

## **Lt. Col. John Dawber**

John Dawber is a ROTC distinguished military graduate from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas where he earned his Bachelor's in Business Administration degree and received an Army commission in the air defense artillery branch. Following ADA Basic Course, Dawber was assigned as a platoon leader in C Battery, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion 43rd ADA, Fort Hood, Texas and Fort Bliss, Texas. He was later assigned to B Battery, 1-1st ADA, Fort Bliss, as the executive officer. Afterward, he attended the ADA Officer Advanced Course at Fort Bliss and the Combined Arms Services Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

He returned to Fort Bliss to serve as the brigade fire direction center officer-in-charge and assistant brigade S3 of the 11<sup>th</sup> ADA Brigade. In 1999, Dawber took a break in service. He returned to the Army one year later and took command of A Battery, 5-52nd ADA, Fort Bliss. Following battery command, he was reassigned to the 11<sup>th</sup> ADA Brigade as the deputy brigade S3 and chief of plans and served in these capacities for Operation Iraqi Freedom. Dawber was selected for the office of secretary defense/joint chiefs of staff intern program and was subsequently assigned to the Pentagon. He was assigned to the joint staff J5 Political-Military Directorate, Middle East Division; where his portfolio included training and equipping of Iraq Security Forces coupled with Coalition Operations for both Iraq and Afghanistan. Subsequently, he served in the Pentagon as the system synchronization officer for the Patriot and MEADS weapon system programs. In 2006, Dawber earned his master's in policy management from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. He then attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. After completion of the Command and General Staff College, he was assigned to 5-7th ADA in Hanau and Kaiserslautern, Germany, as the operations officer (S3) and executive officer respectively. Next, he was selected to be the brigade S3 for the 357<sup>th</sup> Air and Missile Defense, Kaiserslautern, Germany. His most recent assignment was to Fort Knox, Ky. with the U.S. Army Human Resources Command officer personnel management division where he served as the lieutenant colonel assignments officer, executive officer, and interim branch chief for the ADA branch. Consequently, he was selected to serve as chief, operations branch. Dawber has been selected to command the 3<sup>rd</sup> ADA at Fort Sill, Okla., which is currently deployed to Gaziantep, Turkey.

Dawber has deployed in support of Joint Task Force-East, Bulgaria; Operation Iraqi Freedom; Operation Desert Thunder, Joint Task Force-South West Asia, Kuwait; and Operation Southern Watch, Saudi Arabia.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with two oak leaf clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (with six OLC), Army Achievement Medal (with three OLC), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with bronze service star, Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terror Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Basic Parachute Badge, Joint Staff Identification Badge, and Army Staff Identification Badge.

Dawber is married to the former Jennifer Cornell of Copperas Cove, Texas. They are very proud parents of Ethan J. Dawber.