



Command Chief Warrant Officer, Army National Guard

CW5 Poyas M. Haynes



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CW5 Poyas M. Haynes enlisted in the Army in 1969. He completed the Warrant Officer Flight Training program and was appointed as a Warrant Officer in 1971. He served in the Republic of Vietnam with the 240th Assault Helicopter Company, the 128th Assault Helicopter Company, and the 187th Assault Helicopter Company of 1st Aviation Brigade. In 1974, he joined the South Carolina Army National Guard and served with the 51st Assault Helicopter Company and its successor units: Troop D 101st Cavalry and the 1-151st Attack Helicopter Battalion. In 1999, he deployed to Kuwait with Task Force 151 during Operation *Southern Watch*. In 2000, he was assigned to the 51st Aviation Group as the Tactical Operations Officer. As a Master Army Aviator, CW5 Haynes has flown various helicopters including the UH-1 *Iroquois (Huey)* models A, B, C, H, & M and the AH-64 *Apache*. CW5 Haynes assumed his duties as the 2ND Command Chief Warrant Officer of the Army National Guard on January 21, 2004.

CW5 Haynes earned his B.S. degree in Business Administration from the College of Charleston in 1978. His civilian experience comprises years of experience in the electric utility industry, including asset accounting, financial analysis, systems development, materials management and risk management. His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with V Device, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal With Three Oak Leaf Clusters, Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal With Seven Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal With Two Bronze Service Stars, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Viet Nam Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal With Gold Hour Glass, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star, and Viet Nam Campaign Medal.