

COL James W. Ring

Colonel James W. Ring, hails from Midlothian Virginia, and was commissioned upon his graduation from the Virginia Military Institute in 1988 with Distinguished Military Honors. His military education includes Infantry Officer Basic Course, Initial Entry Rotary Wing Flight School, Aviation Officer Advanced Course, Combined Arms Service Staff School, Army Command and General Staff College and Army War College. His aircraft qualifications include Instrument Flight Examiner, Aviation Safety Officer, C-12, UH-1, OH-58 A/C, UH-72A and UH-60 Instructor Pilot. Additionally, Colonel Ring holds a master's degree from the Command and General Staff College in Military Arts and Science, and a master's degree from the Army War College in strategic studies.

His command experience includes, Commander, B Company 2nd Battalion (ASSAULT), 224th Aviation Regiment; Commander, 2nd Battalion (ASSAULT), 224th Aviation Regiment.

Additional assignments include Platoon Leader, C Company, 1st Battalion 183rd Infantry Regiment; Platoon Leader, A Company, 2nd Battalion, 224th (ASSAULT), 224th Aviation Regiment; S-1, 2nd Battalion (ASSAULT), 224th Aviation Regiment; Assistant S-3, 2nd Battalion (ASSAULT) 224th Aviation Regiment; Task Force S-3, 2nd Battalion (ASSAULT) 224th Aviation Regiment where he deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina in support of Operation JOINT FORGE; Aviation Safety Officer, JFHQ Sandstone, VA; Battalion Executive Officer, 2nd Battalion (ASSAULT) 224th Aviation Regiment where he deployed to Al Asad Airbase, Iraq in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, State Army Aviation Officer, JFHQ Sandstone, VA. He most recently served as the J3, Director of Operations, JFHQ Sandstone, VA.

Colonel Ring's Awards and Decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious service Medal (with two oak leaf clusters), Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal (with 3 oak leaf clusters), Army Achievement Medal (with oak leaf clusters), Navy Unit Commendation, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (with oak leaf cluster), NATO medal, Master Aviator Badge, and Air Assault Badge.

Additionally, Colonel Ring has participated in multiple deployments both peacetime and combat; including Operation JOINT FORGE, Operation NEW HORIZONS, Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, and Operation JUMP START along the U.S.– Mexico Border.