



COLONEL TIMOTHY W. DECKER

Brigade Commander

5th Brigade, U.S. Army Cadet Command, Fort Sam Houston, TX

Timothy W. Decker was born at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He spent his childhood at various Army installations across the United States and abroad. After graduating from high school in Hampton, Virginia, he attended the United States Military Academy, at West Point, New York.

Upon completion of the U.S. Military Academy in 2003, Lieutenant Decker received a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science. Lieutenant Decker was commissioned as an Armor Officer, and attended the Armor Officer Basic Course, at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Upon completion of training, he was assigned to the 1st Armored Division at Fort Riley, Kansas.

While a lieutenant at Fort Riley, Lieutenant Decker served as a tank platoon leader, tank company executive officer, and battalion adjutant in 1st battalion, 13th Armor Regiment. Lieutenant Decker deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004, and then again in 2005-2006.

Captain Decker was selected for Advanced Civil Schooling (ACS) and attended graduate school at Kansas State University where he earned a Master's Degree in Business Administration. Following ACS, Captain Decker attended the Maneuver Captains Career Course (MCCC) at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

After graduating from MCCC, Captain Decker returned to Fort Riley where he assumed command of a tank company in 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. Captain Decker commanded Delta Company, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment for 28 months, including a 2011 deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in southern Afghanistan.

Following company command, Captain Decker was selected to serve as a small group leader at the Maneuver Captains Career Course in Fort Benning, Georgia. After being promoted to major, he attended and graduated from Ranger School on his way to Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

In 2014, Major Decker joined the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Georgia. From 2014 to 2015 he served as the Chief of Future Operations in Train Advise and Assist Command-East (TAAC-E) in support of Operation Resolute Support in eastern Afghanistan. Following redeployment, Major Decker moved to 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team where he served as the cavalry squadron executive officer, and later as the brigade executive officer.

Major Decker was next assigned as an operations officer to the U.S. Army Center for Initial Military Training (CIMT) at Fort Eustis, Virginia. While there, he joined the Research and Analysis Directorate where his primary role was the development and implementation of the Holistic Health and Fitness system (H2F) and the Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT).

Lieutenant Colonel Decker joined U.S. Army North in the summer of 2020, where he served briefly as the branch chief for homeland defense exercises before being selected as the director of the Commander's Action Group (CAG). As the CAG director, Lieutenant Colonel Decker planned and coordinated the Commanding General's strategic engagements and communications, most notably in support of the military's nationwide COVID response and the Nation's largest non-combatant evacuation operation, Operation Allies Refuge and Operation Allies Welcome.

Lieutenant Colonel Decker assumed command of 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment in the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team of the 3rd Infantry Division in July of 2022. As a Combined Arms Battalion Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Decker deployed to Poland as part of Operation European Assure, Deter and Reinforce. While there, his battalion was selected to form the core of NATO Forward Land Forces Battle Group – Poland, which he took command of in September 2023. NATO Battle Group – Poland is a unique task force consisting of 10 companies from four nations stationed in the strategically important Suwałki Gap on NATO's eastern flank.

Following battalion command, Lieutenant Colonel Decker attended the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle, Pennsylvania prior to being promoted and assigned as the Director of Operations (G3) for U.S. Army South in June of 2025. As the G3, Colonel Decker was responsible for synchronizing operations in the land domain of Central and South America and the Caribbean, including support to Operation Absolute Resolve.

Colonel Decker assumed command of 5th ROTC Brigade in June of 2026 where he oversees all Senior and Junior Army ROTC programs in seven states in the south-central United States.

Colonel Decker's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (2nd OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal (6th OLC), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (5th OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (2nd OLC), the Valorous Unit Award, the Meritorious Unit Citation, the Army Superior Unit Award (2nd OLC), the Combat Action Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and the Ranger Tab. He has also been awarded the Order of Saint George (Bronze), the Order of Saint Maurice (Centurion), the German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency (Gold), the Polish Silver Medal, and the Polish Afghanistan Star.

