

Lt. Col. Midkiff graduated from Marshall University in Huntington W.Va., in 1992 with a Bachelors Degree in Political Science. His Military education includes the Ordnance Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms Service Staff School, Command and General Staff School, and Reserve Component Multifunctional Combat Service Support.

Commissioned in the Ordnance Corp in 1989, Midkiff has served in a variety of command and staff positions. He was initially assigned as an Ammunition Platoon Leader with the 326th Ordnance Company at Huntington W.Va. In 1993 he was assigned as Higher Headquarters Detachment Commander for the 321st Ordnance Battalion at Charleston W.Va. and in 1995 took command of the 261st Ordnance Company, Charleston W.Va. After company command, Midkiff served as the Munitions Material Management Officer for the 38th Ordnance Group, Charleston W.Va. He later was assigned as the S1/S4 for the 8/80th Quartermaster Battalion Charleston W.Va. In 2002 he returned to the 38th Ordnance Group and deployed to Camp Arifjan Kuwait as part of a four person ammo cell under the 377th TSC. In 2004 Midkiff was assigned to the 4th Brigade 80th Training Division as the S1 officer and later deployed to Northern Iraq in 2005 as a Military Advisor. In 2008 Midkiff served as the Executive officer for the 332nd Ordnance Battalion in Kenova W.Va. which deployed to Camp Arifjan Kuwait January 2009. During deployment he assumed command of the 332nd until the unit was inactivated in Aug of 2010. He then assumed command of the 378th CSSB, Fort Indian Town Gap Pa. until selected and assigned as commander of the 2nd Battalion, 338th Regiment, under the 157th Infantry Brigade.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with 6 Oak Leaf Cluster, National Defense Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, GWOT Expeditionary Medal, GWOT Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Mobilization device and Bronze hour glass, Overseas Service Ribbon with "2" device, Army Service Ribbon and Army Reserve Overseas Training Ribbon (3rd Award).