

Lieutenant Colonel Todd Schmidt

Before assuming command of the 4th Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery, Todd Schmidt recently served as the deputy chief of staff, G5/chief, strategy and plans for Fort Sill. He served multiple tours throughout the military's Central Command area of responsibility, including Afghanistan, Qatar and Kuwait. He served in the Pentagon on the immediate staff of the secretary of defense; as a strategic planner in the Army staff's Budget Initiatives Group; and in the office of the chief of staff, Army.

He has served in key developmental positions in the 82d Airborne Division as a platoon leader and battery executive officer; in the 2nd Infantry Division as a division air defense officer and assistant operations officer; in the 25th Infantry Division as a battalion S1, S4, and battery commander; in the 69th ADA Brigade as a deputy commander; and in the 1st Battalion, 44th ADA Regiment as battalion executive officer.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star (with one oak leaf cluster), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with three OLC), Senior Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Office of the Secretary of Defense Staff Badge, Army Staff Badge, and German Parachutist Badge.

He is an ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate of Indiana University, with Masters Degrees from Georgetown University and the School of Advanced Military Studies.

He is joined by his beautiful wife Leslie and two children, Emily and Colby.