



## **Brig. Gen. Cain Baker** Director, Future Vertical Lift Cross Functional Team

Brig. Gen. Cain Baker is from Fayetteville, GA and a graduate from Auburn University. He was commissioned as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. in the Aviation Branch in 1996.

Baker's assignments have included Platoon Leader positions in both 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division and the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division. While assigned to the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne, Baker served as the Division G3 Air in support of Task Force Falcon IIIA, Kosovo. Baker was assigned to 1-227<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment "First Attack," Fort Cavazos (Formerly Fort Hood), Texas as the Assistant Operations Officer during the initial invasion of Iraq and assumed multiple commands, deploying in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Following command, Baker served as an observer Controller at the National Training Center Fort Irwin, CA.

Baker served in the 3-101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment as the Battalion Executive Officer and then the 159<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade Operations Officer (S3), 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault), while deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. As the Battalion Commander of the 1-227<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division, he deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Baker served as the 1<sup>st</sup> Air Cavalry Brigade Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division while also deploying to Europe. Baker served as the Principal Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense from 2018 to 2021. Baker recently served as the Deputy Commanding General for Support, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry from 2021 to 2023.

Baker is married and has three daughters.