

## ***Colonel Michael E. Erdley***

### **Chief, Missile Defense Policy Branch, Deputy Directorate for Strategy and Policy**

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COL Mike Erdley is a native of Belleville, Pennsylvania. He was commissioned in Air Defense Artillery through ROTC at Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania and entered active duty service in September 1983 at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas.

COL Erdley's military education includes the Air Defense Artillery Officer Basic Course; Improved HAWK Weapons Course; U.S. Army Airborne School; Air Defense Artillery Officer Advanced Course; PATRIOT Weapons Course; Combined Arms and Services Staff School; Defense Institute Security Assistance Management Course; the Middle East Orientation Course; the United States Army Command and General Staff Officers Course, and the United States Army War College.

COL Erdley's civilian education includes a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics from Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, Shippensburg, PA and a Masters in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College, Carlisle, PA.

COL Erdley's assignments include tours as a HAWK Battalion Tactical Director, Platoon Leader, Tactical Control Officer and Battery Executive Officer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> ADA Regiment, 32d Army Air Defense Command (AADCOM), Germany; PATRIOT Battalion Assistant S3 and PATRIOT Battery Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 43d ADA Regiment, Fort Bliss, TX; Assistant Professor of Military Science, U.S. Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps Instructor Group, Valley Forge Military College, Wayne, PA; Air Defense Advisor to the Royal Saudi Air Defense Forces, U.S. Military Training Mission, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Assistant Brigade S3, 11<sup>th</sup> ADA Brigade, Fort Bliss, TX; Battalion S3, 3d Battalion, 43d ADA Regiment, Fort Bliss, TX; Brigade S3, 11<sup>th</sup> ADA Brigade, Fort Bliss, TX; Program Integrator, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, Washington, DC; Battalion Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 203d ADA Regiment, Alabama Army National Guard, Huntsville, AL; and Chief, Missile Defense Policy Branch, Deputy Directorate for Strategy and Policy, Directorate for Strategic Plans and Policy (J-5), The Joint Staff, Washington, DC.

COL Erdley's awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Army Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the National Defense Service Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Overseas Ribbon and the Army Service Ribbon.

COL Erdley is married to the former Stephanie Wile of Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. Stephanie is a registered nurse. They have three children - Matthew, Kristen and David.