

## DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS REGIMENT



**COLONEL GLENN AYERS**

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Col. Glenn Ayers, a Distinguished Military Graduate of Wake Forest University, was commissioned in the Field Artillery in 1983. His initial assignment was with the 8th Battalion, 8th Field Artillery, 2nd Infantry Division, at Camp Stanley, Republic of Korea. There, he served as company fire support officer, battery fire direction officer and battery executive officer. Subsequent to this assignment, Ayers was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., where he served as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery executive officer, Firing Battery executive officer, battalion assistant S3 for 2nd Bn (Airborne), 321st FA and Battalion fire support officer for 2-504 Parachute Infantry Regiment deploying to Honduras during Operation Golden Pheasant in 1988.

Col. Ayers was next assigned to 1st Armored Division, Federal Republic of Germany, where he served as squadron fire support officer for 1-1 Cavalry Regiment and commander of Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 1st Field Artillery during Desert Storm. Following Desert Storm, he was assigned to the 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg for Psychological Operations Officer Training. He then commanded the Northeast Asia Operational Detachment of B Company, 8th Psychological Operations Battalion (Airborne). In 1996 Ayers was assigned as emergency deployment readiness exercise team chief, G3 Operations Division, XVIII Airborne Corps and subsequently as S3, 3rd Bn, 321st Field Artillery Regiment, Fort Bragg. In 1998, he returned to the 4th Psychological Operations Group (Airborne) as the Pacific Command battalion executive officer and then as Group S3, 4th PSYOP Group (Airborne). Col. Ayers served his final Field Artillery assignment as brigade executive officer for the 18th Field Artillery Brigade (Airborne), Ft. Bragg. In 2000, Ayers became deputy commanding officer, 4th Psychological Operations Group and from 2001 to 2003 was the commanding officer, 9th Psychological Operations Battalion (Airborne) during the earliest days of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. He served in the Office of the Secretary of Defense Executive Secretariat as a military assistant-trip coordinator for Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and for Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz from 2003-2005. His final position was as the Psychological Operations division chief, Joint Staff.

Col. Ayers is a graduate of the Armored Officer Advanced Course, Psychological Operations Course, Korean Language training, Command and General Staff College and the National War College. His education includes a BA in Anthropology from Wake Forest University and an MS in International Relations from Troy University and an MS in National Security Strategy from the National War College.

Col. Ayers' decorations and awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal with one oak-leaf cluster, the Bronze Star Medal with one oak-leaf cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak-leaf clusters, Humanitarian Service Medal, Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge and Air Assault Badge.

He is married to the former Melanie Ann Price of Solihull, United Kingdom. They are the parents of Rachel, 21, and Olivia, 16. He currently works as a business area manager for SAIC in Chantilly, Va.