Colonel Stewart “Stew” Bailey



Colonel Stewart "Stew" Bailey is a native of Yelm, Washington, located just outside the East Gate of Joint Base Lewis-McChord. He attended Marion Military Institute through the Simultaneous Membership Program and received his commission through the Early Commissioning Program in 2000 as a Second Lieutenant in the Alabama Army National Guard.

Following commissioning, COL Bailey served as a Detachment Commander with the 167th Air Assault Multi-Role Bridge Company in Demopolis, Alabama, while completing undergraduate studies at the University of Alabama and Bellevue University. Following the attacks of September 11, 2001, he served on active duty supporting homeland security missions throughout Alabama. In 2003, he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as a Detachment Commander with the 877th Engineer Battalion, supporting the 101st Airborne Division.

COL Bailey subsequently served with 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, where he held positions as Assistant S3 and Sapper Company Commander, deploying during combat operations in Iraq. He later served as a Company Commander in U.S. Army Recruiting Command before selection to the Asymmetric Warfare Group, where he deployed to Afghanistan. Following graduation from the Command and General Staff College, he was assigned to Hawaii, serving as Deputy Division Engineer for the 25th Infantry Division, Chief of Operations for the 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Operations Officer for the 65th Brigade Engineer Battalion, and Operations Officer for the 130th Engineer Brigade. Additional assignments include NATO Rapid Deployable Corps–Turkey J7 Chief of Training, 25th Infantry Division Engineer, Commander of the 5th Engineer Battalion, Chief of Staff to the Engineer Commandant, and Deputy J35 at U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.

COL Bailey holds bachelor's degrees from the University of Alabama and Bellevue University and a Master of Science in Strategy and Campaign Planning from the National Defense University Joint Advanced Warfighting School.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Combat Action Badge, Sapper Tab, Airborne Badge, Pathfinder Badge, and Recruiter Badge. He is also a recipient of the Bronze Order of the Engineer de Fleury Medal and the Order of Saint George. His units have earned the Valorous Unit Award and multiple Meritorious Unit Commendations.

COL Bailey and his wife, Amber, have been married for 25 years and are the proud parents of six children: Airivai, Evalli, Kalailla, Gunner, Nikoa, and Izzemari.