

194th Armored Brigade

194th Commander - COL David E. Thompson



COL David E. Thompson first entered military service upon enlistment in the Army National Guard in 1983. Upon graduation from Texas A&M University in 1986 with a degree in Agricultural Economics, he received his commission as a second lieutenant in the Armor branch.

After completion of the Armor Officer Basic Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky his first assignment was to Fort Polk, Louisiana. There he served as a Tank Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, and Scout Platoon Leader in 3d Battalion, 70th Armor of the 5th Infantry Division. After attending the Armor Officers Advanced Course he served as a Senior Class Advisor to the Armor Officer Basic Course prior to deploying to Southwest Asia. During Operation Desert Storm, he served as an Assistant S3 with 4th Battalion, 70th Armor.

Following Desert Storm, COL Thompson served in the Republic of Korea as a Brigade Plans Officer and as a Tank Company Commander in 2d Battalion, 72d Armor. Following company command, he was assigned to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California where he served as an Observer Controller with the Mechanized Task Force Training Team (Scorpions). He then returned to Fort Knox to serve as a Small Group Instructor for the Officer Advanced Course and as Chief, Armor Officer Basic Course. In 1998, COL Thompson returned overseas to serve in Kuwait with the Office of Military Cooperation as the advisor to the 35th Kuwaiti Armor Brigade. Upon return to the United States he attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

From 2000 to 2009, COL Thompson served at Fort Hood, Texas. His assignments there include Battalion S3 of 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, Brigade S3 of 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division and Aide de Camp to the Commanding General of III Corps and Fort Hood. COL Thompson deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom II as the Brigade Executive Officer of 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division in 2003. In 2004, COL Thompson took command of 3d Battalion, 66th Armor, 4th Infantry Division. The battalion redesignated and reorganized to 7th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment (Armored Reconnaissance Squadron) and deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom 05-07 in December 2005. During the deployment, the squadron fought with distinction as part of Multi-National Division Baghdad.

COL Thompson holds a master degree in Administration from Central Michigan University. His awards include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with seven oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters and the Joint Service

Achievement Medal. COL Thompson is also authorized to wear the Combat Action Badge, the Ranger Tab and Airborne Badge.