

## LTC James D. Willson

LTC James D. Willson hails from Huntington Beach, CA and was commissioned a second lieutenant upon graduation from the University of Southern California in 1995 with Distinguished Military honors. His military education includes Aviation Basic and the Military Intelligence Advanced courses, the Command and General Staff College, the Joint Forces Staff College and the Basic and Advanced Counterintelligence Agent Qualification courses. His aircraft qualifications include, UH-1, TH-67, UH-60, C-12, RC-12N and UC-35. He holds a master's degree in Business Administration from Hood College.

His command experience includes, Detachment Commander, C Company, 2nd Battalion, 502st Aviation Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division, Germany, where he deployed to support the NATO-led Bosnia Stabilization Force for operation JOINT FORGE and the Kosovo Peacekeeping Force for operation JOINT GUARDIAN; Commander, B Company, 224<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitation), XVIII Airborne Corps, Hunter Army Airfield GA, where he deployed to support operations DESERT SPRING, IRAQI FREEDOM and PALMETTO DECK; Chief, Aerial Exploitation Element, Detachment 13, US. Army Foreign Counterintelligence Activity, 902<sup>nd</sup> Military Intelligence Brigade, Fort Meade MD, where he deployed to support Special Operations Task Forces and operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

Additional assignments include Quick Fix Platoon Leader, C Company, 2nd Battalion, 502st Aviation Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division, Germany; Adjutant, 224<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitation), XVIII Airborne Corps, Hunter Army Airfield, GA; Domestic Air Operations Officer, National Guard Bureau J33, Arlington VA; Military Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense & Americas' Security Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington DC. He most recently served as Chief, Operations Division, Operational Support Airlift Agency, Fort Belvoir VA.

Lieutenant Colonel Wilson's Awards and Decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Clusters), Air Medal (with Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Master Army Aviator Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Army Staff Identification Badge, Office of The Secretary of Defense Staff Identification Badge.