

**CW5 Aaron L. SKILES**  
**Command Chief Warrant Officer, U.S. Army Counterintelligence Command**

Chief Warrant Officer 5 (CW5) Aaron L. SKILES is a U.S. Army Counterintelligence (CI) Special Agent and Technician (351L) who has served in Army CI for over 24 years. CW5 Skiles assumed responsibility as the Command Chief Warrant Officer (CCWO) for U.S. Army CI Command (ACIC) in September 2022.



Mr. Skiles' military career began with the Indiana Army National Guard in August 1996 when he enlisted as a Light Anti-Armor Weaponry Specialist/Infantryman (11H). Mr. Skiles transitioned to active duty service in June 1999 at which time he reclassified to become a U.S. Army CI Special Agent (97B - now 35L). His first assignment as a CI Special Agent was with the 525th Military Intelligence (MI) Brigade at Fort Bragg, NC where he deployed to Bosnia (six months; 2001-2002) and Afghanistan (six months; 2003) serving as the Noncommissioned Officer-in-Charge for a CI and Human Intelligence (HUMINT) Operational Management Team during both deployments. In November 2003, the U.S. Army selected Mr. Skiles for a nominative strategic assignment with the 902d MI Group at Fort Meade, MD.

Between November 2003 and August 2011, Mr. Skiles served in two 902d MI Group formations, the U.S. Army Foreign CI Activity and the 310th MI Battalion. In 2005, Mr. Skiles became a U.S. Army warrant officer and CI Technician (351L). While assigned to the 902d MI Group as a noncommissioned officer and warrant officer, Mr. Skiles served as a CI investigator and CI operations officer as well as led two (2) teams conducting CI activities in cyberspace. Mr. Skiles also deployed three (3) times during his assignments with the 902d MI Group: one to Qatar (12 months; 2006-2007) where he served as a CI operations officer; one to the Horn of Africa (six months; 2009) in Djibouti and Ethiopia where he served as a CI and HUMINT Team Leader for Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa; and one to Afghanistan (eight months; 2010-2011) where he served as the CI and HUMINT Chief (S2X) for Special Operations Task Force-Southeast.

From August 2011 to May 2014, Mr. Skiles was a Joint Advanced CI Instructor and Course Chair for the Joint CI Training Activity (JCITA) in Quantico, VA. Mr. Skiles was an instructor for the Advanced Foreign CI Operations Course and led the redesign of JCITA's CI Activities in the Cyber Environment Curriculum. Mr. Skiles' responsibilities included the development, planning, coordination, and execution of rigorous joint CI courses and seminars.

From May 2014 to December 2017, Mr. Skiles was a Senior Project Officer and Team Leader for the Defense Programs Support Activity in Elkridge, Maryland. Mr. Skiles led two specialized project teams providing tailored support for the unique requirements of diverse worldwide Department of Defense (DOD) programs, offices, and activities. Mr. Skiles' responsibilities included assessing complex project plans, coordinating intricate support agreements, and overseeing the execution of all project plans and support agreements which required regular engagements with senior military officials and corporate executives.

From December 2017 to November 2020, Mr. Skiles served as Chief of the CI Operations Section and the senior CI Technician within the CI and HUMINT Division (J2X), United States

Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. Mr. Skiles developed and coordinated USSOCOM requirements, policy, and strategy for CI activities supporting national, DOD, and USSOCOM objectives globally. Mr. Skiles was responsible for the planning, coordination, and oversight of CI activities and operations supporting USSOCOM and the U.S. special operations forces enterprise to achieve desired effects against adversary intelligence and international terrorist organizations. As the senior CI technician for USSOCOM, Mr. Skiles also provided guidance, mentorship, and direction on MI and CI activities, policy, and strategy to USSOCOM staff and components.

Between December 2020 and September 2022, Mr. Skiles was assigned to Headquarters, Department of the Army, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2 at the Pentagon in Washington, DC. Mr. Skiles served as the Army CI Operations Program Manager and Chief of Controlled CI Activities which involved regular engagements with senior military officials and congressional committee members. Mr. Skiles was responsible for the coordination and oversight of Army CI collection and operations supporting Army, Combatant Command, DOD, and National-level objectives against adversary intelligence and international terrorist organizations. Mr. Skiles coordinated, managed, and oversaw the training, policy, strategy, and operational requirements for Army CI collection and operations. As a senior CI Technician, Mr. Skiles also provided advice, guidance, and mentorship on CI activities, training, policy, and strategy to Army components and senior leaders.

Mr. Skiles has completed all Warrant Officer professional military education which includes Warrant Officer Senior Service Education, Warrant Officer Intermediate Level Education, Warrant Officer Advanced Course, Warrant Officer Basic Course, and Warrant Officer Candidate School. Mr. Skiles has also completed the MI Pre-Command Course; Advanced Foreign CI Operations Course; Advanced CI Investigations Course; CI Surveillance Course; CI Activities in a Cyber Environment Curriculum; CI Force Protection Source Operations Course; CI Special Agent Course; Advanced Technicians Course; Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape - 215 Course; and Airborne School.

Amongst Mr. Skiles' military awards and decorations are the National Intelligence Meritorious Unit Citation, Joint Meritorious Unit Award (2nd award), Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (3rd award), Meritorious Service Medal (2nd award), Joint Service Commendation Medal (2nd award), Army Commendation Medal (4th award), Army Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (2nd award), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon (3rd award), NATO Medal (2nd award), U.S. Army Staff Identification Badge, U.S. Army Parachutist Badge, German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency (GOLD), and Venezuelan, Polish, and Russian Jump Wings.

Mr. Skiles was born in South Bend, Indiana, home of the Notre Dame Fighting Irish, along with an identical twin brother, Adam, and younger brother, Allen. He has a daughter, Shealee, and wife, Erin.