

Lieutenant Colonel R. Chris Baker



LTC Baker is from Greenbrier, Arkansas and commissioned as a Finance Corps officer in 2008.

MILITARY AND CIVILIAN EDUCATION: LTC Baker earned a Bachelor's of Business Administration degree in Finance from the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Arkansas (2008). He also earned a Masters of Business Administration and an Executive Masters of Public Administration from Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York (2018). He is a graduate of the Finance Officer Basic Course, Fort Jackson, South Carolina (2008), the Finance Captain Career Course, Fort Jackson, South Carolina (2011), and the Command and General Staff Officer Course, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas (2019).

ASSIGNMENT HIGHLIGHTS: After commissioning, LTC Baker's first assignment was as the Disbursing Officer, C DET, 33rd Financial Management Company at Fort Drum, NY. He deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as the Budget Officer for CJSOTF-Afghanistan in 2009. Upon his return from deployment, he served as the Executive Officer for HHC, 10th Special Troops Battalion in 2010, and returned to 33rd Financial Management Company as the HHD Disbursing Officer in 2011. Beginning in 2012, LTC Baker served as a both a budget analyst and a senior budget analyst for the United States Intelligence and Security Command at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He deployed again in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as the Budget Officer for CJTF-Horn of Africa in Djibouti in 2013. In 2014, LTC Baker assumed command of A DET, 106th Financial Management Support Unit at Grafenwoehr, Germany. Following this command, he was assigned as the Brigade S8 for 18th Military Police Brigade in 2017. From 2019 to 2022, he served as the Comptroller for 1st Special Warfare Training Group at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Most recently, LTC Baker has served as the Deputy Comptroller for 1st Special Forces Command from 2022 through present.

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS: LTC Baker's military awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with 1 OLC, Joint Service Commendation Medal with 1 OLC, Army Commendation Medal with 2 OLCs, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and the NATO Medal.

LTC Baker is engaged to his fiancée, Lisa Schmitz, of Solingen, Germany.