
Colonel William D Voorhies

Brigade Commander

Colonel Voorhies is a native of Arlington Heights, Illinois and graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York in 1995. Commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant of Infantry, he served as a Rifle Platoon Leader, Executive Officer and Reconnaissance Platoon Leader with the 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii from 1996 to 1999. While there, he participated in security force cooperation exercises in both Japan and Thailand.

As a Captain, he was assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division (Mechanized) at Ft. Hood, Texas and commanded both Charlie Company and then Headquarters Company from 2000-2003. Following command, he served as a Small Group Instructor, Infantry Captains Career Course at Fort Benning, Georgia from 2003 to 2005.

As a Major, he deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF-V) from 2006-2007 where he served as the Military Transition Team Chief (MiTT) for 4th Battalion, 1st Brigade, 6th Iraqi Division, Baghdad. Completing the Army's Command and General Staff College in 2008 he reported to the 2nd Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment (Tomahawks), 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, Ft Lewis, WA to be its Executive Officer. As the Brigade Executive Officer, he again deployed to Iraq (OIF-9/10) where 4/2 SBCT became the last brigade combat team to transition from Operation Iraqi Freedom. In 2010, he was selected to be the Aide-de-Camp for then LTG Curtis M. Scaparrotti, Commander of I Corps and Joint Base-Lewis-McChord. While in that capacity, he deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) in 2010 to serve with the International Security Assistance Force Joint Command (IJC) Commander from 2011-2012.

As a lieutenant colonel, he was selected to command 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment (Light) at Ft Carson, Colorado from 2013-2015. While in command, he deployed to Afghanistan to serve as Commander, Combined Joint Task Force Red Warrior as the Area Security Force for Dand and Daman Districts, Regional Command-South, Kandahar, Afghanistan. He then served as the Executive Officer to LTG Robert L. Caslen Jr., the 59th Superintendent, U.S. Military Academy, from 2015-2016. COL Voorhies' last assignment was as the Director of Training and Doctrine (DOTD), Maneuver Center of Excellence, Ft Benning, GA.

He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Philosophy from West Point, a Masters in International Relations from Troy University and a Masters in Strategic Studies from the US Army War College Advanced Strategic Arts Program. His awards and decorations are commensurate with a career infantry officer, and include the Bronze Star, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Purple Heart and the Ranger Tab.