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FORT RUCKER, AL 36362**



**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER FIVE RANDALL G. GANT
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER OF THE AVIATION BRANCH
Fort Rucker, Alabama**

CW5 Randall Gant entered the Army under the Warrant Officer Flight Training Program in September 1987. He completed basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina and began Warrant Officer Candidate School at Fort Rucker, AL in December 1987.

CW5 Gant completed flight school in the last TH-55 Osage class, prior to its retirement from service. He then completed the UH-60 transition before being assigned to H Co, 227th Aviation (Task Force Viper) in Hanau, Germany. He deployed to Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield with this unit, and his duties there included Night Vision Goggle Unit Trainer, and Assistant Operations officer.

Upon his return from that deployment, then CW2 Gant applied, assessed, and was selected to join the 160th Special Operations Regiment (Airborne). While there, he received Survive, Evade, Resist, Escape) SERE C (High Risk) training and became the Air Movements Officer after attending the Strategic Mobility Planning. Later, he achieved Fully Mission Qualified status and attended the UH-60 Instructor Pilot Course.

CW5 Gant continued to gain tactical special operations experience and was trained for and attained Flight Lead Qualification (FLQ). Mr. Gant continued his duties as FLQ and added platoon Standardization Pilot to his duties. He received qualification in the MH60K, and led the unit's mission validation effort. He later attended the Rotor Wing Instrument Flight Examiner Course, and completed the Aviation Warrant Officer Advance Course.

Continuing his higher education, he earned a Baccalaureate Degree in Public Management from Austin Peay State University in 2000. He was then assigned to Delta Company, 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Regiment. There he served two years as a FLQ, IE and company Standardization Pilot (SP).

After attending the Warrant Officer Staff Course in 2002, CW5 Gant was re-assigned within the Regiment to the position of Battalion Standardization Officer. While there, he was qualified in the Common Avionics Architecture System (CAAS), and assisted in the development and quality testing of the system. There he served two years, continuing with SP and FLQ duties.

He subsequently returned to Delta Company as the company SP, and later the company Operations Officer. In January 2007, CW5 Gant was selected as the third Aviation Chief Warrant Officer of the Branch.

His awards include: Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), Air Medal with V device, Air Medal (3 OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (3 OLC), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal (1 OLC), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal (1 OLC), Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terror Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Army Overseas Service Ribbon, Saudi Arabia Kuwait Liberation Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Master Aviator Badge, Combat Action Badge.

