

T. A. Starkoski, Jr.
Colonel, Infantry

COL T. A. Starkoski, Jr. was born at Fort Knox, Kentucky and traveled the world first as an Army dependent, then as a Soldier with more than 25 years of service.



COL Starkoski has served in a variety of Army and Joint leadership assignments including those in Infantry (Airborne, Air Assault, Light, Mechanized/ Bradley, OPFOR, and Stryker), Armor, Military Police, as well as Special Operations. His service included command and primary staff positions at the Combined Arms Battalion, Joint-Task Force, Brigade, Division, and Corps levels as well as temporary assignments with the National Security Council, Department of State, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Secret Service, and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. COL Starkoski has trained personnel across the Department of Defense, other Government Agencies, and International Partners as well as serves as adjunct faculty at the University of Texas. He currently is assigned as a Director of Plans and Army Program Manager of the National Interagency Biodefense Campus as well as currently is assigned as the Chief of the Joint Staff in the Army National Guard.

COL Starkoski has had a number of key accomplishments in his career including commanding a light, wheeled, Anti-Armor Company as part of the operational validation of the concept as part of Force XXI Experimental Force, leading the first forward deployed Force Protection Company after 9-11 serving both as a Commander and Anti-terrorism officer, developed a training and employment model adopted by the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) for Afghanistan Defense Ministry Forces across Afghanistan and contributed to Executive and Legislative Branch policies, strategies, policies, laws, and strategic assessments such as the National Defense Authorization Act, the National Military Strategy, and multiple National Security Strategies regarding prevention Weapons of Mass Destruction, response to biological attacks and emergent disease with response to international outbreaks.

COL Starkoski holds a Bachelors of Science from Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania and is a certified Army Acquisitions Program Manager. He has completed a number of service schools to include a Master's Degree from the Army War College, Joint Forces Staff College, Lean Six Sigma, Defense Acquisitions University, and the Command and General Staff College.

His decorations, awards, and personal achievements include the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Bronze Star, Shippensburg University Hall of Fame, the Order of Saint Maurice, and various other military decorations. During his free time, Mr. Starkoski volunteers as a youth coach as well as serves in a leadership position with the local public school board and the Boy Scouts for which he was recognized with the Presidential Volunteer Service Gold Award.

He is married to the former Ms. Deanna Harwood and they reside in Frederick, Maryland. They have one child.