

COL David C. Wylie – Biography

COL Wylie first joined the Army Reserve as a Cadet in September 1981. He was commissioned through ROTC at Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania in 1983 in the Infantry branch. He served as a 4.2" mortar platoon leader in the 1/314 INF (MECH), 157th Separate Infantry Brigade until 1986. He attended the Infantry Officer Basic Course in 1985.

After a brief posting as Chemical Officer at the 336th Transportation Group (Lake Bluff, IL) he transferred to the 12th Special Forces Group (ABN) where he served in several capacities and in 1992 he attended Basic Airborne School.

In 1994 he transferred to the 426th Civil Affairs Bn (Foreign Internal Defense/ Unconventional Warfare) and attended the Civil Affairs Officer Advanced Course. In 1997 the Battalion was mobilized and sent to Bosnia. He served as the S-5 and Civil-Military Information Center (CIMIC) OIC at Camp Colt, in Multi-National Division-North for nine months.

After the 426th returned from Bosnia in 1998 he served in various positions and was Commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment from 2001-02. During this time he completed Command and General Staff College and received a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Phoenix. While serving at the 426th Civil Affairs he commanded Joint-Combined Exchange Training (JCET) and Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) missions to Sri Lanka, Papua New Guinea, Mongolia, Nepal, and Korea.

In 2002 he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and transferred to the 351st Civil Affairs Command where he served as an Augmentation Team Chief for the PACOM team. He also served on the PACOM Deployable Joint Task Force Augmentation Cell (DJTFAC) as a Civil Affairs Planner and commanded Civil Affairs missions to Thailand and Japan.

In 2004 he became a Command and General Staff College Instructor and was instructor certified at Fort Leavenworth. After eight months as an instructor he volunteered for duty in Afghanistan and transferred to the 321st Civil Affairs Brigade in San Antonio, TX.

In April 2005 he completed a Master of Science degree in Network Security from Capitol College. A few days later he was mobilized for Operation Enduring Freedom.

From June 2005 until June 2006 he served as Commander of the Provincial Reconstruction Team and Forward Operating Base in the Farah Province, Afghanistan. PRT Farah was the first US forces and base to be assigned OCON to the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and was dubbed "Fort Apache" by Italian and Spanish forces operating in the region due to its austere conditions and challenging security situation.

From July 2006 until March 2008 he commanded the 426th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne) (Special Operations) located in Upland, CA. During his tenure, the unit was placed on jump status and commenced Airborne Operations.

His current assignment is as Operations Officer (G3) of the 358th Civil Affairs Brigade located at March Air Reserve Base in Riverside, CA.

His awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal x 2, Army Commendation Medal x 2, Army Achievement Medal, and the US and German parachutist badges.

In civilian life he works as a Network Security Engineer for Booz Allen Hamilton, supporting the U.S. Navy at the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command in San Diego, CA. His previous civilian jobs include Sailing Instructor, Software Company Owner, Sales & Marketing Manager for a Publishing Company, Technical Support Manager for a Satellite Communications Company, and Tugboat Captain.

He is married to Karen (Forbes) and has two children, Jake (9) and Katie (6).