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Colonel Michael P. Wagner Director of Concepts for FCC on July 2, 2024.

COL Wagner began his career as an Infantry officer in 1997 after graduating from the United States Military Academy, and he was assigned to the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 508th Infantry, in Vicenza, Italy. There he served as an Airborne Rifle Platoon Leader, Rifle Company Executive Officer and Maintenance Officer.

From 2002-2005, COL Wagner served at Fort Cavazos, TX, as a Current Operations Officer in the III Corps G3 and then as the Brigade Chief of Plans and Commander of A CO, 1st BN, 22nd IN, 1st BDE, 4th Infantry Division. During this time, he deployed to Tikrit, Iraq, for Operation Iraqi Freedom I. Following company command, he attended the Fletcher School at Tufts University and earned a master's degree focusing on International Relations before returning to West Point to teach conflict resolution and negotiation as well as international relations theory.

COL Wagner then served as the Battalion Operations Officer for 1st BN, 187th IN, and then the Operations Officer and Executive Officer for 3rd BDE, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), from 2010-2013. He deployed to Afghanistan in 2010-2011 and again in 2012-2013. From 2013-2015, COL Wagner served as the Army Military Aide to the President of the United States and then commanded the 1st BN (ABN), 503rd IN, in the 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne) from 2015-2017. In this period, he participated in NATO reassurance missions and training exercises in 15 allied countries to include Operation Atlantic Resolve in the Baltics and Poland.

After War College, he served as the G3 Operations Officer for the 4th Infantry Division and Fort Carson before reporting to the 1st Armored Division in the summer of 2019, where he served as the Chief of Staff prior to brigade command. COL Wagner then commanded the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, from 2020-2022, including a deployment to the Middle East in support of Operation Spartan Shield and then hosting 11,000 Afghan evacuees at Fort Bliss during Operation Afghans Welcome. Following BCT command, COL Wagner served as the Chief of Staff for 4th Infantry Division and FT Carson from 2022-24 where the division HQ deployed to Eastern Europe.

COL Wagner's military training and education include Air Assault and Airborne School, Ranger School, Jump Master School, Infantry Officer Basic Course, Infantry Captain's Career Course, Bradley Leader's Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School and Command and General Staff College. He was a U.S. Army War College Fellow at the U.S. Institute of Peace in Washington, D.C., in 2017-2018.

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