

United States Army
Battalion Commander
James Rector

Lieutenant Colonel
3-364 Brigade Engineer Battalion
189th Infantry Brigade
First Army Division West



LTC James Rector graduated high school during 1982. He entered military service on April 21, 1983 as an Air Cargo Specialist and then as a Security Specialist attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. During March 1993, he transferred from the U.S. Air Force into the U.S. Army. After Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, LTC Rector trained at Fort Rucker, Alabama as an OH-58 helicopter mechanic. Upon graduation, he was posted at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, as a member of the 4-9 Cavalry Squadron, 6th ID (L) and then to Fort Bliss, Texas as a member of 4th Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. He was selected for the Army's Green to Gold program in the summer of 1995 and was commissioned in May 1997.

LTC Rector's previous assignments include company Executive Officer and Battalion S3, 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Basic Combat Training Brigade, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; C Company A&O Platoon Leader, A Company Executive Officer, and Battalion S4, 5th Engineer Battalion Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; Battalion S4 and Company Commander, C Company 16th Engineer Battalion, Giessen, Germany; Observer/Controller Sidewinder team, and Chief of live fire range operations, Operations Group, Fort Irwin, California; Battalion Military Training Team Leader, Baghdad Iraq; Battalion Executive Officer, 554 Engineer Battalion, Battalion Executive Officer, 5th Engineer Battalion, Brigade S3, 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; Brigade Design Engineer and the Brigade Executive Officer/Deputy Commanding Officer, 130th Engineer Brigade, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

His operational deployments include two tours in OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (May 2003 – July 2004 and Nov 2007 – November 2008); and one tour in OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (September 2013 – June 2014).

LTC Rector received a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, Kansas during 1997, and a Master's Degree in Engineering Management from the University of Missouri-Rolla, Rolla, Missouri during 2002.

His military education includes Air Cargo Specialist school, Air Force Security Police Academy, Air Base Ground Defense, Medium Helicopter Repair school, Cold Weather Survival school, Primary Leadership Development Course, Engineer Basic Course, Engineer Captain Career

Course, Command and Staff Service School, Airborne School, Military Training Team Course and Intermediate Level Education.