

ARMY ROTC DEPARTMENT

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VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE

COL Joseph S Brannon Professor of Military Science

COL Scott Brannon serves as the Professor of Military Science for the Virginia Military Institute. A native of Boaz, Alabama, he enlisted in the Army in 1996 and was assigned to the 10th Mountain Division (Light) in Fort Drum, New York where he served as a Team Leader.

COL Brannon was commissioned in 1999 through the Officer Candidate School and branched into the Infantry. Following Officer Candidate School and follow-on courses at Fort Benning, COL Brannon was assigned to 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Benning, Georgia where he served as Rifle Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, and Scout Platoon Leader.



In 2004, upon completion of the Infantry Officer's Career Course, COL Brannon was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team (Rakkasans), 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) where he served as a Rifle Company Commander. In 2007, COL Brannon was selected to take a second command and was assigned to the Ranger Training Brigade, Fort Benning, Georgia where he served as the Brigade Assistant Operations Officer, and later to 4th Ranger Training Battalion where he served as a Company Commander.

After completing Intermediate Level Education in 2009, COL Brannon was assigned to the 2nd Battalion 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina where he served as the Battalion Operations Officer. In 2010, COL Brannon was assigned to HHC Brigade, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina where he served as the Brigade Operations Officer.

In 2012, COL Brannon was selected as an Army Interagency Fellow and was posted to Washington, D. C. in order to advise and assist the United States Border Patrol. In 2013, he was assigned to the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, Louisiana where he has served as the Brigade Operations Officer Observer/Coach/Trainer and the Senior Commander of Live Fire Division.

In 2016, COL Brannon was assigned to 1st Battalion, 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment where he served as the Battalion Commander and after command served as the Executive Officer for the Commanding General of the Maneuver Center of Excellence and Fort Benning.

COL Brannon has six deployments in support of the Global War on Terror. He served as a Company Executive Officer (Operation Noble Eagle & Operation Desert Spring), Platoon Leader & Company Commander (OIF I & III), Battalion Operations Officer (OEF IX), and Brigade Operations Officer (OEF XII). He holds a Bachelor's of Science in Criminal Justice and a Bachelor's of Arts in Political Science from Jacksonville State University and a Master of Science in Adult Education from Kansas State University, as well as, a Master's of Science in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Air War College.

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His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star with V device, Bronze Stars Medal (3OLC), Meritorious Service Medals (3OLC), Army Commendation Medal (1SOLC), Army Achievement Medal (1SOLC & 2OLC), the Presidential Unit Citation, the Valorous Unit Award, the Meritorious Unit Citation (1OLC), the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with 3 Campaign Stars, the Iraqi Campaign Medal with 4 Campaign Stars, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (with numeral 2), the NATO Medal, the Master Parachutist Badge, the Pathfinder Badge, the Air Assault Badge, the Combat, and Expert Infantry Badges, Canadian, Chilean, Columbian and Netherlands Jump Wings, and the coveted Ranger Tab.

COL Brannon is married to the former Stephanie Gentry of Boaz, Alabama. They have two beautiful daughters, Samantha and Mackenzie, and a wonderful son AJ.