



Lieutenant Colonel Christopher M. Marquez, originally from Albuquerque, New Mexico, was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant from the New Mexico Military Institute. He completed his Bachelor's Degree in Economics from New Mexico State University and was assessed into the Field Artillery in 1998. As a Lieutenant, he served as a Battery Fire Direction Officer in 2nd Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment at Fort Sill, Okla. LTC Marquez was then selected as Aide-de-camp to the Assistant Commandant of the Field Artillery.

Following completion of the Field Artillery Career Course in 2002, Lt. Col. Marquez served as a Division Targeting Officer for 2nd Infantry Division in Camp Red Cloud, Korea. Following a one-year tour, he was then assigned as the Fire Support Officer for 2nd Squadron 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment where he deployed to Iraq in support of

Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF I). Lt. Col. Marquez redeployed to Iraq in 2005 as the 2-3ACR Howitzer Battery Commander.

Lt. Col. Marquez was next assigned to 1st Battalion, 22nd Field Artillery Regiment in Fort Sill, Okla., where he served as a Company Commander for the Basic Officer Leadership Course. He deployed to Iraq in 2009 as a Targeting Officer in support of Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force Arabian Peninsula, where he advised and helped train Iraqi Special Operations Forces.

Upon completion of Command and General Staff College in 2011 and the School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS) in 2012, Lt. Col. Marquez was assigned to 4th Battalion, 42nd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division. He deployed with the Battalion to Kuwait in 2013 in support of Operation Spartan Shield. He was then assigned to the 4th Infantry Division where he served as a Division Plans Officer and then the Division Deputy G3. He then deployed to Grafenwoehr, Germany, in 2015 to serve as the Division G3 forward for the Mission Command Element in support of Atlantic Resolve where he organized and synchronized Theater Security Cooperation training in the Baltic and Black Sea regions.

Lt. Col. Marquez holds a master's degree in Business Administration and a master's degree in Military Operational Art and Science. His significant awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters) the Army Commendation Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Iraqi Campaign Medal (3 Campaign Stars), the Combat Action Badge, and the Parachutist Badge.