



## Colonel Christopher Hammonds

COL Chris Hammonds is a Georgia native, growing up in North Atlanta and spending much of his childhood in the North Georgia Mountains. He recently served as the Deputy Commander for the Army's 75th Ranger Regiment here at Fort Benning, Georgia. COL Hammonds was commissioned in December 2000 through Officer Candidate School. In his first assignment, he assisted in the fielding and development of the first Stryker formation in the Army; leading a rifle platoon and serving as a company executive officer in 3/2 SBCT at Fort Lewis, Washington. Following this assignment he attended the Ranger Orientation Program (ROP) and was selected to serve in the 75th Ranger Regiment for the first of four tours. COL Hammonds went on to command two companies in the 173rd ABCT in Vicenza, Italy, deploying for 15 months to Eastern Afghanistan. After serving a second tour in the Ranger Regiment and completing ILE at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas he was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division in Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. There he was assigned as a division future operations planner, serving as the Battle Major for the final operational exfiltration of all forces from Iraq. He later served as an operations officer at the squadron and brigade level. In 2014, COL Hammonds returned to Fort Benning to serve as the strategic plans and capabilities development officer for the 75th Ranger Regiment where he deployed as the Task Force 310 Chief of Staff in Bagram, Afghanistan. COL Hammonds then commanded 2-87th Infantry in 2BCT, 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, New York, and later served as the military assistant for the Commander of NATO's Resolute Support Mission (RSM) in Kabul, Afghanistan. COL Hammonds deployed seven times in support of counter-VEO and stability operations throughout Afghanistan and Iraq. His awards, qualifications, and decorations are commensurate with his combat experience and time in service. He is a 1997 graduate of Berry College, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the US Army War College. He currently resides in Columbus with his wife and three children.