

# Stacy R. Stewart

## Senior Hurricane Specialist

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Stacy R. Stewart is a senior hurricane specialist at NOAA's National Hurricane Center in Miami.

Stewart received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Physics and Mathematics from Middle Tennessee State University (1984), and his Master of Science Degree in Meteorology from the University of Oklahoma (1992).

Stewart began his career with NOAA in 1978 as a Meteorological Technician and Meteorologist, working at the National Weather Service (NWS) offices in Tampa, Florida; Nashville, Tennessee; and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He joined the National Weather Service FAA Academy in Oklahoma City in 1987 as a Meteorology instructor and curriculum developer. In 1992, Stewart became a Doppler radar instructor at the NWS NEXRAD Operational Support Facility in Norman, Oklahoma.

Stewart joined the National Hurricane Center Tropical Analysis and Forecast Branch in 1999 as a lead forecaster. He became a senior hurricane specialist in 2000. The position involves the issuance of track, intensity, and wind radii forecasts as well as associated watches and warnings for tropical cyclones in the Atlantic and eastern North Pacific ocean basins. He also served as the Warning Coordination Meteorologist until early 2010.

Stewart is a retired 40-year U.S. Navy reservist. He was on active duty from 1973-1977 and was an Enlisted Reserve Forecaster (1977-1985) and became a Naval Reserve Officer in 1985. He served as a Naval Reserve tropical cyclone forecaster in Guam (1986-1997) and Pearl Harbor (1998-2004).



Stewart was called to active duty in January 2007 for a 20-month period to aid in the troop surge in Iraq. He was part of the Coalition Army Advisory Training Team, providing advice and mentorship to three Iraqi Army divisions (20,000 Iraqi soldiers) at An Numaniyah Military Base and assisted in the training of three Iraqi brigades. He also participated in more than 150 combat missions and accumulated more than 6,000 ground convoy miles.

In January 2009, Stewart was deployed to Afghanistan as part of the 2009 troop surge in support of "Operation Enduring Freedom". During his 12-month tour of duty there, Stewart was promoted from the rank of Commander to the rank of Captain. He worked with the NATO Operational Mentor and Liaison Teams (OMLT) and oversaw the training of Afghan National Army soldiers and their execution of various types of military operations. He also observed and evaluated the tactics used by new Afghan National Police members. Stewart participated in more than 80 combat missions and accumulated more than 3,000 ground convoy miles traversing the dangerous roads of Kabul and much of Afghanistan. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Combat Action Ribbon for his distinguished service to his country.



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