

LTC Ryan J. Gainey, 1-81AR Battalion Commander

LTC Ryan "Joe" Gainey previously served as the Division Chief for the Training and Education Development Division (TEDD) within the Directorate of Training and Doctrine (DOTD), Maneuver Center of Excellence, Fort Benning, GA. LTC Gainey graduated from Northwestern State University of Louisiana in 2002 (YG03) with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Exercise Science and commissioned as an Armor officer from the ROTC program. He earned a Master of Arts degree in Adult Education from Kansas State University in 2014.

Lieutenant Colonel Gainey has served as an Anti-tank Platoon leader in H/2/2ACR during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Sadr City, Iraq ('03-'04); a Military Transition Team (MiTT) team chief during the Iraq Surge ('08-'09); a Cavalry Troop commander in B/1/3ACR during Operation New Dawn, Iraq ('10-'11); and as the Operations Officer for 4/3CR during Operation Inherent Resolve, Afghanistan ('16-'17).

Other assignments include instructor at the Cavalry Leaders Course, Fort Benning, Georgia ('13); III Corps Readiness Officer, G33, Fort Hood, Texas ('14-'15); Operations Officer for

1/3CR, Fort Hood, Texas ('15-'16); the Deputy Director for the Military Advisor Training Academy (MATA-SFAB training), Fort Benning, Georgia ('17-'18); Brigade Executive Officer for 316th Cavalry Brigade, Fort Benning, Georgia ('18-19); the Executive Officer to the Commanding General Maneuver Center of Excellence, Fort Benning, Georgia ('19-'20); and the Military Deputy and Maneuver, Fires, and Maneuver Support Advisors Team Chief for the Land Forces Division (LFD), United States Military Training Mission (USMTM), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia ('20-'21).

His awards include the Bronze Star Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with three stars, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Citation, Combat Action Badge, Basic Parachutist Badge, Order of Saint George (Bronze Medallion), and the Draper Armor Leadership Award.