Lieutenant Colonel Carl J. Danko

LTC Carl J. Danko is a native of Powell, Wyoming, and was commissioned as an Armor Officer upon graduation from Montana State University (Bozeman) in 2005. His assignments as a lieutenant include Tank Platoon Leader, Task Force Scout Platoon Leader, and Tank Company Executive Officer, 1-72 Armor Regiment, Camp Casey, Republic of Korea.

After completion of the Maneuver Captains Career Course he served as a Brigade Assistant Operations Officer, and Brigade liaison officer to Multinational Division Baghdad, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas, and Baghdad, Iraq (Operation Iraqi Freedom VI); Battalion Assistant Operations Officer, and Commander, C Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th U.S. Cavalry Regiment during Operation New Dawn; Troop Senior Observer Coach Trainer, Task Force-3, and Lead Rotational Planner, Operations Group, Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, Louisiana.

Upon Graduation from the Command and General Staff College, and School of Advanced Military Studies at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, LTC Danko served in a number of staff and leadership positions including CJ35 Future Operations Planner, III Armored Corps and CJTF-OIR HQs (Operation Inherent Resolve); Squadron Executive Officer, 4th Squadron, 9th U.S. Cavalry Regiment; Battalion Operations Officer, 1st Battalion, 9th U.S. Cavalry Regiment, Fort Hood, Texas, and EUCOM (Operation Atlantic Resolve). His most recent assignment was the Military Evaluator for the M1 Abrams, M2 Bradley, and M10 Booker family of vehicles at the U.S. Army Evaluation Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

His awards and decorations include the Army Meritorious Unit Citation (1 OLC), Bronze Star Medal (1 OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC), Army Parachutist Badge, and Army Air Assault Badge, among others.

LTC Danko earned a Bachelor of Science in Sociology from Montana State University, a Master of Science in Adult and Continuous Education from Kansas State University, and a Master of Military Arts and Science in Theater Operations from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. His military education includes the Armor Officer Basic Course, Maneuver Captains Career Course, Cavalry Leader Course, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Staff Officer Course and Advanced Military Studies Program.

LTC Danko is married to the former Emilie McEvoy of Keizer, Oregon, and they have three children, Abel, Anya, and Alice.