



LTC ANDRÉ D. RUFF

LTC Ruff, a native of Columbus, Georgia, was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Air Defense Artillery in 2008 after graduating from Albany State University Reserve Officer Training Corps as a Distinguished Military Graduate.

LTC Ruff served as a platoon leader, battery executive officer, assistant operations officer, and logistics officer in 1-7 ADA, 108th ADA Brigade, Fort Liberty North Carolina prior to commanding C/Battery, 2-43 ADA, 11th ADA Brigade and Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 11th ADA Brigade, at Fort Bliss Texas. Following battery command, LTC Ruff served as the U.S. Air Defense Exchange Officer for the Royal Netherlands Ground based Air Defense Command at Lieutenant General Best Barracks in Vredepeel, Netherlands.

LTC Ruff served as the Plans Officer for 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. He then served as the Operations Officer and Executive Officer for 1-362 Regiment in Camp Atterbury, Indiana, followed by service as the Counter-Unmanned Aircraft Systems Branch Chief for U.S. Central Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida.

LTC Ruff earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Albany State University. He is a graduate of the Air Defense Artillery Basic Officer Course, The Maneuver Captains Career Course, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, the Joint Air Operations Command and Control Course, the Joint Firepower Course Advanced Application Program, the Common Faculty Development Instructor Course, the U.S. Army Airborne School, the U.S. Army Air Assault School, and the U.S. Army Pathfinder School.

LTC Ruff's awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal, the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, the Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Pathfinder Badge, and the Army Basic Space Badge.