

## **LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES A. NORTH**

LTC James North was born in Brooklyn, New York and raised in Deer Park on Long Island. He graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1983 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. After attending the Air Defense Artillery (ADA) Officer Basic course at Ft Bliss, TX, LTC North was assigned as a Vulcan Platoon Leader with A/1-67 ADA at Fort Lewis, Washington. He also served as a Stinger Platoon Leader, Battery XO, and Assistant S3 while with 1-67 ADA. LTC North attended the ADA Officer Advanced Course from April 1987 until December 1987 and upon completion became the S3, 5<sup>th</sup> United States Army Artillery Group in Buren, Germany. Upon the units deactivation a year later, he was assigned to 4-7 ADA Battalion (PATRIOT) in Dexheim, Germany. After serving as a Tactical Officer for several months, LTC North assumed command of A/4-7 ADA. Following this assignment, he attended the Combined Arms & Services Staff School (CAS3) at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Upon his return to the states in November, 1990, LTC North was assigned to Readiness Group Sheridan in Illinois where he served in the S3 section assisting ADA guard units in that state.

LTC North left active duty in November 1991 to pursue his civilian career. In January 1992, he joined the Washington Army National Guard (WAARNG) as a member of the 341<sup>st</sup> Military Intelligence (MI) I Battalion. He attended the MI Officer Transition course (Phases 1 and 2) in 1992 and 1993 and served in a variety of positions while assigned as the 341<sup>st</sup>; Counter Intelligence (CI) officer, HHS Commander, and Liaison officer (LNO). In May of 1994, he was assigned as the 81<sup>st</sup> Separate Infantry Brigade S2 until August 1995 when he was promoted by his civilian employer and relocated to Orlando, Florida. LTC North joined the United States Army Reserve in August of 1996 and was assigned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battlefield Coordination Detachment (BCD) in Anniston, Alabama. He moved back to Washington State following another promotion with his civilian employer in March 1998 and rejoined the WAARNG. He served in a variety of positions to include; Recruiting & Retention Command, Deputy Inspector General, and Deputy J2 with the Joint Force Headquarters. LTC James North became the 81<sup>st</sup> HBCT S2 on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

LTC North is a graduate of the ADA Officer Basic Course, ADA Officer Advanced Course, MI Officer Transition Course, Combined Arms & Services Staff School, Joint Air Operations Staff Course, Intelligence Support for Pacific Information Operations Course, and the Command & General Staff College (correspondence).

LTC North's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Parachutist Badge and Ranger Tab.

LTC North and his wife have three children.