



LTC Nelson G. Kraft graduated from Bowling Green State University and was commissioned in 1994. He is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms Service and Staff School, and the Air Command and Staff College, where he earned a Masters degree.

His past assignments include Rifle Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer with the 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry at Camp Hovey, Korea; Company Executive Officer with the 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry at Fort Benning, Georgia; Brigade S1 with 1st Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, S3 Air with the 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry, Company Commander of Company C, 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry, and Company Commander of HHC, 10th Mountain Division – all at Fort Drum, New York; Small Group Instructor at the Infantry Captains Career Course and Chief of Urban Operations at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia; Battalion S3 and Executive Officer with the 2nd Battalion, 30th Infantry and Brigade S3 with 4th Brigade, 10th Mountain Division – all at Fort Polk, Louisiana. LTC Kraft's last assignment was Aide-de-Camp to the Commander, NATO Training Mission Afghanistan at Camp Eggers, Afghanistan. LTC Kraft has deployed to Afghanistan three times in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, first as a Rifle Company Commander 2001 to 2002, next as an HHC Commander in 2003 and most recently as an Aide-de-Camp in 2010. He deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as a Battalion S3 and Executive Officer 2007 to 2009.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (1OLC), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (2OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (3OLC), the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal (4OLC), the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Valorous Unit Award (1OLC), the National Defense Service Medal with service star, the Afghan Campaign Medal with two service stars, the Iraq Campaign Medal with service star, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal with Arrowhead device, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Korea Defense Service Medal, the Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral 2, the Army Service Ribbon, the NATO ISAF Medal, the Airborne, Air Assault and Pathfinder badges, the Combat and Expert Infantryman Badges, and the Ranger Tab.