

Lieutenant Colonel Josh W. Fender

LTC Fender is a native of the Midwest (Nebraska and Illinois) and was enlisted for five years prior to commissioning as a 2nd Lieutenant through Officer Candidate School in September 2007. He subsequently served in 2-12 IN REGT, 4 IBCT, 4ID as a Platoon Leader, Executive Officer, and AS-3.

After completion of the Infantry Maneuver Captains Career Course, he was assigned to the 6-9 CAV, 3 ABCT, 1CD. He commanded Bravo Company and HHC. Following Company Command time, he was stationed at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels, Germany where he served as a 07T, HHC, and S4 Observer Coach Trainer.

Following ILE at the Naval War College in Newport, RI, he was assigned to the Joint Pacific Multinational Readiness Center in Fort Shafter, HI, where he served as the JPMRC OIC. Next, he was assigned to 2-35 IN REGT, 3 IBCT, 25 ID and served as the Battalion Executive Officer and later as the 3rd BDE Executive Officer.

Following assignments in Hawaii, he was awarded the George C. Marshall Fellowship with duty in Garmisch, Germany and a follow-on assignment to Southern European Taskforce- Africa in Vicenza, Italy where he served as G35 planner, and the G33 Chief of Operations.

LTC Fender has deployed to Afghanistan and in support of other contingency and humanitarian operations throughout his career. His military schools, awards, and decorations are commensurate with a career Infantry officer. He has a Masters in National Defense and Strategic Studies.

LTC Fender is married to Mrs. Lauren Kohler and they have two daughters, Cecelia and Scarlett.