



CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER FOUR KENT P. PUFFENBARGER

Command Chief Warrant Officer –South Carolina Army National Guard

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Kent B. Puffenbarger assumed duties as the South Carolina Army National Guard Command Chief Warrant Officer (CCWO) on 1 February 2014. As the CCWO, Puffenbarger serves as the personal advisor to The Adjutant General for South Carolina for all Warrant Officer related issues and career management for Warrant Officers in the South Carolina National Guard.

CW4 Puffenbarger joined the South Carolina Army National Guard in 1986. After attending basic and advanced individual training, Puffenbarger was assigned to Troop D 1st-101st Cavalry as an Observation Scout Helicopter Repairer. In 1989, he attended the Warrant Officer Candidate Course and Initial Entry Rotary-Wing flight training and was subsequently assigned to the 1st-151st Aviation Battalion as a helicopter pilot. As a member of 1st-151st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, CW4 Puffenbarger has served overseas in both Kosovo and Iraq.

EDUCATION

1980 Spring Valley High School, Columbia, SC
1987 College of Charleston, Charleston, SC
1989 Warrant Officer Candidate Course
1990 Initial Entry Rotary Wing Aviator Course
1998 Aviation Warrant Officer Advance Course
2002 Warrant Officer Staff Course
2013 Warrant Officer Senior Staff Course

AWARDS & DECORATIONS

Bronze Star Medal
Air Medal
Army Commendation Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters
Army Achievement Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters
Army Good Conduct Medal
Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters
National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star Device
Kosovo Campaign Medal
Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Armed Forces Service Medal

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Silver Hourglass, Mobilization Device and Numeral 2
Device

Army Service Ribbon

Overseas Service Ribbon

NATO Medal

Master Army Aviator Badge

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

National Guard Association of the United States

National Guard Association of South Carolina

Army Aviation Association of America

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Warrant Officer, SCARNG 25 April 1990

Chief Warrant Officer Two, SCARNG 25 April 1992

Chief Warrant Officer Three, SCARNG 28 October 1998

Chief Warrant Officer Four, SCARNG 01 October 2003