

Capt. Richard J. Spikes

Capt. Richard J. Spikes was born in Fort Carson, Colo. He enlisted in the Georgia National Guard in Sept. 2005 as a military policeman. While serving in the Guard, he attended Albany State University where he enrolled in the Reserve Officer Training Corps. He commissioned as an Air Defense Artillery Officer in May 2010.

Upon completion of ADA Basic Officer Leader Course, Capt. Spikes was assigned as a launcher platoon leader in D Battery, 2-1st ADA, Camp Carroll, Korea, in 2011. Upon returning CONUS, he was assigned to D Battery, 1-62nd ADA, Fort Hood, Texas, where he served as the battery executive officer. He was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery (HHB), 1-62nd ADA, Fort Hood, as a tactical director in 2012. He later deployed with HHB, 1-62nd ADA in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in March 2013. Upon redeployment, Capt. Spikes served as the fire direction center officer in charge.

His awards and decorations include Army Commendation Medal (with two oak leaf clusters (OLC)), Army Achievement Medal (with two OLC), National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon and Overseas Medal (with numeral 2). Capt. Spikes also wears the Basic Airborne Badge.

Capt. Spikes holds a Bachelors degree of Science in criminal justice from Albany State University. He is pursuing a Masters of Liberal Arts in leadership from the University of Texas El Paso, Texas. His military education includes Army Basic Combat Training, Military Police Advanced Individual Training, Air Defense Officer Basic Course, U.S. Army Combatives Level 1 and U.S. Basic Airborne Course.

Capt. Spikes is married to the former Veronica Belle, they have two children together: Madison and Olivia.