



U.S. ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND

Chief Warrant Officer 3 James M. Bettencourt **AMC BAND COMMANDER**

Chief Warrant Officer 3 James M. Bettencourt assumed the position of Commander of the Army Materiel Command Band in October 2015. Mr. Bettencourt is a native of New Bedford, Massachusetts and a graduate of New Bedford High School. He earned a Bachelor of Music in Trumpet Performance and a Bachelor of Education from Boston University.

His past assignments include the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York; Army Ground Forces Band, Fort McPherson, Georgia; U.S. Army School of Music in Norfolk, Virginia; and the U.S. Army Europe Band and Chorus in Heidelberg, Germany. He has been assigned as Commander of the 282nd Army Band at Fort Jackson, South Carolina; the First Armored Division Band in Wiesbaden, Germany; and the U.S. Army Signal Corps Band at Fort Gordon, Georgia.

Mr. Bettencourt's training includes the Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Warrant Officer Candidate School, Warrant Officer Basic Course, the Warrant Officer Advanced Course and the Warrant Officer Staff Course. He is a veteran of the Iraqi Sovereignty and Operation New Dawn Campaigns, having deployed to Iraq as Commander of the First Armored Division Band in 2010.

His awards include the Bronze Star Medal; Meritorious Service Medal (5th award); Army Commendation Medal (6th award); Army Achievement Medal (5th award); Meritorious Unit Citation; Iraq Campaign Medal (with two campaign stars); Army Good Conduct Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.



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