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Colonel Sam Willmon graduated from West Point on 28 May 1994 with a Bachelors of Science degree in Physics and received a commission in the Infantry. He is currently the deputy director of the U.S. Army Evaluation Center (AEC) at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD.



From 1995 to 2001, COL Willmon has served in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Infantry divisions in positions from rifle platoon leader, mortar platoon leader, Headquarters and Headquarters Company executive officer, company commander and assistant Brigade operations officer. After transitioning to a Functional Area 52 Nuclear and Counter-proliferation officer and completing advanced civil schooling (from 2001 to 2003), he served as an all-source intelligence officer at the National Ground Intelligence Center in Charlottesville, VA from 2003 to 2006. From 2006 to 2011 he served as the Defense Threat Reduction Agency liaison officer to the Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC) at Fort Bragg, NC with a follow-on assignment at JSOC as a planner. From 2011 to 2014, he completed another round of advanced civil schooling. From 2014 to 2017, he served as chief of strategic Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction plans at the U.S. Special Operations Command in Tampa, FL. From 2017 to 2019 he served as an intelligence officer in the 714th MI Brigade at Fort Meade, MD. In 2019 he was assigned as the director of Nuclear Sustainment and Survivability in the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear Matters. In 2020, he left the Pentagon and was assigned as the director of the Mounted Systems Evaluation Directorate in AEC at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD. In 2021, he was selected to serve as the deputy director of AEC.

His previous tours include operational deployments to Bosnia (rifle and mortar platoon leader), Iraq (national intelligence support team), Afghanistan (Task Force chief of operations) and Iraq (Task Force LNO to the Multi-National Corps-Iraq C3).

His awards include the Bronze Star (1 OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (1 OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (1 OLC), Joint Meritorious Unit Award (1 OLC), Army Superior Unit Award, National Defense Service Ribbon (1 Star), Iraq Campaign Medal (3 Stars), Afghanistan Campaign Medal (1 star), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (with numeral 2), NATO Medal and the Parachutist Badge.

COL Willmon completed the standard set of military professional courses up to and including the Command and General Staff College. He has a Masters of Science in Nuclear Engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH. He also holds a Doctorate of Philosophy degree in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Tennessee.

COL Willmon is married to Dr. Vincent Porfirio and they have two Great Danes, Benjamin and Mary Margaret.