

Fort Riley Garrison Command



Biography and Photo
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COL William J. Clark enlisted in the United States Army in March of 1984. Upon completing Advanced Individual Training from the Defense Foreign Language Institute, COL Clark served the next four years with the 751st Military Intelligence Battalion in the Republic of Korea. In March of 1990, COL Clark received his commission from Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning, Georgia, which was followed by an assignment to Ft. Knox, Kentucky to complete the Armor Officer Basic Course and the Junior Officer Maintenance Course. In September of 1990, COL Clark reported to the 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, 1st Infantry Division at Ft. Riley, Kansas. While assigned to the 1st Infantry Division, COL Clark served in numerous positions to include: Tank Platoon Leader during the Persian Gulf War, Headquarters and Headquarters Company Executive Officer, Battalion S1, and Commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade.

In July of 1995, COL Clark returned to Ft. Knox to attend the Combined Maneuver Officer Advance Course. Upon graduation, he was assigned to United States Army Europe Headquarters in Heidelberg, Germany where he served as the Assistant Secretary of the General Staff until being reassigned to 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, in Vilseck, Germany. While a member of 3BDE, 1ID from December 1996 to July 1999, COL Clark served as the Brigade S1 during the "Iron" Brigade's deployment to Bosnia-Herzegovina for Operation Joint Guard, the Commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2-2 Infantry, and the S3 Air for 2-2 Infantry.

In July of 1999, COL Clark returned to the United States where he served as a Contract Administrator for the Combined Arms Center at Ft. Leavenworth until he subsequently attended the Command and General Officer Staff Course. Upon completion of CGSC, COL Clark returned to the 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division in Vilseck, Germany.

Upon returning to Germany, COL Clark assumed the duties as the S3 for 1-63 AR, which included a deployment to the Czech Republic. COL Clark was subsequently assigned as the S3 for the 3rd Brigade, where he served as both the Brigade Operations Officer

and the Deputy G3 for Task Force Falcon during the Brigade's deployment to Kosovo. Upon his return in July 2003, COL Clark assumed the duties of the Secretary of the General Staff for the 7th Army Training Command in Grafenwoehr, Germany. In October of 2004, COL Clark returned to the United States to serve as the Armor Colonels Assignment Officer for HRC and subsequently, the Senior Leader Development Office.

In August of 2006, COL Clark transitioned to Fort Lewis, Washington to assume the duties of Deputy Brigade Commander, where he was responsible for the initial generation of the Army's seventh Stryker Brigade Combat Team – 5th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division. In March of 2007, COL Clark became the first commander of the 8th Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, leading the unit for forty-two months, to include their deployment as the first Stryker Brigade Combat Team Cavalry Squadron deployed to Afghanistan from July 2009 – July 2010. COL Clark served as the Deputy Garrison Commander – Transformation for Joint Base Lewis-McChord, October 2010-June 2011. He took over Garrison Command at Fort Riley, Kansas on 15 July 2011.

COL Clark holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Management from the University of Maryland and a Masters Degree in Administration from Central Michigan University. He is married; he and his wife have four children and two grandchildren.