



Eric T. Heist
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COL Heist graduated from Washington University in St. Louis, MO in 1991 as an Army ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate earning a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering and a Master's degree in Business Administration. After graduating from the Air Defense Artillery (ADA) Officer Basic Course in 1992, COL Heist was assigned to 3-62 ADA Battalion (BN) in the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, NY. While serving as a Platoon Leader, he deployed to Somalia in early 1993 to support Operation RESTORE HOPE leading a platoon in Task Force 3-17 Cavalry (CAV). In the fall of 1994, he deployed again as a Platoon Leader to Haiti as part of the Joint Task Force supporting Operation UPHOLD DEMOCRACY executing convoy and site security missions. COL Heist also served as a Battery Executive Officer completing a successful JRTC rotation with 2d Brigade Combat Team before leaving for Fort Huachuca, AZ.

After finishing the Military Intelligence (MI) Officer Transition and Advanced Courses in 1996, COL Heist was assigned to the Headquarters of 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, TX. He served as the Deputy G2 Planner and the G2 Operations Chief before being reassigned as the Battalion S2 in 2-8 CAV BN (Armored). COL Heist deployed with 2-8 CAV to Camp Bedrock, Bosnia-Herzegovina where his Battalion executed stability operations around Tuzla as part of Operation JOINT FORGE. He then served as the Brigade S2 for 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division where he participated in a successful NTC rotation. From January 2001 to June 2002, he commanded Alpha Company, 312th MI Battalion providing intelligence support to 1st Brigade.

In July 2002, COL Heist became the Force Protection Officer for Army Forces Central Command - Kuwait. He planned and synchronized Force Protection and Antiterrorism operations during the preparation for war and the first four months of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF). After the Command and General Staff College in July 2004, COL Heist was assigned as the Analysis and Control Element (ACE) Chief in the G2 section of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). During OIF 05-06, he directed intelligence operations in the ACE for TF Band of Brothers. COL Heist then served as the Battalion S3 for the Brigade Special Troops Battalion of 2d Brigade Combat Team, 502d Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) until June 2007.

COL Heist served two years as the assignment officer for MI Lieutenant Colonels at the US Army Human Resources Command in Alexandria, VA before returning to Fort Campbell, KY to assume command of Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) in July 2009. COL Heist commanded Task Force Gladiator supporting Combined Joint Task Force-101 in Regional Command-East at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan from May 2010 to May 2011 as part of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. In the summer of 2011, COL Heist moved to Fort Belvoir, VA where he served for a year as the Executive Officer to the Commanding General of the US Army Intelligence and Security Command before becoming a student at the National War College (NWC) in August 2012. After graduating from NWC in July 2013, COL Heist was assigned as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G2, Knowledge Division at the NATO Allied Land Command in Izmir, Turkey. In August 2014, COL Heist assumed Command of the 513th MI Brigade, his current duty position.

COL Heist and his wife Amy married in 1994. They have three children, Declan (16 yrs), Thomas (13 yrs), and Ella (8 yrs).