



CW3(P) John Thornton
Chief Unit Data Officer
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CW3(P) John W. Thornton enlisted in the US Army in 2004 as a 25S Satellite Systems Operator Maintainer. In 2013 he ascended from the Non-Commissioned Officer Corps to join the Warrant Officer Cohort. He served as a 255A Information Services Technician until 2018 when he swapped to 255S, Information Protection Technician, later changed to Cyberspace Defense Warrant Officer. He graduated from Western Governors University with a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology Security in 2015, and a Master of Science in Information Security and Assurance in 2016.

His previous units of assignment include 2nd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 160th Signal Brigade, 1st Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, McAfee/Trellix Training with Industry, and the Regional Cyber Center Pacific. His previous positions include SATCOM Systems Operator/Maintainer, SATCOM Systems Team Chief, SATCOM Systems Staff NCO, Regional Information Assurance Manager for Southwest Asia, Brigade S6, Information Services Technician, Battalion S6, Brigade Information Protection Technician. He has four deployments to Afghanistan and a Joint Combined Exchange Training mission to Pakistan.

CW3 Thornton's military education includes Army Basic Training, SATCOM Systems Operator Maintainer Army Initial Training, Airborne Course, Combat Lifesaver Course, Army National Guard Warrior Training Center Pre-Ranger Course, Advanced Marksmanship Course, Warrior Leader Course, Advanced Leader Course, Warrant Officer Candidate Course, Information Services Technician Warrant Officer Basic Course, Information Services Technician Warrant Officer Advance Course, Information Protection Technician Advance Course.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star w/ one Oak Leaf Cluster; the Army Meritorious Service Medal; the Army Commendation Medal w/ three Oak Leaf Clusters; the Army Achievement Medal w/ one Oak Leaf Cluster; the Joint Meritorious Unit Award; the Valorous Unit Award; the Meritorious Unit Commendation; the Army Good Conduct Medal w/ three Bronze Knots; the National

Defense Service Medal; the Afghanistan Campaign Medal w/ 5 Campaign Stars; the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; the Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon w/ numeral 2 device; the Army Service Ribbon; the Overseas Service Ribbon w/ numeral 2 device; the NATO Medal; the Combat Action Badge; and the US Army Basic Parachutist Badge.

CW3 Thornton is married with three children and two dogs.