



LTC Raaen Stewart

JOINT PROGRAM OFFICE GUAM DEFENSE SYSTEM (JPO GDS)

RAPID CAPABILITIES AND CRITICAL TECHNOLOGIES OFFICE

LTC Stewart commissioned as an Aviation Officer through the Wake Forest University ROTC program on 19 May 2003. He attended flight school and was selected to fly the OH-58D Kiowa Warrior. His first duty assignment was with the 1-82 Attack Reconnaissance Battalion (later reflagged 1-17th Cavalry Regiment) in the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) at Ft. Bragg, NC. There, LTC Stewart served as a platoon leader, platoon executive officer, and squadron logistics officer and deployed in Mosul and Tal' Afar, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

After returning from Iraq, LTC Stewart completed the Aviation Captain's Career Course at Ft. Rucker, AL and then returned to the 82nd CAB. There he served as the 82nd CAB's primary Operations Planner. In this role, LTC Stewart planned numerous Defense Support to Civilian Authorities missions and the CAB's deployment to Regional Command South in Kandahar, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Once in Afghanistan, LTC Stewart was selected to command B Troop, 1-17 Cavalry Regiment.

After completing the tour in Afghanistan and relinquishing command, LTC Stewart transitioned to Acquisition, attending the Army Acquisition Basic Course and Intermediate Program Management and Contracting Courses in Huntsville, AL. Following Command and General Staff College, LTC Stewart completed the Intermediate Qualification Course and attended Advanced Civil Schooling, earning a Master in Business Administration from the University of Alabama in Huntsville with a study abroad in Nanjing, China. LTC Stewart also participated in the Chief of Staff of the Army's Strategic Broadening Seminar at the Defence Academy of the United Kingdom in Shrivenham, England. LTC Stewart is Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act Level III trained in Program Management and Level I in Information Technology.

LTC Stewart's acquisition assignments include: Scout Aircraft Division Chief for the TRADOC Capability Manager for Reconnaissance and Attack Aircraft, Assistant Product Manager for the Joint Air-to-Ground Missile, Assistant Product Manager for the HELLFIRE Missile, Executive Officer for the Program Executive Office Missiles and Space, Department of the Army Systems Coordinator for Air Launched Munitions, the Acquisition Advisor to the Under Secretary of the Army, and the Product Manager Long-Range Hypersonic Weapon Command and Control.

LTC Stewart currently serves as Deputy Director for Transition under the Rapid Capabilities and Critical Technologies Office, responsible for the establishment of the Guam Defense System Joint Program Office and the Multi-Domain Artillery Cannon System Program Office.

LTC Stewart's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal with Valor Device and Number 2 Device, the Army Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Valorous Unit Award, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, the NATO Medal, the Army Staff Identification Badge, the Combat Action Badge, the Senior Aviation Crew Member Badge, the Parachutist Badge, and the Order of St. Michael Bronze Award.

LTC Stewart is married to the former Laurie Auger, a former Army officer and UH-60 pilot. They have two sons, Conner and Asher.

