



LTC MARC JASON CUMMINS

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CLASS OF 1993

Lieutenant Colonel Jason Cummins was born in Owensboro, Kentucky. He graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1993 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting, commissioned as a U.S. Army Aviation officer, and proceeded to Fort Rucker, Alabama for flight training. After graduating from flight school as an AH-64 Apache pilot, he reported to Fort Campbell, Kentucky and was assigned to 2-101 Aviation Regiment. There he served as both an attack and scout platoon leader, Liaison Officer to 3rd Infantry Brigade, Assistant Operations Officer, and the Battalion Adjutant.

Upon graduation from the Armor Officer Advanced Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky in September 1998, he was assigned to 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Brigade at Camp Humphreys, Korea. While in Korea, he commanded an attack helicopter company comprised of eight Apaches and 35 personnel and later served as the Chief Plans Officer for 6th Cavalry Brigade. He was awarded the Order of St. Michael and the General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award (one of 23 awarded in the entire army) during his Korean tour.

After returning from Korea, Jason attended the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business where he obtained his MBA in Finance and Public Policy. While at Wharton, he had the opportunity to serve as a Senate Fellow on the staff of Senator Jim Bunning of Kentucky, covering all legislative issues related to Senator Bunning's service on the Senate Banking Committee. Upon graduation, he served two years in the United States Military Academy's Department of Social Sciences as an Associate Professor of Economics. In 2004 he attended Command and General Staff College in Leavenworth, Kansas.

In the summer of 2005, Lieutenant Colonel Cummins returned to Fort Campbell and deployed during OIFIV as the Battalion Operations Officer for 1st Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment (ATK) to Contingency Operating Base Speicher (Tikrit). He was later assigned as 1st Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment's Executive Officer, followed assignment as 101st Combat Aviation Brigade's Executive Officer. He deployed to Afghanistan (OEFIX) in 2007 as the Brigade Executive Officer for 101st Combat Aviation Brigade (Task Force Destiny), a unit comprised of four multi-functional aviation battalion task forces including over 150 aircraft and over 3,200 personnel. His awards include the Bronze Star (1OLC), Air Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (1OLC), Army Commendation Medal (1OLC), Army Achievement Medal (2OLC), Senior Army Aviator Badge, Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge, and Air Assault Badge.

Lieutenant Colonel Cummins returned to the University of Kentucky in the summer of 2009 to serve as the Professor of Military Science for the Army ROTC program. During his distinguished four years in that capacity, he became the heart and soul of the Wildcat Battalion, working tirelessly to drive the department vision of "the University of Kentucky's premier Leader Development Program producing trained, adaptable, leaders of character with a 'passion' for service to our great nation". Through his constant, positive energy, he was able to create an unparalleled team-first attitude between Cadets, Cadre, Alumni, the University, and the local community. He single-handedly spearheaded a fundraising campaign, through university and alumni outreach, raising much-needed funds to renovate the historic Buell Armory/Barker Hall for future generations of students, as well as creating an ideal environment for developing Cadets in all domains of life.

Jason is married to the former Shannon Anderson. They currently reside in Lexington, Kentucky with their two young sons, Jax and Colt.