



COL Brent L. Richards, G2/ G6 Army National Guard



COL Brent Richards has served in the military for 25 years. He received his commission as a Distinguished Military Graduate from the Indiana University ROTC program in 1992 and began his career as an Infantry Platoon Leader and Executive Officer with the 1-187th Rakkasans, 101st Airborne Division (AASLT). Throughout his military career, he has held various leadership positions including, Company Commander, Battalion and Brigade Intelligence Officer (S2), Division Senior Intelligence Officer (G2), Battalion Commander, Joint Force Headquarters Deputy Operations Officer (J3), Brigade Executive Officer, Chief of Strategic Plans and Business Transformation (J5), Senior Intelligence Officer (J2), and is currently serving as the Army National Guard Senior Intelligence Officer (G2) and Chief Information Officer (G6).

COL Richards' military education includes Infantry Officer Basic Course, Airborne School, Air Assault School, Ranger School, Armor Officer Advanced Course, Military Intelligence Transition Course, Combined Arms Staff and Service School, Command and General Staff College- Intermediate Level Education, Military Intelligence Pre-Command Course, and Army War College.

COL Richards holds a Bachelor of Science and a Masters of Public Affairs from Indiana University and a Master of Strategic Studies from the Army War College.

COL Richards has served in two deployments in Afghanistan. The first with the 76th Infantry Brigade Combat Team as part of Task Force Phoenix from May 2004 to October 2005 where he served as the Combined Joint Task Force J2. The second was with the 38th Infantry Division as part of Task Force Cyclone from August 2009 to July 2010 where he served as the Assistant Chief of Staff and the Task Force Senior Intelligence Officer (G2).

COL Richards' awards and decorations include Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medals with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medals with three Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" Device and Hour Glass, Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Overseas Ribbon with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Service Ribbon, the NATO/ISAF Ribbon, Combat Infantry Badge, Air Assault Badge, Parachutist Badge, and Ranger Tab.

A native of South Bend, Indiana, COL Richards currently lives in Alexandria, Virginia, with his wife Suzy and daughter Claire.