



**Chief Warrant Officer of the  
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Corps  
U.S. Army  
Chief Warrant Officer Five  
Jim Steddum**



Chief Warrant Officer Five Jim Steddum is a native of Neosho, Missouri. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve in 1987 prior to his senior year of high school. After attending his first year of college, he joined the U.S. Army as a Legal Specialist on Active Duty in 1990. Within his first year, he deployed in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm with the 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment. After 10 years of enlisted service, he was appointed Warrant Officer One in the Judge Advocate branch in November 2000.

Chief Warrant Officer Five Steddum served as a legal specialist in Germany; Fort Campbell, Kentucky; Fort Hood, Texas; and Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii. He was selected for appointment while assigned to the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. After his appointment, he served as a Legal Administrator at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Combat Developments, The Judge Advocate Legal Center and School; 2d Infantry Division, Camp Red Cloud, Korea; U.S. Army Alaska, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson; U.S. Forces-Afghanistan, Kabul; and U.S. Army, Pacific, Fort Shafter, Hawaii. He also served as an Instructor/Writer in the Communications and Management Systems Department, U.S. Army Warrant Officer Career College, Fort Rucker, Alabama, where he also served as the Knowledge Management Officer. On 27 July 2015, he began serving as the Regimental/Chief Warrant Officer of the Judge Advocate General's Corps. He also serves as Chief Knowledge Officer, The Judge Advocate General's Corps.

Chief Warrant Officer Five Steddum's military awards and decorations include the, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Valorous Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal (3d Award), National Defense Service Medal with bronze star, Southwest Asia Service Medal with three stars, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two stars, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (2d Award), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (6th Award), NATO Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait and Saudi Arabia), and the Air Assault Badge.

Chief Steddum is married and has four children.