

LTC Brandon Cave **Commander, 3D Squadron, 16th Cavalry Regiment**

Lieutenant Colonel Brandon C. Cave was born in Rockford, Ill in 1979. He graduated from the United States Military Academy in 2001 and was commissioned as an Armor Officer.

Lieutenant Colonel Cave attended the Armor Officer Basic Course at Fort Knox, KY. His first assignment was as a Light Scout Platoon Leader in E Troop, 1st Cavalry (Separate), Fort Wainwright, AK in March of 2002. In July of 2003, he was assigned as the Executive Officer of D Company, 1st Battalion 72nd Armored Regiment in Camp Casey, Korea.

After attending the Armor Captain's Career Course at Fort Knox, KY he was assigned to 1st Squadron, 33rd Cavalry Regiment, 3rd IBCT, 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, KY in January 2005.

Lieutenant Colonel Cave deployed to Iraq while serving as the Squadron assistant S3 from 2005 to 2006. In November 2006 he assumed command of B Troop, 1-33 CAV for 18 months. He changed out of command while deployed in Iraq and was assigned as a Plans Officer for 3rd IBCT, 101st Airborne Division. Upon his return from Iraq, Lieutenant Colonel Cave was assigned to the Joint Multinational Readiness Center at Hohenfels, Germany. He served as a Reconnaissance Troop Team OC/T, a Squadron TOC OC/T, and TAF OC/T. In 2011 he deployed to Afghanistan to serve as the Liaison Officer for 7th Army Training Command, US Army Europe to NATO Training Mission Command/Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan, International Security Assistance Force. He redeployed to Hohenfels, Germany to serve as the Executive Officer of a Counter IED Training Team.

In 2012, Lieutenant Colonel Cave attended the Command and General Staff College (CGSC) at Fort Leavenworth, KS. Following CGSC, he was assigned to 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, KS. While assigned to 2nd Brigade he served as the Brigade Plans Officer, Battalion S3 for 1st Battalion, 63rd Armor, and Battalion Executive Officer for 1st Battalion 18th Infantry. In 2016, Lieutenant Colonel Cave was assigned to the Joint Staff moved to Fort Eustis, VA where he served as the Chief of Curriculum and the Chief of Information and Technology to the Joint Deployment Training Center (JDTC) as part of J-7, Joint Staff.

Lieutenant Colonel Cave's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal w/2OLC, Army Commendation Medal w/4OLC, Army Achievement Medal w/1OLC, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge. He holds a Bachelor of Science in European History from United States Military Academy, and a Master of Science in Administration: General Administration from Central Michigan University.