

COL William A. Ward, 35th Infantry  
Division  
Missouri Army National Guard

COL William (Bill) Ward was commissioned in 1984 through the University of Missouri Army ROTC program and has served for 27 years as an engineer officer, holding a myriad of positions, including platoon leader, construction engineer, Commander, B Co/203d Engineer Battalion, civil engineer, battalion operations officer, battalion executive officer, area damage control officer, facilities engineer, Commander, 203d Engineer Battalion, brigade design engineer, Deputy Commanding Officer, 35<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade, and Commander, 110<sup>th</sup> Maneuver Enhancement Brigade. He has deployed overseas

eight times including nation building and humanitarian efforts in Honduras, Panama, Costa Rica, and Guatemala, has two combat tours in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and has served as a Task Force Commander for National Guard state emergency duty during natural disasters on three occasions including, Commander, TF Phoenix, the Missouri National Guard Task Force overseeing debris removal and the Disaster Recovery Jobs Program following the 22 May 2011 tornado that devastated SW Missouri. COL Ward is a licensed engineer in the State of Oklahoma, holds a Master of Science in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College and a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Missouri. Military honors include the Bronze Star Medal w/OLC, the Meritorious Service Medal w/2 OLCs, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal w/2 OLCs, the Iraqi Campaign Medal with two campaign stars, the Army Engineer Association's Bronze Order of the de Fleury Medal, and the parachutist badge. When not serving the Missouri National Guard, COL Ward is a Department of the Air Force Civilian, and serves as the Engineering and Construction Branch Chief, 72d Civil Engineering Directorate, 72d Air Base Wing, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. COL Ward is married to wife Janice and has three sons, Bryan, Matthew, and Sean.

