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COL Chad E. Ward is a Distinguished Military Graduate from the University of Alabama, where he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in Aviation in 1994.

Following graduation from the Aviation Officer Basic Course and Initial Entry Rotary Wing Training, he served in the 101st Airborne Division as both a platoon leader and aviation liaison officer to 3/101 BCT (Rakkasan). Following his completion of the Aviation Captain Career Course, he was assigned to the 11th Attack Helicopter Regiment in Illersheim, Germany, where he served as the Brigade S1/ Adjutant, an Attack Helicopter Company Commander, and a Brigade Plans Officer during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM in 2003. COL Ward was then assigned to the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana, and served as observer/ trainer for attack helicopter company operations and the Brigade Aviation Element as well as the Aviation Operations Officer Trainer.

After graduation from Command and General Staff College in 2007, he was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division and the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade where he served as the operations officer for 1-82 Attack Reconnaissance Battalion during the unit's deployment to MND-North in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM and in 2009-2010 as the Brigade's Executive Officer in Southern Afghanistan in support of Regional Command South and Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. He was next assigned to the United States Army's Human Resource Command at Fort Knox, Kentucky and served at the Aviation Branch Executive Officer as well as an assignment officer. Subsequently, he commanded 1st Battalion, 10th Attack Helicopter Battalion in the 10th Mountain Division. In 2013, COL Ward and his task force comprised of AH64Ds, UH60Ms, CH47Fs and HH60(Medevac) deployed to Eastern Afghanistan in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and Regional Command- East. Upon redeployment, COL Ward served as the Deputy Chief of Staff for the Army's Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker.

COL Ward is a graduate of United States Air Force War College, United States Army Command and General Staff College, Joint Firepower Course, and the Marine Tactical Air Control Party Course. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama, a master's degree from Louisiana State University and a master's degree in National Securities Studies from the United States Air Force War College.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star with two oak leaf clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal with numeral 3, Combat Action Badge, Master Army Aviator Badge, Parachutist Badge and Air Assault Badge. He is qualified in the UH-1, OH-58, AH64 A/D Apache and UH60 A/L Blackhawk Helicopters.

