

COLONEL JEFFREY P. VAN

Commander, 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team



Colonel Jeffrey P. Van is the Commander, 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team, Mississippi Army National Guard. He is responsible for providing a combat ready force capable of accomplishing state missions assigned by the Adjutant General or federal missions assigned by the Combatant Commander. The 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team's wartime mission is to find, fix and destroy the enemy within an assigned area of operations, and is composed of approximately 3,500 Citizen-Soldiers serving in subordinate units stationed throughout Mississippi.

Colonel Van began his career when he enlisted in the Mississippi Army National Guard's Headquarters

Company, 1st Battalion, 155th Infantry Regiment as a medical support specialist on 10 March, 1988. He was commissioned as an Infantry Officer in 1991 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Mississippi. He has served in various command and staff positions in units at every level within the brigade combat team. Colonel Van served on active duty in Bosnia as part of the Task Force Mississippi Rifles' Stabilization Force-10 deployment in 2001, as the Deputy Operations Officer for the 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team's 2005-2006 deployment to Iraq, as well as the Commander of the 1st Battalion, 155th Infantry Regiment ("Mississippi Rifles") during the 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team's 2009-2010 deployment to Iraq. He also served as Training Officer, First United States Army, from April 2010 to September 2011.

Colonel Van was appointed Commander, 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team, Mississippi Army National Guard, on 28 June 2013.

EDUCATION:

1982 University of Mississippi, Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration, Oxford, Mississippi

2012 United States Army War College, Master of Strategic Studies, Strategic Studies, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. May 1991 – March 1993, Platoon Leader, Company D, 1st Battalion, 155th Infantry Regiment, McComb, Mississippi

2. March 1993 – April 1996, Scout Platoon Leader, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 155th Infantry Regiment, McComb, Mississippi

3. April 1996 – October 1997, Commander, Company B, 1st Battalion, 155th Infantry Regiment, Natchez, Mississippi
4. October 1997 – October 1999, Commander, Company A, 1st Battalion, 155th Infantry Regiment, Tylertown, Mississippi
5. October 1999 – November 2000, Air Operations Officer, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 155th Infantry Regiment, McComb, Mississippi
6. November 2000 – April 2001, Commander, Company B, 1st Battalion, 155th Infantry Regiment, Natchez, Mississippi
7. April 2001 – April 2002, Operations Officer, Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 155th Infantry Regiment, Tuzla, Bosnia
8. April 2002 – January 2005, Assistant Operations Officer, 3^d Battalion, 87th Training Support Brigade, Camp Shelby, Mississippi
9. January 2005 – June 2005, Operations Officer, 3^d Battalion, 87th Training Support Brigade, Camp Shelby, Mississippi
10. June 2005 – March 2006, Deputy Operations Officer, 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team, Iraq
11. March 2006 – June 2007, Brigade Executive Officer, 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team, Tupelo, Mississippi
12. June 2007 – April 2010, Battalion Commander, 1st Battalion, 155th Infantry Regiment, McComb, Mississippi
13. April 2010 – September 2011, Training Officer, First United States Army, Atlanta, Georgia,
14. September 2011 – June 2013, Deputy Brigade Commander, 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team, Tupelo, Mississippi
15. June 2013 – Present, Commander, 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team, Tupelo, Mississippi

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Bronze Star Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
Meritorious Service Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
Army Commendation Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
Army Achievement Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with 1 Silver and 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star)
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Iraq Campaign Medal (with 3 Bronze Campaign Stars)
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Silver Hourglass, "M" Device and Numeral 2)
Army Service Ribbon
Army Overseas Service Ribbon (with Numeral 3)
Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon
NATO Medal
Mississippi Magnolia Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
Mississippi War Medal (with 1 Service Star)
Mississippi Emergency Service Medal
Mississippi Service School Medal (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster)

Mississippi Longevity Medal (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster)
Ranger Tab
Combat Action Badge
Parachutist Badge
Air Assault Badge

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

Honorable Order of Saint Maurice, Centurion Medallion
Honorable Order of Saint George Medallion

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant 28 May 1991
First Lieutenant 31 May 1994
Captain 14 August 1996
Major 21 August 2001
Lieutenant Colonel 7 August 2006
Colonel 10 October 2011

(Current as of 8 March 2014)