Colonel Steidl retired on 1 September 2014 after serving over 28 years. He graduated from the University of Washington with a Bachelor of Science degree in Geological Oceanography in May 1986 and was commissioned through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps program in August 1986. Colonel Steidl was designated a Naval Aviator in September 1988.

Colonel Steidl’s assignments in the operating forces include Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 268 (1989-1994), Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 163 (1995-1999), Executive Officer Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 163 (2002-2004), Executive Officer and Commanding Officer Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 165 (2004-2006), Executive Officer Marine Aircraft Group 16 (FWD) (2006), AC/S G-3 3d Marine Aircraft Wing (FWD) (2006-2007), Commanding Officer 22 Marine Expeditionary Unit (2010-2012), and Officer in Charge II Marine Expeditionary Force Special Operations Training Group (2012-2014). He was designated a
CH-46E Weapons and Tactics Instructor in 1992.

Colonel Steidl deployed with 11th, 13th, 15th and 22 Marine Expeditionary Units over the course of seven WESTPAC/C5F/C6F deployments. Colonel Steidl participated in Alaska Special Marine Air Ground Task Force (Exxon Valdez Oil Spill); Operations DESERT SHIELD, SEA SOLDIER IV, DESERT STORM (SWA); Operation CONTINUE HOPE/UNISOM II (Somalia); Operations VIGILANT SENTINAL, SOUTHERN WATCH, AND DESERT STRIKE (SWA); Operations IRAQI FREEDOM/SWEENEY, OIF 04-06, OIF 05-07; Operation UNIFIED ASSISTANCE (Indonesian Tsunami Relief); Operation UNIFIED PROTECTOR (Libya); and Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

Staff assignments include Land Use and Military Construction Branch at Headquarters Marine Corps (Installations and Logistics) (1999-2002) and as the Senior USMC Readiness Analyst at Office of the Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) (2008-2010). He was designated as a Joint Qualified Officer in 2010.

Colonel Steidl is a graduate of Amphibious Warfare School (1994-1995), Air Command and Staff (1999), and National Defense University (2007-2008). He holds a Masters Degree in Strategic Studies.

Since 1987, he has accumulated over 4,390 flight hours, of which 4,100 are in the CH-46E.  His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, Air Medal with strike flight numeral 7, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with 2 Gold Stars, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and Sea Service Deployment with 7 stars.

Colonel Steidl is married to the former Treva Swiney of Seattle, Washington and has two children, Heidi and Carl. He and Treva raise Black Angus cattle and hay on two family farms located near Windsor, Colorado.