



## COLONEL MIKE FARMER

Brigade Commander

4<sup>th</sup> Brigade, U.S. Army Cadet Command, Fort Bragg, NC

Colonel Mike Farmer was born and raised in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. In 2002, he was commissioned into the Infantry through Lehigh University Army ROTC. His first assignment was in the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, New York. He served as a Rifle Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer, deploying to both Iraq and Afghanistan.

After completing the Infantry Officers Advanced Course, he was assigned to 2nd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. In 2007, Col. Farmer assumed command of Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, deploying for operations in Iraq. In 2009, Col. Farmer assumed command of the Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, deploying to Haiti. Upon return, Col. Farmer assumed command of the U.S. Army Advanced Airborne School at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.



Following company command, he attended the Advanced Command and Staff Course in the United Kingdom. Upon completion, Col. Farmer returned to Fort Drum, New York and was assigned to 1st Squadron, 89th Cavalry Regiment, where he served as the Squadron Operations Officer and Squadron Executive Officer, deploying to Afghanistan. Upon return, Col. Farmer served as the Operations Officer for 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, New York.

Col. Farmer was next assigned to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California where he served as an Observer Controller/ Trainer at Battalion, then Brigade level. In 2016, Col. Farmer was assigned to U.S. Army Cadet Command, where he assumed duties as the Professor of Military Science at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

In 2018, Col. Farmer was again assigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina where he assumed command of 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 73<sup>rd</sup> Cavalry Regiment. Upon completion of squadron command, Col. Farmer attended the Joint Advanced Warfighting School in Norfolk, Virginia, and was subsequently assigned to the Joint Staff at the Pentagon. While on the Joint Staff, Col. Farmer served under the Deputy Director for Regional Operations, as the Secretary of Defense Orders Briefer.

Col. Farmer has a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Lehigh University. He also holds a Master of Arts degree in Defence Studies from Kings College of London, and a Master of Science degree in Joint Campaign Planning and Strategy from the National Defense University. His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Ranger Tab, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, and Master Parachutist Badge.

