



### **CW5 Charles A. Zanoff's Biography**

CW5 Charles "Drew" Zanoff enlisted in the Army in 1990 at the age of seventeen as a Medic. Upon completion of Medic & Airborne School he was assigned to the 27<sup>th</sup> ENG BN (CBT) (ABN), Ft. Bragg, NC and quickly deployed to Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm. He spent three and half years in the Airborne Engineers with multiple overseas tours. In 1994 CW5 Zanoff was honorably discharged, joined the Montana Army National Guard and began college. He continued as a medic and then reclassified as a Mechanized Infantryman to help fill the new infantry battalion in the state. In the spring of 1996 Mr. Zanoff was accepted by 1-112<sup>th</sup> LUH BN, Helena, MT to attend flight school.

In February 1997 he began Warrant Officer Candidate School at Ft. Rucker, AL and completed IERW in April of 1998 as an OH-58 Scout Pilot. In May of 2000 Mr. Zanoff graduated from the University of Montana with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, relocated to Colorado and Joined 2-147<sup>th</sup> Assault Company in Eagle. In 2002 he transferred to B Co 2-135<sup>th</sup> GSAB, then was reassigned to A Co in 2004 to begin preparing the unit to deploy to Iraq (OIF 05-06). In 2007 he accepted a full-time technician position as the State Safety Specialist and later as the AASF Safety Officer. While in the 2-135th Mr. Zanoff deployed to Guyana, Iraq, Kuwait, and Jordan; while serving as a safety officer and standardization pilot. He has also taken part in state emergencies including the 2013 Floods, multiple fires and has received four Sikorsky Rescue Awards. In 2017 CW5 Zanoff accepted a six month joint assignment with Special Operations Command Europe, Stuttgart Germany as a Strategic Planner. He completed his Warrant Officer Sr. Service Education in 2016 earning a spot on the Commandants List.

CW5 Zanoff's awards include the Air Medal (2), Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC), Southwest Asia Service Ribbon w/ 2 bronze service stars, Iraq Campaign Medal w/ 2 campaign stars, Global War on Terror Expeditionary & Service Medals, Kuwait Liberation Medals (Saudi Arabia & Kuwait), Meritorious Unit Commendation (2 OLC), Combat Action Badge, Combat Medic Badge, Master Aviator Badge, Sapper Tab, Parachutist Badge, Honduran Parachute Badge and Driver Badge. He is rated in the TH-67, OH-58, UH-1, UH-60, C-12, C-26 and is a UH-60 Instructor Pilot with over 3000 accident free flight hours.

Drew resides in Parker Colorado with wife Heather of twenty years, son Morgan, daughter Sarah and their dog Penny.