



COLONEL SEAN E. GAVAN

Colonel Sean E. Gavan is the Senior Guard Advisor to the CG, U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCoE) and Chief of Staff to the DCG-ARNG. In this capacity, Colonel Gavan serves as the channel of communication between the MCoE and the National Guard Bureau while synchronizing Army National Guard priorities, policy guidance, and resources with the MCoE and providing guidance in the formulation, development, and coordination of doctrine, policies, concepts, programs, and plans pertaining to or affecting the Army National Guard.

Colonel Gavan began his military career in the University of Arkansas Reserve Officer Training Corps. In 1991, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Education as well as a commission as a second lieutenant in the Infantry Corps. He holds a Master of Business Administration from Trident University in and Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.



Throughout his career, he has served in a variety of command and staff assignments. In 2006, he began his Active Guard and Reserve career as the Director of Operations and Training at the National Guard Professional Education Center. Colonel Gavan then commanded the 1st Squadron, 151st Cavalry Regiment, followed by assignment as the Executive Officer, 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT), Arkansas Army National Guard. Upon completion of Senior Service College, he served as Chief of Strategic Plans and Policy, Army National Guard G-5 Directorate. Prior to his current assignment, Colonel Gavan served as a Division Chief in the Joint Staff J5's Transregional Threats Coordination Cell, leading cross-functional and interagency development, coordination, and integration of strategic plans and policies related to national security and countering transregional threat networks.

During his deployments in support of the Global War on Terrorism and Security and Relief Operations, Colonel Gavan served in a variety of Battalion and Brigade positions. As a Battalion Operations Officer, he served in the Multinational Force and Observers, Sinai, Egypt in 2002 and as Battalion Intelligence Officer in Baghdad, Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) in 2004 and 2005. Upon returning from Iraq, he was assigned as the 39th IBCT Plans Officer and deployed to New Orleans, Louisiana, in support of Operation Katrina. In 2007, he was assigned as the 39th IBCT Intelligence Officer and again deployed to Baghdad, Iraq in support of OIF in 2008.

Colonel Gavan's military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Air Assault School, Rappel Master Course, Combined Arms & Services Staff School, Command and General Staff College, Senior Service College, Combating Terrorist Networks Interagency Seminar, and Defense Support of Civil Authorities.

His awards and decorations include the Combat Infantryman Badge, Air Assault Badge, Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with silver Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with three Bronze Service Stars, Joint Meritorious Unit Award with Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Unit Commendation with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Superior Unit Award, the Army Staff Identification Badge and the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge. COL Gavan achieved the Joint Qualified Officer designation in August 2018.

Colonel Gavan resides in Fort Mitchell, Alabama with his wife Teresa. They have three sons; Sean, Christopher, and Noah.