

**CAPTAIN CHARLES R. BAILEY**  
**2010 Recipient**

**LTG Sidney T. Weinstein Award for Excellence in Military Intelligence**



CPT Charles Bailey enlisted in the Army as a Counterintelligence (CI) Agent following graduation from Keene State College with a BA in History. Upon completion of his initial training, he was assigned to a CI Team with the 202<sup>nd</sup> MI Battalion, Fort Gordon, Georgia.

Selected to attend Officer Candidate School, CPT Bailey earned his commission as an Infantry officer in January 2003, and subsequently attended and graduated from Airborne and Ranger schools. His first assignment was as a Rifle Platoon Leader with the 1-17 Infantry Regiment/172<sup>nd</sup> Stryker Brigade Combat Team. He was then selected to lead the Reconnaissance Platoon, both in garrison and in Mosul, Iraq, in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF). CPT Bailey led numerous offensive operations resulting in the death or capture of more than 100 armed insurgents. In June 2006, he was wounded in a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device (VBIED) attack and assigned to Walter Reed Hospital. Determined to continue to serve his country, CPT Bailey re-branched into Military Intelligence.

Following attendance of the MI Captains' Career Course, CPT Bailey was assigned to the 66<sup>th</sup> MI Brigade where he briefly served as Assistant Battalion S3 before being selected to lead the 120 Soldier-strong Headquarters and Operations Company of the 105<sup>th</sup> MI Battalion. Following the inactivation of the 105<sup>th</sup>, he was selected to command the Stuttgart Military Intelligence Detachment and the COMTECH Detachment-Europe, 2<sup>nd</sup> MI Battalion, in June 2008. As one of six company-level commanders in the Battalion, CPT Bailey excelled at providing vital counterintelligence and force protection support to one of the more critically important garrisons in Europe and to senior leaders in two combatant commands, European Command (EUCOM) and Africa Command (AFRICOM). On a daily basis, he met with senior officers and civilians to plan, coordinate, and execute highly sensitive intelligence support, spanning counterintelligence, human intelligence, and technical operations.

CPT Bailey's relentless pursuit of excellence resulted in a 29 percent increase in liaison-driven counterintelligence IIR production and a 44 percent increase in Foreign Military Intelligence Collection Activity IIR production, despite a significant loss of personnel. This increase in production made his detachment the top producer in EUCOM. CPT Bailey's acumen for collection operations also resulted in the highly successful deployment of 13 personnel to Iraq, Afghanistan, and the African continent, executing complex and sophisticated operations praised by all supported commands. He became the "go to" commander in the Battalion for most ad-hoc requirements necessitating expert and immediate attention and seamless integration in battalion level mission execution.

A caring and compassionate leader, CPT Bailey always ensured a balance between operational support, administrative requirements, training, and caring for Soldiers and their families. Always the first to sacrifice personal time and comforts, CPT Bailey unwaveringly placed mission and subordinates above himself. The result was a highly professional detachment that delivered a phenomenal performance when undertaking any mission, from the most sensitive to daily administrative requirements.

As a true leader, gifted with a mature and sophisticated outlook on the Military Intelligence Corps' mission in support of national and contingency operations that is rarely achieved so early in an officer's career, CPT Bailey's achievements clearly represent the qualities for which the LTG Sidney T. Weinstein Award for Excellence in Military Intelligence was established.