



## Lieutenant Colonel Andrew J. Esch

### Commandant

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LTC Andrew J. Esch, a native of Fairfax, Virginia, holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Michigan State University and a Master of Arts degree in conducting from George Mason University. He was originally commissioned through ROTC in 1986, as a Distinguished Military Graduate.

LTC Esch served six years as an Army Quartermaster, first as a Platoon Leader and Executive Officer in the 11th Transportation Battalion, Fort Story, Virginia, and then as a Staff Officer in the Casualty Branch Command during Operation Desert Storm.

In 1992, he left the Army to join The U.S. Air Force Band in Washington, D.C. as a French horn player. After three years as an instrumentalist, LTC Esch returned to the U.S. Army as a commissioned band officer.

LTC Esch is a graduate of the Quartermaster Officer Basic Course, the Adjutant General Captain's Career Course, Command & General Staff College-Intermediate Level Education Course, Airborne School, Surface & Air Deployment Planning Courses and the NBC Officer Defense Course.

Previous assignments have included Deputy Commander, The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own" at Fort Myer, Virginia; Commander, U.S. Army Europe Band & Chorus in Heidelberg, Germany; Commander, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Band, Fort Monroe, Virginia; Executive Officer and Ceremonial Officer of The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own;" and Commander of Student Company, U.S. Army School of Music in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

LTC Esch is married; he and his wife have three children.