

Lieutenant Colonel Nikolaus F. Guran

Lieutenant Colonel Nik Guran was born in Mönchengladbach, West Germany. He graduated from the University of New Mexico in December of 1995 with a degree in History and was commissioned as a second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery in March of 1996. LTC Guran's assignments include Company Fire Support Officer for B Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry, STRIKER Platoon leader for 1st Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, Korea, Battery Fire Direction Officer, Battery Executive Officer and Battalion Adjutant for 1st Battalion, 37th Field Artillery, Fort Lewis, Washington.

In February of 2001, LTC Guran attended the Captain Career Course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Upon completion, he was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 320th Field Artillery where he served as the Assistant Operations Officer and the Battalion Fire Support for 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry "No Slack". LTC Guran took Command of Bravo Battery, 2nd Battalion, 320th Field Artillery in October 2002 and in March of 2003 the Battery was deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF I) where the Battery served with distinction, firing in support of the 1st Brigade Combat Team at the battles for An Najef, Al Hilla, Karbala and conducted COIN Operations south of Mosul, Iraq. In June of 2003 LTC Guran took command of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 101st Airborne Division, where he integrated the company into the 101st Special Troops Battalion in preparation for the Division's deployment to OIF III. In December of 2005 he took command of The Sabalauski Air Assault School (TSAAS), where the school trained over 2063 Air Assault and 244 Pathfinder Students.

LTC Guran was selected to attend the United States Marine Corps Command and Staff College at Quantico, Virginia in June of 2007. During which time he earned a Masters in Military Studies from the Marine Corps University. Immediately upon completion of the Command and Staff College in June of 2008, LTC Guran was assigned to the 4-319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade in July of 2008. He served as the Battalion S-3 for twelve months and as the Battalion Executive Officer for eighteen months. Twelve of which, he was forward deployed to Forward Operating Base Airborne in Wardak, Afghanistan. Upon redeployment, LTC Guran was assigned as the Plans Officer for the 19th Battlefield Coordination Detachment at Ramstein, Germany.

LTC Guran assumed command HHB, 101st Airborne Division (AASLT) on 24 April 2014.

His previous awards consist of the Bronze Star with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Accommodation Medal with one Oak leaf Cluster, the Army Achievement Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Force Achievement Medal, the Combat Action Badge, Master Parachutist Wings, Air Assault, the Pathfinder Badge and the Ranger Tab.

LTC Guran is happily married.