

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 5 DAVID W. HAMMON

State Command Chief Warrant Officer, Illinois National Guard



Chief Warrant Officer Five David W. Hammon is the fifth Command Chief Warrant Officer of the State of Illinois and only the third full-time Soldier to hold the position. He serves as principle advisor to the Adjutant General on all matters pertaining to warrant officers.

As the State Command Chief Warrant Officer, Chief Hammon is responsible for keeping the Adjutant General informed and makes recommendations in matters related to warrant officer accessions, training, education, promotion, and career management. As the lead for warrant officer affairs, he works closely with the leadership of National Guard Bureau and the Departments of the Army Officer Branches throughout the United States.

Chief Hammon enlisted in the Army as an aircraft mechanic in 1980. He served with the 219th Transportation Company, 40th Aviation Battalion (Attack Helicopter), 1144th Transportation Battalion, and 1st Battalion, 106th Aviation Regiment. In 1996 he became an aviation warrant officer with the 106th.

He served in various units and positions, to include Aviation Intermediate Maintenance, Light Medium Transportation, Lift, and Aviation Unit Maintenance. His latest assignment was as a Maintenance Test Pilot for Company D, 1st Battalion, 106th Aviation Regiment in Decatur, flying the UH-60 Blackhawk.

Chief Hammon deployed twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom/New Dawn. In 2004 to 2005, he deployed with Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 106th Aviation Regiment and in 2009 to 2010, he deployed with Company A, 1st Battalion, 106th Aviation Regiment. His overseas deployment training missions include Germany, El Salvador, Panama, Iceland and Hawaii.

Chief Hammon has completed undergraduate and graduate work at Colorado Aero Tech, Governors State University and Florida Institute of Technology. He has also completed numerous federal and civilian technical certifications and licensing throughout his career.

Chief Hammon's military awards and decorations include but are not limited to the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with numeral 2, Army Commendation Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Iraq Campaign Medal with three Bronze Service Stars, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M 2 Device, Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral 2, Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon with numeral 7, Illinois State Active Duty with numeral 2, Army Combat Action Badge, Master Army Aviator Badge, Army Excellence in Competition Badge Bronze Rifle, Driver and Mechanic Badge.

His military and civil affiliations include life member of the Army Aviation Association of America, Land of Lincoln Chapter and the United States Army Warrant Officer Association. He is a life member to the National Guard Associations of the United States and Illinois and the Military Officer Association. He supports Boy Scouts of America, Toys for Tots, Angel Flight, local VFW, and American Legion events.