

COL Thomas A. Caldwell Sr.

COL Tom Caldwell is a native of Charlotte, North Carolina and a 1998 ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, receiving a commission in the Field Artillery.

His career assignments include enlistment in 1990 as a 19D Cavalry Scout assigned to 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment Schweinfurt, Germany and subsequently as a 71L Administrative Specialist and SMP Cadet assigned to the 312th Postal Company USAR Charlotte, NC. Upon commissioning in 1998 he was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 320 Field Artillery Regiment, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault) Fort Campbell, KY with duties as a Fire Support Officer, Fire Direction Officer, Battery Executive Officer, and Battalion Adjutant. In 2003 he was assigned to 212<sup>TH</sup> Field Artillery Brigade Fort Sill, OK with duties as the Brigade Assistant Operations Officer and Commanders of Bravo and Headquarters Batteries 2nd Battalion, 5th Field Artillery. In 2009 he returned to Fort Sill with duties as the Chief of Operations Joint and Combined Integration Directorate; Executive Officer 2nd Battalion, 2nd Field Artillery; Fire Support Coordinator and Brigade Assistant Operations Officer 214<sup>TH</sup> Fires Brigade; Executive Officer 2nd Battalion, 5th Field Artillery and Staff Officer Capability Development Integration Directorate Fires Center of Excellence. In 2013 he was assigned as the J37 Training and Force Protection Officer for the U.S. Military Observer Group Washington HQDA G-3/5/7. April 2016 COL Caldwell assumed command of 4th Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery, 3ABCT, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division Fort Bliss, TX. Following battalion command he assumed duties as the Senior Fire Support Trainer Wolf Team, Operations Group, National Training Center, Fort Irwin, CA.

COL Caldwell has deployed in support of Task Force Falcon Kosovo 1999-2000 as Company Fire Support Officer; Operation Iraqi Freedom 2005-2006 as a Battery Commander; Operation Enduring Freedom Afghanistan 2012-2013 as a Security Forces Advise and Assist Team Chief and Operation Spartan Shield Kuwait 2016-2017 as a Battalion Commander.

COL Caldwell education includes Field Artillery Officer Basic Course, U.S. Marine Corps Expeditionary Warfare School, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and U.S. Army War College Harvard National Security Fellowship. He holds an Associate of Arts Central Piedmont Community College, Bachelor of Arts University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and Master of Public Policy George Mason University.

COL Caldwell's awards and badges include the Bronze Star Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and Army Staff Identification Badge.

COL Caldwell is married to the former Miss Almarie Foxx of Charlotte, NC. They have three children Shatondra, Ambria, and Thomas Jr.