984. In March 1984 he was appointed as a Warrant Officer Candidate selected to attend Initial Entry Rotary Wing flight school and transferred to 107th Armor Cavalry (Aviation) of the West Virginia National Guard. Chief Comer graduated as an UH-1 Army Aviator and appointed as Warrant One in March 1985 at Fort Rucker AL. With his appointment to Warrant Officer he continued another family tradition of Warrant Officer Service, his father served more than 38 years and retired as a Chief Warrant Officer Four Technical Warrant Officer. In January 1986 he transferred to the North Carolina National Guard as AH-1 Attack Pilot in D Co1-130 AVN BN. After reorganization to the 1-130 AVN BN, CW2 Comer was assigned to B Company 1-130 Attack Battalion as OH-58 Areoscout pilot. He served in B Company as OH-58 Scout Instructor Pilot, OH-58 Maintenance Test Pilot, and Fulltime Technician OH-58 Instructor Pilot at Army Aviation Support Facility 1 until 1993, this period of service included a mobilization for Desert Storm. In April 1993 CW3 Comer began Active Duty Special Work with the Counterdrug Task Force and was transferred to the Reconnaissance Aerial Intrastate Detachment (RAID) in 1995. While assigned to the RAID he performed duties as Detachment Operations Officer, Instructor Pilot, Maintenance Officer/Test Pilot, Regional Standardization Pilot and Commander. In 2004 he was transferred to the Joint Force Command and promoted to CW5 in May 2006. While assigned to Joint Forces Command he served as State Aviation Safety Officer and State Aviation Logistics Officer.

September 2007 CW5 Comer returned to the Technician program as an UH-72 Instructor pilot and was assigned to the State Army Aviation Office. In June 2008 he attended the Aviation Tactical Operation Officer Course at Fort Rucker Alabama and transferred to the 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team for deployment. While assigned to the 30th HBCT he served as the Aviation Tactical Operation Officer and Brigade Aviation Officer during deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2009-2010. In March 2010 upon redeployment, CW5 Comer was transferred back to Joint Forces Command as the State Aviation Standardization Officer. On 1 November 2010 newly appointed Adjutant General Major General Gregory A. Lusk selected CW5 Comer to serve as the 3rd State Command Chief Warrant Officer of the North Carolina National Guard. With his appointment to the Command Chief Warrant Officer position as a Active Guard Reserves (AGR) Officer CW5 Comer has served as a transitional M-Day, Fulltime Active Duty Special Work, Full-time Technician, AGR, and mobilized Title 10 Officer. CW5 Comer resides in Holly Springs with his wife Kim, and two daughters Morgan and Laney.

EDUCATION:

United States Army Basic Training, Fort Leonardwood MO
Basic Combat Medic Training, Fort Sam Houston, TX
Warrant Officer Basic Course, Fort Rucker AL
Warrant Officer Rotary Wing Aviator Course, Fort Rucker AL
Warrant Officer Advance Course, (Correspondence)
OH-58 Aeroscout Qualification Course, WAATS Marianna, AZ
OH-58 Instructor Pilot Course, Fort Rucker AL
Aviation Maintenance Managers Course, Fort Eustis VA
Aviation Safety Officer Course, Fort Rucker AL
OH-58 Maintenance Test Pilot Course, Fort Eustis VA
Aviation Standardization Course, EAATS Fort Indiantown Gap PA
NGB Budget Course, NGB Alexandria VA
Warrant Officer Senior Staff Course, Fort Rucker AL
Instructor Pilot Standardization Course, EAATS Fort Indiantown Gap PA
Aviation Tactical Operations Officer Course, Fort Rucker AL
Defense Contract Government Flight Representative Course, Fort Bragg NC
UH-72A Aircraft Qualification Course, Grand Prairie TX
UH-72A Instructor Pilot Course, EAATS Fort Indiantown Gap PA
Personnel Recovery Officer Course, Camp Shelby MS
109 Hours of college credit from Liberty University in persuade of B.S. Degree

AWARDS:

Bronze Star Medal
Army Meritorious Service Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster)
Army Commendation Medal (3 Oak Leaf Cluster)
Army Achievement Medal
Army Reverse Component Achievement Medal (8)
National Defense Medal (2)
Iraq Campaign (1st Bronze Star)
Global War On Terrorism Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster)
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (Silver Hour Glass) ("M" Device)
Army Service Ribbon
Overseas Service Ribbon
Army Meritorious Unit Commendation
North Carolina Meritorious Service Medal (1 Device)
North Carolina Commendation Medal
North Carolina State Duty Ribbon (44 Device)
North Carolina Meritorious Unit Citation
North Carolina Governor's Unit Citation
North Carolina Service Ribbon (20 Year Device)
West Virginia Achievement Medal
National Guard Bureau Meritorious Service Award
Master Army Aviator Badge
Senior Army Aviator Badge
Army Aviator Badge