

Lt. Col. John Thomas

LTC John Thomas was born in Olathe, KS and grew up in Charlotte, NC. He graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 2005, commissioning as a 2LT in the Infantry. His first duty station was Fort Hood, TX, where he served in B Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division. He deployed as a Mechanized Platoon Leader and Executive Officer in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (06-08) for 15 months.

After return and completion of the Maneuver Captain's Career Course, LTC Thomas reported to Fort Bragg, NC and served as the D Company Commander, 1st Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division. He trained and deployed with the company in support of Operation Enduring Freedom X. Upon return from Afghanistan, he assumed command of Headquarters and Headquarters Company. Following Company Command, John was assigned to Fort Polk, LA where he served as a Company Observer, Coach/Trainer (OC/T) and Z01 Exercise Planner for four Brigade Combat Team rotations. He then was assigned to Fort Leavenworth, KS as a special project officer in the Combined Arms Center G3/5/7 for a year.

After transitioning and completing the Command and General Staff College, LTC Thomas was assigned to Fort Drum, NY. After Division staff time planning and running Mountain Peak Exercises, he served as the Battalion S3 and Executive Officer in the 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (LI), including a deployment in support of Operation Freedom Sentinel 17-18, supporting the Special Operations Forces throughout Afghanistan. John then served as the 1st Brigade S3 before getting assigned to Fort Leavenworth, KS with the Mission Command Training Program as an OC/T, Chief of Operations, and Deputy Chief of Operations Group Bravo training Divisions and Corps in multiple Warfighter Exercises.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (2OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (3OLC), Army Commendation Medal (4OLC), Army Achievement Medal, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and the Ranger Tab.

LTC Thomas and his wife, LTC Joy Thomas ORSA (LG), have been married for 17 years and have four amazing children: Aiden, Ethan, Gavin, and Evelyn .