



Colonel Chris Willis

COL Willis was commissioned as an Infantry Officer in 1991 following graduation from the United States Military Academy with a Bachelor of Science Degree. His first assignment was with the 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry, 5th Infantry Division (M), FT Polk, LA, from 1992 to 1993, where he served as a Rifle Platoon Leader and Mortar Platoon Leader. Following a BRAC move to FT Hood, TX, COL Willis served as a Rifle Company Executive Officer and Battalion S1 in the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry (IN), 1st Cavalry Division, from 1993 to 1995.

Following graduation from the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, COL Willis served as the Chief of G3, Force Integration, 2nd Infantry Division (M), Camp Casey, Korea, from 1996 to 1997. He then served with the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), as Brigade S1 and as Commander of A Company, 3rd Battalion, 327th Infantry and HHC, 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry, from 1997 to 2000.

COL Willis then served as a Company and Battalion Tactical Officer at the United States Military Academy, from 2000 to 2003, where he also earned a Masters Degree in Leader Development and Counseling from Long Island University.

After graduation from the US Army Command and General Staff College, COL Willis served as a Battalion Operations Observer/Controller at the Joint Readiness Training Center, FT Polk, LA, from 2004 to 2005. He then served as the Operations Officer and Executive Officer for the 6th Ranger Training Battalion, Camp James E. Rudder, Eglin AFB, FL, from 2005 to 2007.

COL Willis served as a combat advisor as the National Police Transition Team Chief for 4th Brigade, 1st Iraqi National Police Division, East Baghdad, Iraq, from 2007-2008. COL Willis assumed command of the 2nd Battalion, 46th Infantry (BCT), FT Knox, KY, on 19 JUN 2009. He then moved the battalion to Fort Benning, GA, in NOV 2010 as part of the Armor School move.

COL Willis served as the Deputy Commander of the 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, from JUN 2011 to JAN 2012. He then served as the G33 for the 3rd Infantry Division at FT Stewart, GA, from JAN to JUL 2012. COL Willis served as the CJ33 for CJTF-3, Regional Command (South) Afghanistan, from JUL 2012 to JUL 2013. COL Willis then assumed duties as the TRADOC Capabilities Manager Stryker Brigade Combat Team (TCM-SBCT) in SEP 2013.

COL Willis' military training and education includes the Basic Airborne Course, the Jumpmaster Course, the Air Assault Course, Ranger School, the Bradley Leader Course, the Infantry Mortar Leader Course, the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, and the Command and General Staff School.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (1 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (4 OLC), Ranger Tab, Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge and the Air Assault Badge.