

Lieutenant Colonel Mercedes B. Skidmore

Lieutenant Colonel Mercedes B. Skidmore was born just outside of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She graduated from Auburn University Montgomery with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science/Pre-Law, Minor in Abnormal Psychology in 2006 and received a Regular Army Commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Chemical Corps.

Lieutenant Colonel Skidmore is a graduate of the Chemical Corps Basic Officer Leadership Course, Radiological Safety Course, Adjutant General Corps Captain's Career Course, the Command and General Staff College (Resident), and both Pre-Command Courses (IMT and CSA). Additionally, she is a certified Army Instructor (5K).

Lieutenant Colonel Skidmore's assignments include: Battalion (BN) Chemical Officer, BN S4 in 2-10th Aviation Regiment (Fort Drum); Brigade (BDE) Chemical Officer in 10th Combat Aviation Brigade (Fort Drum); Task Force S1 in 2-10th Aviation Regiment (Fort Drum); BN S1/S4 in 2-47th Infantry Battalion (Fort Benning); Reception and Hold Unit (RHU) Company Commander in 30th AG Reception Battalion (Fort Benning); Adjutant General Corps Captains Career Course Instructor/Writer in Adjutant General School/Soldier Support Institute (Fort Jackson); FORSCOM G1 Strength Manager in HQ, FORSCOM (Fort Bragg); Human Resources Support Operations Branch (HROB) in 4th Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade (Fort Carson); and Group S1 in 71st Explosives Ordnance Disposal Group (Fort Carson). Most recently, she served as an Action Officer and later as the Lead of Training and Deployment, Functional Management Division (FMD), Integrated Personnel and Pay System – Army (IPPS-A) at Headquarters, Department of the Army, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, Virginia.

Lieutenant Colonel Skidmore served in two combat tours and one humanitarian effort. Serving as BN S4 for 2-10th Aviation Regiment in Tikrit, Iraq (2008-2009) and as the Task Force S1 for Task Force Knighthawk in Wardak/Logar Province, Afghanistan (2010-2011). She was the AD S1 for Extortion17. She spearheaded the first-ever opening of a Joint Personnel Reception Center for NORTHCOM in support of COVID Response (2020).

Lieutenant Colonel Skidmore graduated from Kansas State University with a Master of Art Degree in International Security Studies in 2021. Her awards include Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (1OLC), Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, NATO Medal, Combat Action Badge, and recently, the Army Staff Identification Badge.

Lieutenant Colonel Skidmore has two sons.