

COL John D. Williams United States Army



Colonel John Williams was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the US Army's Aviation Branch in 1984. He graduated from Aviation Officer's Basic Course and Rotary Wing Flight School at Fort Rucker, Alabama in 1985

COL Williams has held command and staff assignments in the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky; 17th Aviation Brigade, Korea; 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas; 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; the Allied Command – Europe Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC), Germany, and the US Army Aviation Warfighting Center, Fort Rucker, Alabama.

His combat tours include Operations Desert Shield and Storm in 1991, Operation Joint Guardian (Kosovo) in 1999, and Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan) in 2005. COL Williams attended the Command and General Staff Officer's Course, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas in 1996-97, and the US Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania in 2006-07. He is currently assigned as Knowledge Management Officer, US Army Central, Fort McPherson, Georgia.

COL Williams' awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (5 awards), the Air Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal (5 awards). He is a Master Army Aviator, and earned the Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge. He is authorized permanent wear of the Valorous Unit Citation, Joint Meritorious Unit Citation, and the Army Superior Unit Award. COL Williams is rated to fly, and has operationally flown the OH-58A/C *Kiowa*, UH-1D/H *Iroquois (Huey)*, AH-1E/F *Cobra*, AH-64A *Apache*, and AH-64D *Longbow Apache*. In addition, he is a *Longbow Apache* Instructor Pilot.