



Col. Frederick R. Snyder
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Col. Frederick R. Snyder enlisted in the U.S. Army reserves in 1992 as a 96B and was assigned to the 157th CEWI BN in Pedericktown, New Jersey. Col. Snyder was commissioned Armor in 1995 as a Distinguished Military Graduate of the ROTC Program at Frostburg State University (Frostburg, Maryland), where he earned a degree in Political Science. His first duty assignment was Fort Riley, Kansas, where he served as a tank platoon leader, tank company executive officer, and Battalion maintenance officer with 4th BN, 37th AR, and 2nd BN, 70th AR.

After attending the Armor Captains Career Course, Col. Snyder was assigned to 1st BDE, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas, where he served as BDE S4; Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st BN, 12th Cavalry; and Commander, C Company, 2nd BN, 8th Cavalry. He also commanded Headquarters and Headquarters Company, III Corps, deploying to Iraq in support of OIF II. Upon redeployment, he served as the Aide-de-Camp to the III Corps DCG.

Col. Snyder then attended ILE at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, earning a Masters Degree in National Security & Strategic Studies. Following graduation, he returned to Fort Riley, Kansas, where he served as S3, 1st BN, 41st IN, and BN XO, 1st BN, 18th IN, deploying to Iraq in support of OIF 09-10. Upon redeployment he served as BDE S3, 2nd HBCT, 1st ID.

Col. Snyder served two years in the Pentagon as the Assistant Executive Officer for the Commanding General, Installation Management Command, and Assistant Chief of Staff, Installation Management. Col. Snyder commanded the 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, at the National Training Center and Fort Irwin, California.

Following command, Col. Snyder served as the Armor Enlisted Branch Chief at HRC, Fort Knox, Kentucky, before being selected to attend the Malaysian Armed Forces Defense College in Kuala Lumpur. After graduating, Col. Snyder served as the G33 for 8th Army and the J3 for JFCC-NEO, Camp Humphreys, Korea. Returning to Fort Hood, Col. Snyder most recently served as G3, Operational Test Command.

Col. Snyder's military education includes the Armor Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Battalion Motor Officer Course, M1A2 Tank Commanders Certification Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Intermediate Level Education at the Naval War College (MA), HQDA Action Officer Force Integration Course, and Senior Service College at the University of Malaysia (MS).

Col. Snyder's awards include the Bronze Star (x3), Meritorious Service Medal (x7), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (x5), Army Achievement Medal (x3), Combat Action Badge, and the Army Staff Badge.