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## Biography

### CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 5 TROY J. BITTNER

#### Wisconsin Army National Guard

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Troy Bittner serves as the Wisconsin Army National Guard's ninth Command Chief Warrant Officer. Troy Bittner enlisted into the Illinois Air National Guard in 1986 as an Aircraft Armament Systems Specialist. In 1989 he left the Air National Guard and joined the Iowa Army National Guard to pursue a flying career. He attended Warrant Officer Candidate Course in 1990 and graduated from the Army's Initial Entry Rotary Wing Course in 1991 as an AH-1 Cobra Attack Helicopter Pilot. In 1993 WO1 Bittner transferred to the Wisconsin Army National Guard. Mr. Bittner joined the Wisconsin Army National Guard full-time force in 1998 as a maintenance test pilot.



His military assignments have included AH-1 pilot, aviation maintenance officer, operations officer, materiel management officer, instructor pilot, battalion standardization officer, C-26 pilot, aviation safety officer, platoon leader, rear detachment commander, and state Army aviation standardization officer.

Mr. Bittner was mobilized for overseas contingency operations five times. First in 1999, as a maintenance test pilot to Guatemala in support of humanitarian relief operations. In 2001, as a maintenance officer to Kuwait in support of Operation Desert Spring. In 2006-2007, to Kosovo as a maintenance officer in support of the NATO-led peacekeeping Kosovo Force (KFOR) Task Force Eagle. In 2010-2011 to Iraq as the battalion standardization officer in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn. And finally, in 2014 as the aviation safety officer for Joint Task Force Odin in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Mr. Bittner is a graduate of the Warrant Officer Candidate School, distinguished honor graduate Initial Entry Rotary Wing course, UH-60 Qualification Course, Aviation Maintenance Manager Course, Maintenance Test Pilot Course, Instructor Pilot Course, Warrant Officer Advanced, Warrant Officer Staff Course, and the Warrant Officer Senior Service Education, the fixed wing multi-engine qualification course, C-26 qualification Course, and aviation Safety Officer Course, among other military courses. He is a Master Aviator with over 7,200 flight hours, which includes 686 combat hours and 111 hours in imminent danger. He is qualified in the UH-1 Huey, AH-1 Cobra, UH-60 A/L&M, C-12, and C-26. He holds an Associate's Degree in Agriculture Marketing.

Mr. Bittner's awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, three Army Commendation Medals, Army Achievement Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, NATO Medal, NATO ISAF Medal, two Humanitarian Service Medals, as well as various other service medals and ribbons.

Mr. Bittner lives in Fulton Township with his wife Becky, and their two children, Alexandra and Trace.