

**CW5 Wesley Klees**  
**Command Chief Warrant Officer**  
**USASMDC**

Chief Warrant Officer 5 (CW5) Wesley Klees assumed responsibility as the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command's first Command Chief Warrant Officer on Sept. 12, 2019. Entering service in 1994, he has risen through the enlisted, non-commissioned officer, and warrant officer ranks in the Air Defense Artillery branch. He is the senior warrant officer in the SMDC global command and serves as an adviser to the commanding general.

He most recently served as the Strategic Tactical Data Link Coordinator for the 10<sup>th</sup> Army Air and Missile Defense Command, Rhine Ordnance Barracks, Germany.

Upon completion of Army basic training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Bliss, Texas in 1994, he qualified as a (14J) Early Warning Systems Operator. After six years serving as an Instructor/Writer at the Early Warning Systems Operator Course and a Sensor Team Sergeant at the 101st Airborne Division, CW5 Klees was selected to attend Warrant Officer Candidate School and graduated the Warrant Officer Basic Course in 2001 as a Command and Control (C2) Systems Integrator (140A).

Additional assignments include: 1st Battalion 1st Air Defense Artillery C2 Systems Integrator (Fort Bliss, Texas); 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team C2 Systems Integrator (Fort Wainwright, Alaska); 1st Brigade 25th Infantry Division Stryker Brigade Combat Team C2 Systems Integrator (Fort Wainwright); Task Force 49 Combat Aviation Brigade C2 Systems Integrator (Fort Wainwright); Joint Multi-Tactical Data Link School Instructor (Joint Interface Control Officer Course), Joint Interoperability Division, J7, USJFCOM (Fort McPherson, Georgia); Chief of Assessment, G5, Fires Center of Excellence (FCoE) (Fort Sill, Oklahoma); C2 Systems Integrator, Requirements Determination Division, Capabilities Development and Integration Directorate (CDID), FCoE (Fort Sill); 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade C2 Systems Integrator (Fort Sill); TRADOC Capabilities Manager (TCM) Staff Officer, and TCM ADA BDE, CDID, FCoE (Fort Sill).

CW5 Klees' military education includes the Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course, Joint Interface Control Officer Course, Capabilities Development Course, Air Defense Artillery Warrant Officer Advanced Course, Warrant Officer Staff Course, Warrant Officer Senior Staff Course, and the Senior Leader Seminar.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (oak leaf cluster), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (four oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal (four oak leaf clusters), Army Achievement Medal (oak leaf cluster), Army Good Conduct Medal (second award), National Defense Service Medal (bronze star), Iraq Campaign Medal (three bronze stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (second award), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (fourth award). His awards also include the Combat Action Badge and the Air Assault Badge. He has served in units that have earned the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Valorous Unit Award, and the Meritorious Unit Commendation (two oak leaf clusters).

CW5 Klees graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from the University of Alabama and holds a Master of Science in Computer Information Systems from the University of Phoenix.



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