

## **CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER FIVE JAMES J. PREWITT**

### **US Army, Retired**



Jerry Prewitt began his Army career as an Imagery Interpreter in 1974. He was appointed an Imagery Intelligence (IMINT) Warrant Officer in 1985 and his first assignment was to the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). In 1989, CW5 Prewitt was assigned as an IMINT platoon leader in the 470<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Brigade in support of Operation JUST CAUSE and El Salvador counterinsurgency operations. The following year, he returned to the DIA as the Counterdrug Branch's senior Military IMINT authority on narco-trafficking activities in Latin America. When Operations DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM began, CW5 Prewitt volunteered for the Joint Intelligence Center, Iraqi Task Force, where his analytical findings shaped perceptions of Iraqi strategy and strength and critically impacted battlefield success in the Kuwaiti Theater of Operation.

In 1993, CW5 Prewitt was hand-picked as the Chief, Exploitation Division, Directorate of Intelligence. During this period, punctuated by Operation UPHOLD DEMOCRACY in Haiti, his analysis at national sensor facilities ensured the success of several extremely dangerous missions.

In 1998, as the CJ2 Operations Systems Officer in the Assistant Chief of Staff, United States Forces Korea, CW5 Prewitt orchestrated a combination of complex, diverse national systems in support of the warfighters. He also created the most robust space-to-mud imagery architecture in 53 years of US commitment to the Korean Armistice by integrating joint and combined theater assets into a seamless reconnaissance and surveillance system of systems.

Heading next to the National Imagery Mapping Agency, he volunteered to deploy as the Leader of the National Intelligence Support Team for Joint Task Force NOBLE ANVIL. In extreme weather and near combat conditions, he provided national imagery products and support to the Deep Operations Coordination Cell of Task Force Hawk that led directly to targeting of hostile forces in Kosovo.

From 2001 to 2007, CW5 Prewitt focused his efforts on improving the MI Warrant Officer Corps. He served as the MI research analyst for the Warrant Officer Personnel Management Study Group, the MI Warrant Officer Career Manager in Personnel Command, and was chosen as the Chief Warrant Officer of the MI Corps in 2004,

during which time he instituted programs that helped MI meet or exceed accession goals.

In the last seven years of his military career, CW5 Prewitt was assigned to the US Army Special Operations Command and then to the Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC). As the Commander of JSOC's Advanced Geospatial Troop, he deployed five times on highly sensitive and classified missions in support of Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM. CW5 Prewitt retired from active duty in 2014 with more than 40 years of active service.

CW5 Prewitt's awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star (2 OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (5 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), Air Medal (2 OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal (1 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), Aerial Achievement Medal, Joint Achievement Medal (1 OLC), and the Army Achievement Medal. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2017.