



U.S. ARMY TRANSFORMATION AND TRAINING COMMAND



Chief Warrant Officer 5 Edwin De La Cruz, Jr. Command Chief Warrant Officer

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Edwin De La Cruz, Jr. was appointed as the U.S. Army Transformation and Training Command's first Command Chief Warrant Officer, October 2025. Upon graduating from high school in 1997, he immediately enlisted in the United States Army as a cannon crewmember. De La Cruz's first assignment was with the 1-10th Field Artillery (FA), 3rd Brigade Combat Team at Fort Benning, Georgia. He was then assigned to the 4-27th FA Baumholder, Germany, where he served in various positions. In 2004, after seven years of enlisted service, he was selected to attend the Warrant Officer Candidate School (WOCS). In 2005, De La Cruz successfully graduated from WOCS and was appointed as Warrant Officer 1 FA targeting technician.

De La Cruz served as a leader and staff officer in multiple echelons from Battalion, Brigade, Division, and Joint Targeting positions. Some of his most notable targeting positions include III Armored Corps' Senior Targeting Officer in support of world-wide contingencies, Senior Division Targeting Officer for the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, and Lead Joint Targeting Officer for the 3rd Infantry Division Headquarters, United States Forces-Afghanistan. He has seven combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. He was hand-selected to serve as the Lead Targeting Officer for the Army's Long-Range Precision Fires Cross-Functional Team, having previously served as the Command Chief Warrant Officer for the U.S. Army Futures Command.

De La Cruz holds two degrees from Grantham University; a Bachelor of Science in Multi-Disciplinary Studies and a Master of Business Administration in Project Management. His military education includes the Warrant Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Warrant Officer Intermediate Level, and the Warrant Officer Senior Service Education course.

De La Cruz's functional training courses include Theater Nuclear Operations, Joint Firepower, Joint Aerospace Command & Control, Joint Targeting, Joint Battle Damage Assessment, Collateral Damage Estimate, Military Deception Planner's Course, Special Technical Operations, Army Space Cadre Phase I and II, Electronic Warfare Integration, Digital Master Gunner, Echelons Above Brigade Airspace Course, and Fundamentals of Systems Acquisition Management.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (2 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (8 OLC), Military Outstanding Volunteer Service, Parachutist Badge, and Army Space Badge. He is also a recipient of the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara.