COL John M. Cushing

Commander, 194th Armored Brigade

COL John M. Cushing was commissioned as an Armor Officer upon graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1993. As an Armor Officer, COL Cushing served in multiple tactical assignments in both the 3rd Infantry Division and the 1st Cavalry Division. His other assignments include teaching Systems Engineering at the United States Military Academy and serving as the Armor Branch Chief at the Human Resources Command.

COL Cushing served in the 1st Cavalry Division as a Platoon Leader, Support Platoon Leader, Squadron Commander and most recently as the G3 where he deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Resolute Support. As a member of the 3rd Infantry Division, COL Cushing served as a Tank Company Commander and Recon Troop Commander with the 2nd Brigade at Fort Stewart and as a Battalion S3 and Brigade Executive Officer for the 3rd Brigade at Fort Benning. COL Cushing's combat tours include both Iraq and Afghanistan.

COL Cushing holds Masters Degrees from the University of Virginia and the Army War College. He is also a graduate of the Army's Command and General Staff College. His awards include the Bronze Star with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters and the Meritorious Service Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters. He has also earned the Combat Action Badge, the Airborne Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and the Ranger Tab.