

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER FIVE (CW5) JAMES E. THOMPSON

Command Chief Warrant Officer

United States Army Reserve and the United States Army Reserve Command



Chief Warrant Officer Five James E. (Jim) Thompson assumed the office of Command Chief Warrant Officer Army Reserve effective September 10, 2007.

Chief Warrant Officer Thompson entered the U.S. Army Reserve on 23 October 1971 in Pedricktown, New Jersey. He served continuously in the Army Reserve until he entered the Active Guard Reserve (AGR) program in September 1983. He has served our Nation and the Army Reserve for more than 35 years.

Chief Warrant Officer Thompson began his military career at Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he completed Basic Combat Training. He attended Wheel Vehicle Mechanic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and Track Vehicle Mechanic training at Fort Knox. Since that time he has served in a wide variety of assignments as an enlisted Soldier, noncommissioned officer and Warrant Officer. While on Active duty, from December 1971 until June 1972 he was a member of Company A, 8th Battalion 4th Training Brigade Ft. Knox; Company A, 2nd Battalion 5th Training Brigade at Fort Leonard Wood; and B Company 2nd School Brigade Fort Knox. From October 1971 until April 1976 he was assigned to the 453rd Army Security Agency (ASA) Co. in Pedricktown, N.J. as a Wheel Vehicle Mechanic. From April 1976 to September 1983, he was a Maintenance NCO assigned to the 453rd (ASA) Co. in Pedricktown, achieving the rank of Sergeant First Class (SFC) during his enlisted career. Upon his appointment as a Chief Warrant Officer Two in August 1986, he was assigned as the Maintenance Officer for 550th Military Intelligence Battalion (CEWI), Pedricktown. Chief Warrant Officer Thompson later served as the Commandant RTS-M at Fort McCoy, Wis., from February 1989 to April 1991. From April 1991 to June 1995 he served as the Deputy

Commandant/Technical Coordinator at RTS-M at Fort McCoy. During that assignment he was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer Three. His next assignment was as the Deputy Commandant/Technical Coordinator at RTS-M, Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, where he served until July 1998. In August 1998, Chief Warrant Officer Thompson was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer Four and took on responsibility as Maintenance Officer at the 644th Regional Support Group (RSG), located at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, where he was assigned until October 2004. He was cross-leveled to the 457th Transportation Battalion where he was assigned as the Battalion Maintenance Officer and deployed to Iraq where he managed the maintenance program for the battalion located at Logistics Support Activity Anaconda. After his deployment, he was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer Five on

7 March 2006. Chief Warrant Officer Thompson's assignment prior to selection as Command Chief Warrant Officer, Army Reserve was as the 70th Regional Readiness Command Maintenance Officer at Fort Lawton, Washington.

Chief Warrant Officer Thompson is a graduate of Basic Combat Training, the Advanced Non-Commissioned Officer Course, Maintenance Management Course, Training Management Course, the Logistics Management Course and the Associate Logistics Executive Development Course (ALEDEC). He earned a U-S Army Ordnance Center and School Instructor Training Certification in 1991. Chief Warrant Officer Thompson is also a graduate of numerous other technical courses as well as the Ordnance Warrant Officer Advance Course, Warrant Officer Staff and Senior Staff courses.

Among his awards are the Bronze Star, the Combat Action Badge, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the National Defense Service Medal, second award, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with bronze hour glass and M device for mobilization, the Global War On Terror Service Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, third award, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon and the Air Assault Badge.

Chief Warrant Officer Thompson earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Mount Scenario College in Ladysmith, Wisconsin.

In his free time, Chief Warrant Officer Thompson is an avid ice hockey player and referee. He also enjoys long rides on his Harley Davidson motorcycle.