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## *Biographical Sketch*

### **Chief Warrant Officer 5 David F. Cooper**

Chief Warrant Officer 5 David F. Cooper, a Cincinnati, Ohio, area native, volunteered for military service in March 1985. After completing Basic Training at Fort Jackson, S.C., he attended the Warrant Officer Basic Course and Army Flight School at Fort Rucker, Ala., and then the AH-64 Apache Aircraft Qualification Course.

His previous assignments include: the 6th Cavalry, Fort Hood, Texas, and later at Illshiem, Germany; and 6th U.S. Cavalry, Fort Hood, Texas. In 1994, Cooper applied to and successfully assessed for service with the 160th Special Operation Aviation Regiment (Airborne) at Fort Campbell, Ky. His assignments as an AH-6 Little Bird pilot with the unit have included Fully Mission Qualified Pilot, Instructor Pilot, Operations Officer and Battalion Flight Lead. Cooper currently serves as the 160th SOAR(A) Regiment Senior Warrant Officer, leading, coaching and mentoring more than 340 Special Operations Warrant Officers in the unit.

Cooper is a combat veteran with numerous deployments in support of operations Desert Storm, Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan and Iraqi Freedom.

His awards and decorations include the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, two Bronze Star Medals, three Meritorious Service Medals, three Air Medals for valor, four Air Medals, Army Commendation Medal for valor, two Army Commendation Medals, three Army Achievement Medals, Army Good Conduct Medal, two National Defense Service Medals, three Southwest Asia Service Medals, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Award, Global War on Terrorism Service Award, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Saudi Arabia Liberation Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, the Combat Action Badge and the Master Army Aviator Badge. He was awarded the Bachelor of Science degree in Professional Aeronautics from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.

Cooper and his family reside in the Fort Campbell area.