

CW4 (Retired) STU CHAFFEY

UNITED STATES ARMY

CW4(R) Stu Chaffey was born in Fullerton, California and raised near Green Bay, Wisconsin. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1988 and was assigned to Fort Bliss, Texas for Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training for MOS 24T Patriot Operator / System Mechanic. Stu's enlisted assignments include Patriot Tactical Control Assistant and System Mechanic in E Battery, 3rd Battalion, 43rd ADA (1989-93) and System Maintenance Section Chief and Platoon Sergeant in A Battery, 3rd Battalion, 43rd ADA (1993-97), Fort Bliss, Texas.

Stu was appointed as a Warrant Officer in 1997. His Warrant Officer assignments include the 1st Battalion, 43rd ADA (1998-99), Suwon, Korea; 1st Battalion, 1st ADA (1999-03), Fort Bliss, Texas; and 5th Battalion, 7th ADA (2003-06), Hanau, Germany. During this period Stu held numerous positions of increasing responsibility to include Patriot System Technician, Tactical Control Officer, Platoon Leader, Tactical Director, Battalion Readiness Officer, Electronic Missile Maintenance Officer, and Standardization Officer. Stu's final assignment was as the Patriot Action Officer and user representative for the TRADOC Capabilities Manager – Lower Tier, 6th ADA Brigade, Fort Bliss, Texas (2006-10). Stu's operational deployments include Operations Desert Shield / Desert Storm (1990-91), Desert Sentry (1992), Quick Response (1994), Desert Sentry III (1995-96), Desert Spring (2000-01), and Iraqi Freedom (2003).

Stu's Awards and Decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (4 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (4 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Good Conduct Medal (2nd Award), National Defense Service Medal (2), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with three campaign stars, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (2), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (2), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait), and the Israeli Air Defense Tactical Operations Badge.

Stu is an Honor Graduate of the Warrant Officer Candidate, Basic and Advanced Courses. He also holds the distinction as the original Patriot Top Gun, Distinguished Honor Graduate of the Patriot Top Gun Class #1. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and an Associate in Applied Science in Technical Studies.

Stu and his wife Maricela currently live in Mansfield, Texas, and have two children, Amanda and Lloyd.