



LTC John E. Pirog attended the United States Military Academy where he graduated with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Military History and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the infantry.

Following attendance to the Infantry Officer's Basic Course, LTC Pirog served in the 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry (Mechanized) (later reflagged to the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry (Mechanized)) at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he was assigned as a rifle platoon leader, rifle company executive officer and headquarters and headquarters company executive officer.

In 1996, LTC Pirog attended the Infantry Officer's Advanced Course at Fort Benning and then was assigned as an assistant professor of military science at the Johns Hopkins University ROTC Department. In 1999, LTC Pirog moved to Fort Wainwright, Alaska, where he served in the 1st Battalion, 17th Infantry (Light) as an assistant S3 and headquarters and headquarters company commander.

LTC Pirog was then assigned to the 1st Battalion 307th Infantry (Training Support) at Fort Jackson, South Carolina where he served as an observer/controller-trainer team chief and battalion executive officer. He then transferred to Saudi Arabia where he served as a mechanized infantry battalion advisor for three battalions in the King Abdul Aziz Mechanized Infantry Brigade.

In 2005, LTC Pirog was assigned to the 4th Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Bliss, Texas as a member of the 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry (Combined Arms Battalion) where he served as the battalion executive officer and battalion S3. He later served as the brigade executive officer in the 4th Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division.

Prior to moving to Fort Benning, LTC Pirog served as the Chief of Operations at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center, Hohenfels, Germany.

LTC Pirog's deployments include two combat tours in Iraq (OIF 06-08, OIF 09-10), and two operational tours: Operation Vigilant Warrior (Kuwait, 1994) and Operation Eager Light (Jordan, 1996).

LTC Pirog's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star (3), the Meritorious Service Medal (5), the Army Commendation Medal (4), and the Army Achievement Award (6). His badges include the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge, and the Parachutists Badge.