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Colonel Gregory S. Fortier is a native of Terryville, Connecticut and was commissioned in the Regular Army upon graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point in June, 1996. He was inducted into the Aviation Branch upon completion of Initial Entry Rotary Wing Training and the Aviation Officer's Basic Course and was assessed to the Army Acquisition Corps in 2005.

COL Fortier holds a Bachelors of Science in Operations Research from the U.S. Military Academy, a Masters of Science in Industrial Engineering from the University of Central Florida, and a Masters of Science in National Resource Strategy from the Eisenhower School. He is a member of Pi Mu Epsilon (1996) and Phi Kappa Phi (2006) Honor Societies. He is Lean Six Sigma Black Belt certified and was awarded the 2012 Department of the Army Lean Six Sigma Excellence Award for his work in finding efficiencies in Aviator Training within Developmental Flight Test Squadrons.

COL Fortier began his career as the Army's last Active Duty Aeroscout Platoon Leader (OH-58A+), 1st Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii. He subsequently served as Platoon Leader, and later Assistant Operations Officer, 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, Wheeler Army Airfield; Adjutant, Task Force Executive Officer, and later Commander, B Troop, 1st Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

COL Fortier's research, development, test, evaluation and acquisition experience includes: Assistant Product Manager for Manned/Unmanned Interoperability in Army Rotorcraft and Chief of Flight Test, Aviation Applied Technology Directorate, Fort Eustis, Virginia; Commander, Aviation Flight Test Directorate, Redstone Test Center, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama; Executive Officer and Commander, United States Naval Test Pilot School, NAS Patuxent River, Maryland; and Executive Officer to the Principal Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics, Technology).

COL Fortier was designated as a Distinguished Graduate from the following military schools: the Aviation Officer's Basic Course (1997); the United States Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School (2002); the United States Army Jumpmaster School, Fort Bragg (2003); the United States Army Acquisition Basic Course (2007); the United States Naval Test Pilot School, Class 133 (2008); and, the Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy (2017). He has attended both the United States Army Rotary Wing and Fixed Wing Aircraft Qualification Courses and has served combat tours in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Kandahar, Afghanistan (2002-2003) and Operation Iraqi Freedom, Mosul, Iraq (2004-2005). He is a Master Army Aviator and has accumulated approximately 4,000 flight hours in 39 different aircraft.

COL Fortier's awards include the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Medal with "V" device, the Air Medal (3), the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service and Expeditionary Medals, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, and the NATO Medal. He has also earned the Combat Action Badge, the Master Army Aviator Badge, the Senior Parachutist Badge, the German Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.



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