

Lt. Col. Richard Wright

Richard Wright of Grove, Oklahoma, enlisted in the Army in 1989 and was later commissioned a second lieutenant in 1996 upon graduation from Officer Candidate School. From 1997 to 1999 he served as support platoon leader and fire control platoon leader in the 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery, Fort Bliss, Texas. During his tour, he deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Southern Watch and Operation Desert Thunder. Upon return to Fort Bliss, LTC Wright served as the assistant Brigade Operations Officer for 31st ADA Brigade until he departed to Quantico, VA in 2000 to attend the USMC Amphibious Warfare School. In 2001, Wright was assigned to Fort Hood, Texas, where he served as the assistant battalion operations officer and battery commander in the 1st Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery. During his command, he deployed B Battery to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF I). Upon return to Fort Hood, Wright was reassigned to Human Resources Command (HRC), Alexandria, VA in 2004 where he served as the Air Defense branch Future Readiness Officer and Captain's Assignment Officer. In 2007, Wright was assigned to Fort Sill, OK where he served as battalion executive officer for the 6th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery until 2008. Wright then served as the 31st ADA Brigade DCO from 2008 to 2010 during the units BRAC move and later deployed with the Headquarters to the CENTCOM AOR in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF). Most recently, Wright served as the G1/G4 for the Fires Center of Excellence (FCoE) and Fort Sill.

Wright's military education includes the Air Defense Artillery Officer Basic Course, USMC Amphibious Warfare School, Combined Arms Service & Staff School, the USAF Joint Aerospace Command & Control Course, and the Command and General Staff College. He holds a masters degree in public policy from Georgetown University, Washington D.C., and a bachelors degree in management from Upper Iowa University.

Wright's military awards include the Bronze Star Medal with "V device" and (one Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (with four Oak Leaf Clusters), the Combat Action Badge, Aircraft Crewman Badge and the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (Gold Award).