

## **Maj. Benjamin D. Graves**

Maj. Benjamin Graves is a graduate of Tellico Plains High School in Tenn. and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Sciences from William Carey University in Hattiesburg, Miss. Graves joined the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Tenn. Army National Guard in March 1982. He also attended Basic Training and 19D Cavalry Scout One Station Unit Training at Fort Knox, Ky. in 1982.

Graves served as a 19D Cavalry Scout with the 278th ACR before attending the State Officer's Candidate School in June 1986. Graves graduated from the Officer Candidate School in June 1987. Upon completion of OCS, Graves was assigned as the Red Eye Section Leader for HHT 1/278th ACR and attended Armor Officer's Basic Course in October 1987.

From February 1988 to October 2000, Graves served in many positions to include: Tank Platoon Leader, Scout Platoon Leader, Troop Executive Officer, Battalion Liaison Officer, and Company Commander with HHT and A Troop 1/278th ACR.

Graves attended the Armor Officer Advanced Course in June 1993, the Scout Platoon Leaders Course in November 1993 and Command and Staff Cubed Course in 1999.

Graves was assigned as the 1/278th ACR S4 in October 2000 and was assigned as the Assistant Regimental S4 from April 2001-2003 in which he conducted the last Krasnovian Doctrine rotation at NTC. He was mobilized and assigned as the Rear Detachment Commander for the 4/278th ACR.

Graves deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from June 2004 to October 2005 as the Personal Security Detachment Commander. He was assigned to the 3-349th LSB as the Battalion S-3 in October 2005. While assigned to 3-349th, Graves served as the OIC for Close Quarter Battle, Shoot House, Reflexive Fire, MOUT Live Fire, Combatives and Army Warrior Training. Graves served as the Military Police Team OIC from 2009 to 2011 and was then assigned in September 2011 as the Executive Officer for the 1-305th Armor Regiment.

Graves Awards and Decorations include the Army Commendation Medal (with one oak leaf cluster); Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with three oak leaf clusters); National Defense Service Medal (with bronze star); Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" Device; Army Service Ribbon; and Overseas Service Ribbon.