

## U.S. ARMY **7TH SIGNAL COMMAND (THEATER)**

ERIC J. GRAY Command Chief Warrant Officer, 7th Signal Command (Theater), Fort Meade, MD



Chief Warrant Officer 5 (CW5) Eric J. Gray enlisted in the U.S. Army on August 22, 1996 as a Signal Support System Specialist. He attended Basic Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky followed by Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Eisenhower, Georgia. Upon completion of AIT, he was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery (HHB), 214th Field Artillery Brigade, Fort Sill, Oklahoma as a Radio Retransmission Operator.

After completion of Airborne School in 1998, CW5 Gray was assigned to HHC, 2nd Battalion, 325 Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina as a Radio Retransmission Team Leader. His next duty station was at Charlie Company, 125th Signal Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii as a

Section Sergeant. Upon completion of his tour in Hawaii, he was assigned to Bravo Company, 369th Signal Battalion, Fort Eisenhower, Georgia as a Senior Drill Sergeant. His next duty station was at 3rd Brigade Combat Team, Fort Campbell, Kentucky as the Brigade Support Battalion S-6.

In 2007, CW5 Gray was selected for Warrant Officer Candidate School. His next duty station was 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Hovey, Korea as the Brigade Signal System Technician. His next duty station was with HHB, 101st Airborne Division as the G-2 and G-6 Signal System Technician. CW5 Gray's next assignment was to 4th Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) as the Battalion Signal Warrant, then he moved to 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) as the Group S-6 and Battalion Signal Warrant. During this assignment, he was selected to serve as COMRS commo chief, and his most recent assignment was with USASOC as the Chief Enterprise Architect.

CW5 Gray holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Information Technology from American Military University and a Master of Arts degree in Information Technology Management from Webster University. His operational experience includes one deployment to Bosnia, one deployment to Iraq, two deployments to Afghanistan, and one deployment to Bahrain.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4th Oak Leaf Cluster), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (1 Silver Oak Leaf cluster and 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Good Conduct Medal (3rd Award), Basic Airborne Badge, Air Assault Badge, and the Drill Sergeant Badge.

CW5 Gray is married to Kelly (Shutters) Gray from Jonesboro, Indiana. They have spent over 30 years together with 26 years married. They have three children: Kadence, Kambel, and Ty.





