

Lieutenant Colonel Wm. (Kenny) Freeman, Jr.

Patriot Academy Commandant

LTC Kenny Freeman received his commission from Salisbury State University, MD in 1987. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Liberal Science and a Master of Science in Military Arts and Science from the Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, KS.

His first assignment was with B Co., 224<sup>th</sup> Attack Helicopter Battalion (BN) with the Maryland Army National Guard where he served as an attack helicopter pilot and platoon leader.

In 1993, he was assigned as detachment commander for the 2-115<sup>th</sup> Infantry BN in Queen Anne, MD. In 1994, he was mobilized into the 4-505<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment to deploy to Sinai, Egypt. In 1996, he became a TAC (Teach, Assess & Counsel) officer for the Delaware Army National Guard Officer Candidate School with the 193<sup>rd</sup> Regimental Training Institute in Bethany Beach, DE. In 1998, he was selected to be the S9, civil affairs officer, at Ft. Benning, GA's Officer Candidate School.

From January 1999 to September 1999, LTC Freeman was assigned to the Southern European Task Force G3 as an operations officer in Vicenza, Italy. In September, 1999, he entered the Title 10 (federal) Active Guard Reserve Program at the National Training Center as an operations officer and observer controller at Ft. Irwin, CA. From July, 2002 to August 2003, LTC Freeman was assigned to B Team, Battle Command Training Program at Ft. Leavenworth, KS and deployed as a liaison officer for V (Fifth) Corps to the Coalition Forces Land Component Command in Kuwait.

Then in June, 2004 to July 2008, LTC Freeman was assigned as the Battalion S3 operations officer for the Battle Training Center at Ft. Leavenworth, KS. He was later assigned as the Brigade S3 of the Professional Education Center at Camp Robinson, AR from July 2008 to June 2009. LTC Freeman's previous assignment was from June 2009 to June 2011 at the Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth where he served as the Chief of the Combat Refresher Team. He assumed command of the Patriot Academy on June 6, 2011.

LTC Freeman's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters (OLC)), the Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC), Kosovo Campaign Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Multinational Forces Observers Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Aviator Badge, Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Air Assault Badge and Army Staff Identification Badge. LTC Freeman has two lovely daughters, Bryianna (18) and Corey (14).