

LTC Elijah M. Ward



Lieutenant Colonel Elijah M. Ward commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Field Artillery in 2001 following graduation from the Virginia Military Institute. His first assignment was C/2-327th Infantry "No Slack", 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) as the Fire Support Officer at Fort Campbell, KY. In this role, 2LT Ward deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. He then served as Fire Direction Officer for C/2-320th Field Artillery Regiment in northern Iraq. 1LT Ward served as a Executive Officer for B/2- 320th Field Artillery Regiment. Upon selection for Captain, he served as Adjutant for the 2-320th FAR "Balls of the Eagle" deploying to Kirkuk, Iraq from 2005-2006.

Upon completion of the Captains Career Course, Captain Ward reported back to Fort Campbell to 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division "Strike". He spent 18 months as Fire Support Officer for 1-502nd Infantry deploying for 14 months to Baghdad in 2007-2008. In March 2009, he assumed command of B/1-320th Field Artillery "Top Guns". He deployed the battery in June 2010 to Kandahar province, Afghanistan where the battery fought as a light infantry company. He served as Rear Detachment Commander for 7 months. From 2011 to 2014, he served at the Field Artillery School teaching Fire Support and the Captains Career Course. In 2014, Major Ward assumed duties as Training Operations Chief for Eighth Army in Seoul, South Korea. From 2015 to 2017, he served as Operations Officer and then Executive Officer for 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery (MLRS) stationed under 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Casey, Korea. In 2017, he was reassigned to Army Cyber Command and served as executive officer for the G3, Commander's Initiatives Chief/Special Assistant to the Commanding General and liaison to the Department of State Global Engagement Center. In 2020, he returned to Fort Sill to serve as the Extended Range Cannon Artillery Requirements Officer on the Long Range Precision Fires Cross Functional Team.

Lieutenant Colonel Ward has a BA in History from VMI and a MA in International Relations from the University of Oklahoma and completed multiple professional courses.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (3OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC), the Army Superior Unit Award, two Valorous Unit Awards, two Meritorious Unit Awards and the Presidential Unit Citation from Afghanistan with 1-320th FAR. He is authorized the Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge and Air Assault Badge. He is a member of the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara and a Distinguished Member of the 502nd Infantry Regiment.

Lieutenant Colonel Ward is married to the former Jennifer Ryan of Clarksville, TN. They have a six year old Samuel and a three-year-old son, John Warner along with Hank their Yellow Labrador.