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LTC Harold W. Dennis Battalion Executive Officer

LTC Harold W. Dennis serves as the Battalion Executive Officer for the Virginia Military Institute. A native of Forest, Mississippi, he enlisted in the Army in 1990 and was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment in Fort Lewis, Washington where he served as an 11C Mortar man, 3rd Ranger Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Benning, Georgia as an Infantry Squad leader, and Weapons Squad Leader.



LTC Dennis was commissioned in 2001 through the officer Candidate School and branched into the Infantry. Following Officer Candidate School and follow-on courses at Fort Benning, Georgia LTC Dennis 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 and Support Platoon leader.

In 2003, upon redeployment form OIF 1, LTC Dennis was assigned to 1st Ranger Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment at Hunter Army Airfield, Savanna Georgia where he served as Mortar Platoon leader and Battalion S1.

In 2006, upon completion of Infantry Officer's Career Course, LTC Dennis was assigned to the Timberwolf Observer/Coach/Trainer Team, serving as the S3 at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center, Hohenfels, Germany. In 2007 he was assigned to First Battalion, fourth Infantry Regiment where he served as OPFOR Rifle Company Commander. In 2009 he was afforded a second command as the Headquarter, Headquarter Company Commander.

After completing Intermediate Level Education in 2011, LTC Dennis was assigned to 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell Kentucky where he served as the Division Chief of Operations (CHOPS). He then was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry, 1st Brigade Combat Team (Bastogne) were he served as the Battalion Executive Officer. He was then selected to serve as the Fort Campbell Assistant Inspector General (IG) and then in 2020 became the Inspector General for Fort Campbell.

LTC Dennis has seven deployments in support of the Global War on Terror. He served as a Mechanized Rifle Platoon Leader (Desert Spring), (Inspired Gambit) and (OIF 1). Mortar Platoon leader (OEF III and IV), Division Chief of Operations (CHOPS) 2012-13 and Liaison Officer to Special Operation Command, Battalion Executive Officer 2014-2015. He holds a Bachelor's of Science in Criminal Justice from Troy State University and Master of Art in Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star with V device, Bronze Star medal (3OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (2OLC), Army Commendation Medal (4OLC), Army Achievement Medal (1 SOLC) (2OLC), the Presidential Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Citation (1 OLC), Superior Unit Citation, the Army Good Conduct Medal (3knots), the

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National Defense Service Medal (2 stars), the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with 3 Campaign Stars, the Iraqi Campaign Medal with 3 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 4), the NATO Medal, the Master Parachutist Badge, , the Air Assault Badge, the Combat, and Expert Infantry Badges, Australian and German Jump Wings, and the coveted Ranger Tab.

LTC Dennis is married to the former Joanne Marengo of Beaufort, South Carolina. They have three children, Kyle, Sierra, and Declan.