

BIOGRAPHY

COLONEL MARK A. FREITAG

Mark Freitag hails from a military family and claims Army posts across the United States as his home.

He graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1988 and was assigned to 3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Bliss, Texas. There he served as a tank and scout platoon leader, tank company XO, and headquarters troop XO. While assigned to M Company as the XO, he deployed to Saudi Arabia and Iraq in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Following the Advanced Course, COL Freitag was assigned to the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Fort Carson, Colorado. There he served on brigade and division staff and commanded A Company, 2-35 Armor. Following graduation from CGSOC in 2000, COL Freitag served as the S3 and XO of 1st Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, at Fort Polk, Louisiana. Highlights of his tour include a 6-month deployment as a United Nations Military Observer in the Republic of Georgia and an operational deployment with the Squadron to Baghdad in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. COL Freitag completed a one-year assignment at U.S. Army Human Resources Command as the Armor Colonels Assignment Officer, prior to assuming command of 4th Squadron, 14th Cavalry in the 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team stationed at Fort Wainwright, Alaska. COL Freitag commanded his Squadron in combat for 16 months, working for the Marines in Al Anbar Province and then for his brigade in Baghdad. Prior to attending National War College, COL Freitag served as the Military Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense.

COL Freitag holds a Masters of Science Degree in Management from Saint Mary College and a Master of Science Degree in National Security Strategy from National War College.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Combat Action Badge.