

**Lieutenant Colonel Matthew F. Gooding**  
**Battalion Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 81<sup>st</sup> Armor Regiment**



LTC Gooding was commissioned as an Armor Officer following graduation from Ohio University in 1998. After completing the Armor Officers Basic Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky, he was assigned to his first unit at Fort Stewart Georgia. LTC Gooding's other military education includes Armor Captains Career Course, the Combined Arms and Service Staff School and the Command and General Staff College.

LTC Gooding's previous assignments have included Tank Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 69<sup>th</sup> Armor, Fort Stewart, Georgia; Company Commander and Battalion Operations Officer, 1<sup>st</sup> basic training brigade, Fort Jackson, SC; Squadron Personnel Officer and Troop Commander, 3<sup>rd</sup> Squadron, 71<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Regiment, Fort Drum, NY; Office of Program Manager Saudi Arabia as a mechanized advisor to the Saudi National Guard; Brigade Rear Operations Commander and Squadron Executive Officer, 6<sup>th</sup> Squadron, 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Infantry Combat Team, Fort Knox, Kentucky. Previously, LTC Gooding served as the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) professor of military science at Southern Illinois University- Carbondale.

LTC Gooding's deployments include Kosovo in 2001 in support of Operation Guardian; Afghanistan in 2006-2007 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom VII & VIII; Saudi Arabia in 2009-2010, and Afghanistan in 2013 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom XIII.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (4 Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal with Valor, Army Commendation Medal (2 Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal (3 Oak Leaf Cluster), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (3 Campaign Stars), Kosovo Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, and Combat Action Badge.

LTC Gooding earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology from Ohio University, a Master of Arts in Management from Webster University and a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Akron.

### **Key Assignments**

- CO CDR, B company 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Fort Jackson, SC
- TRP CDR, A Troop, 3<sup>rd</sup> Squadron, 71<sup>st</sup> Cavalry, 3<sup>rd</sup> IBCT, 10<sup>th</sup> MTN DIV, Fort Drum, NY
- Brigade Rear Operations CDR, 3rd IBCT, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry DIV, Fort Knox, KY
- Executive Officer, 6<sup>th</sup> Squadron, 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 3rd IBCT, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry DIV, Fort Knox, KY
- Professor of Military Science, Southern Illinois University, Cadet Command

### **Education**

2011 – Command and General Staff College

2009 – Masters in Public Administration, University of Akron

2003 – MA, Management, Webster University

2002 – Armor Captains Career Course & Combined Arms and Services Staff College

1999 – Armor Officer Basic Course

1998 – BA, Criminology, Ohio University

