



Lieutenant Colonel Robert C Howard Commander, 2nd Battalion, 58th Regiment

LTC Robert C. Howard is a native of Savannah, Georgia. He received his commission in 1998 from the University of Central Florida with a Bachelor's degree in International Relations. LTC Howard originally enlisted as an Infantryman in October 1989. Upon completion of One Station Unit Training (OSUT), LTC Howard was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, Ft. Bragg, NC, and served as a mortarman in 4th Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, serving in Desert Shield/Storm, Sinai, Egypt and Hurricane Andrew.

Upon completion of the Infantry Officer Basic Course, LTC Howard was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division, Ft. Stewart, Georgia, and served as a Rifle Platoon Leader, Support Platoon Leader and Company XO, in 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, deploying to Bosnia, in 2000-2001.

In 2002, LTC Howard attended the Infantry Captain's Career Course and returned to the 82nd Airborne Division, and immediately deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom, with the Division HQs to Ramadi, Iraq. LTC Howard deployed to OIF 2 in 2004, to Baghdad, as the Commander of Delta Company, 3rd Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment and later commanded Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment.

In 2006, following command, LTC Howard served as an Observer Controller and Live Fire S3, Operations Officer at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Ft. Polk, Louisiana. In August 2008, he was assigned as a battalion Embedded Training Team (ETT) Team Leader advising an Afghan Infantry Battalion in Paktika, Afghanistan, supporting 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment.

In 2011, after attending the US Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC), LTC Howard returned to the 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia, and immediately deployed as the Battalion Operations Officer for 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment to Al Asad, Iraq. In 2013, he returned to Afghanistan, as the Battalion Executive Officer and advisor to an Afghan Infantry Battalion in Wardak province. In 2014, LTC Howard was assigned as the 4th Brigade Executive Officer, and subsequently the 3rd Infantry Division, SGS.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Iraq and Afghanistan Campaign Medals, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, NATO Medal, Master Parachutist and Air Assault Badges, Combat Infantry Badge with Star, Expert Infantryman Badge, Excellence in Competition Badge, Ranger Tab, Jordanian and Australian parachute wings.