

United States Army
Brigade Commander
David L. Sanders

Colonel
174th Infantry Brigade
First Army Division East



Colonel Dave Sanders received an ROTC commission from Texas A&M University in May 1992. Immediately following, he attended the Infantry Officer Basic Course at Fort Benning, Georgia. Upon graduation, he was assigned to 2-16 IN, 1st ID at Fort Riley, Kansas where he served as a rifle platoon leader and company executive officer. Colonel Sanders then branch transferred to Armor and attended the Armor Officers Advanced Course. Upon completion of AOAC he was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas where he served in the G3, 1CD, AS3 2 BCT, 1CD and commanded D CO, 1-8 CAV, where he deployed to Bosnia as part of the NATO IFOR mission.

After command, Colonel Sanders was assigned to AC/RC in McAlester, Oklahoma and BCTP at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. After CGSC, Colonel Sanders returned to the 1st Cavalry Division where he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II as the BDE S4 with 1st BCT. After Operation Iraqi Freedom II, COL Sanders was the S3 and XO in 2-5 CAV and deployed in support of OIF 06-08.

After two tours in Iraq, he was assigned to the Combat Training Center Directorate at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Colonel Sanders then commanded Task Force Shield, a Stability Transition Team command with 2nd BDE, 3rd ID, Fort Stewart, Georgia. After taking command he deployed TF Shield in support of OIF 09-10, conducting advise and assist operations in Mosul, Iraq. After commanding TF Shield, Colonel Sanders was selected to command 1-89 CAV, 10th MTN DIV, Fort Drum, New York.

After command, Colonel Sanders attended the U.S. Army War College. Upon graduation he returned to Fort Hood, Texas and deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as the III Corps and USFOR-A J3, remaining the III Corps ACoS, G3 upon redeployment. Following his tour with III Corps, he remained at Fort Hood and served as the ACofS, G3 and Deputy Commander/Chief of Staff for the U.S. Army Operational Test Command.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star (2OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3OLC), Combat Action Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Ranger Tab, and Parachutists Badge.