

LTC Mike Kimball is currently attending the United States Army War College, he's a graduate from the University of Arkansas in 1996, Mike has served for more than 20 years Active Duty in the US Army. LTC Kimball was commissioned as a Lieutenant of Field Artillery and attended the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course located in Ft. Sill, OK. He attended and graduated from the U.S Army Ranger School located in Ft. Benning, GA and was then assigned to the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division located in Watertown, NY. As a Lieutenant, Mike served as a Company Fire Support Officer, Battery Fire Direction officer, and Battery Executive Officer. He also deployed to Bosnia with 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade (BDE), 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division in support of Stabilization Force (SFOR) 6. LTC Kimball was then reassigned to the Field Artillery Officer Advanced Course in Ft Sill, OK.

LTC Kimball recently deployed to the Republic of Korea (ROK) to serve as the Battalion Adjutant (personnel officer) for 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion (BN), 17<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery (FA), 2<sup>nd</sup> BDE, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division. After his one year tour in the ROK, Mike was assigned to the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault) where he served as a BN Fire Support officer, Firing Battery Commander, and Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry BDE Company Commander. While serving as a Firing Battery Commander, LTC Kimball deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) from 2003-2004.

In June of 2005, LTC Kimball was assigned to the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) located in Ft. Polk, LA. Mike spent three years at JRTC Observing, Coaching, Training, and Mentoring Company and Field Grade leaders who were assigned to units preparing to deploy to Iraq or Afghanistan. In July of 2008, LTC Kimball was sent to the Command and General Staff College (CGSC) in Ft.

Leavenworth, KS to complete his Intermediate Level of Education. After graduation, Mike was sent back to Ft. Polk, LA to serve in the 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team (BCT), 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division. During his three years with the 4<sup>th</sup> BCT, LTC Kimball served as a Field Artillery Battalion Operations Officer, the BCT Fire Support Coordinator, and the BCT Executive Officer. LTC Kimball deployed to Afghanistan with the 4<sup>th</sup> BCT, 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain from 2010-2011.

In the summer of 2012, LTC Kimball was assigned to the Pentagon where he served as an action officer for the Joint Staff J-3 (Operations), Deputy Director of Regional Operations (DDRO). Mike's portfolio was the Africa Command (AFRICOM) Area of Responsibility (AOR). In this capacity, LTC Kimball focused on facilitating authorities and resources for AFRICOM and providing relevant information to the J3 and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs (CJCS). After completing his Joint Staff tour, LTC Kimball took command of 1<sup>st</sup> BN, 15<sup>th</sup> FA in the ROK. While in command, Mike was directly responsible for the training and welfare of 640 Soldiers.

LTC Kimball was then assigned to the United States Forces Korea (USFK) Commander's Initiatives Group (CIG). His primary duties included writing talking points for the Commander in support of office calls with senior Service, DOD, Joint Staff, and congressional leaders; providing information papers on a range of topics to the Commander; and preparing the Commander for Congressional Testimony. In December of 2016, LTC Kimball was selected to attend the United States Army War College; he will graduate in June of 2017.

LTC Mike Kimball's awards and decorations include: two Bronze Stars, two Defense Meritorious Service Medals, four Meritorious Service Medals, four Army

Commendation Medals, and three Army Achievement Medals. He is a graduate of the US Army Ranger School, US Army Airborne School, US Army Jumpmaster School, US Army Air Assault School, and the Joint Firepower Control Course. Mike is married his High School sweetheart, Melissa, and they just celebrated their 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Marriage in March of 2017. Mike and Melissa have four children.