Colonel Gregory J. Pavlichko Director National Simulation Center

Colonel Greg Pavlichko is a recent United States Army War College graduate. Before his attendance at the War College, COL Pavlichko was assigned to 7th Army Training Command, Europe, where he served as the Chief of Operations for the Joint Multinational Simulation Center at Grafenwoehr, Germany.



COL Pavlichko was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant of Armor in August 1999, after graduating as the Distinguished Military Graduate from Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His first assignment was as Platoon Leader in Hawk Company, Second Squadron, Second Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Polk, Louisiana. Then, as a 1st Lieutenant, he was the Executive Officer for Ghost Troop, Second Squadron, Second Armored Cavalry Regiment. He then attended the Armor Captains Career Course and was stationed in Vilseck, Germany.

While stationed in Vilseck, COL Pavlichko was the Chief of the Command Training Branch at the Combined Arms Training Center. He was responsible for planning, developing, and executing the Company Commander and First Sergeant Course, the Rear Detachment Commanders' Course, and the US Army Europe Battalion and Brigade Pre-Command Course. COL Pavlichko's next assignment was to 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division in Friedberg, Germany. He was the 1-37 AR BN Assistant S-3 and then Company Commander, Charlie Company 1-37 AR. As Company Commander, he deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom. Deployed initially to Rabiya, Charlie Company relocated to Ramadi.

After Company Command, COL Pavlichko was selected to be a Simulation Operations officer and assigned to the Directorate of Simulations at Fort Rucker, Alabama. While at Fort Rucker, he was the Aviation Training Exercise Branch Chief and the Deputy Flight School XXI Program Manager. COL Pavlichko was responsible for Aviation Training Exercises, using a mixture of virtual and constructive simulations to enable FORSCOM to certify all aviation battalions and brigades deploying to Kosovo, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Additionally, as Deputy FSXXI Program Manager, he was responsible for managing the simulations used in the Flight School at Fort Rucker.

COL Pavlichko then attended the University of Central Florida, received a master's degree in Modeling and Simulations, and attended resident ILE. After ILE, he reported to the National Simulation Center at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. While at the NSC, he was assigned to TCM Gaming as the Requirements Chief. While assigned to TCM Gaming, COL Pavlichko executed multiple verification, validation, and accreditation tests of Virtual Battle Space 3. He also led teams that developed, tested, and fielded Disaster SIM, ELITE Lite, and ELITE Sharp.

His next assignment was Chief of Collective Training at the Joint Base Lewis McChord Mission Training Complex in Washington state. At the JBLM MTC, he was the Lead Planner for all battalion and brigade collective training events on the MTC. He designed and supported dozens of brigade-level exercises. In addition, he developed the largest LVC-IA brigade exercise at JBLM and supported multiple division-level certification exercises. COL Pavlichko was then selected to be the Chief of Operations at JMSC. During this assignment, COL Pavlichko led a team of teams that resourced and planned exercises across Europe and assisted the training of V Corps as they established themselves in Europe.

Colonel Pavlichko holds a Master of Modeling and Simulations degree from the University of Central Florida and a Master of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with 4 OLC, the Army Commendation Medal with 3 OLC, the OIF Campaign Medal, the Combat Action Badge, and the Parachutist Badge.

COL Pavlichko and his wife, Cari, have two children, Brandon and Chase.