

Lieutenant Colonel Garnett was born in LaCrosse, WI and graduated from Winona State University, MN with a Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education and continued his education at Northern Illinois University, IL earning a graduate teaching endorsement in National Security Policy and a Secondary Teaching certification from Aurora University, IL. After a six-year career as a public high school teacher and varsity football coach he was commissioned as an Air Defense Artillery (ADA) Second Lieutenant following attendance at Officer Candidate School Fort Moore (Benning), GA and has since earned a Master's in Political Science from the University of Oklahoma and a Masters in Military Studies from the U.S Marine Corps' Command and Staff College.

LTC Garnett's company-grade assignments include assistant Battalion Operations Officer, Battery Executive Officer and Platoon Leader with 1-1 ADA (Patriot) at Fort Bliss, TX and Okinawa, Japan; assistant Operations Officer 31st ADA BDE and assistant Battalion Operations Officer, 3-2 ADA BN (Patriot); Commander, D/3-2 ADA deploying to the Kingdom of Bahrain in support of OPERATIONS ENDURING FREEDOM and SPARTAN SHIELD, and Commander, HHB/31st ADA Brigade at Fort Sill, OK.

Field-grade assignments include the Asymmetric Warfare Group at Fort Meade, MD with deployments to the Levant, North Africa, and the Middle East regions supporting U.S. interagency efforts while embedded with Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Arabian Peninsula. Following completion of Command and Staff College, LTC Garnett served a one-year tour with the U.S. State Department as an advisor to the Republic of China-Taiwan Ministry of National Defense under Title 22 authorities. Upon redeployment he reported to 2-44 ADA (C-RAM & C-UAS) at Fort Campbell, KY serving as the Battalion Operations Officer deploying in support of OPERATIONS RESOLUTE SUPPORT MISSION-Afghanistan and INHERENT RESOLVE-Iraq. Subsequently he transitioned to U.S. Indo-Pacific Command at Camp H.M. Smith, Hawai'i as the Taiwan Desk Officer within the Joint Operations Directorate, and most recently reported to Fort Sill, OK to serve as the Deputy Commander for 31st ADA Brigade.

LTC Garnett's professional military education includes the U.S. Army's Air Defense Officer Basic Course at Fort Bliss, TX, the U.S. Marine Corps' Expeditionary Warfare School, and the U.S. Marine Corps' Command and Staff College at Quantico, VA. Individual courses include the U.S Army's Airborne, Air Assault, and Sniper Schools at Fort Moore (Benning), GA.

His military awards and decorations are commensurate with eighteen years of commissioned service; interagency awards include the U.S. State Department's Meritorious Honor Medal and Order of the Far East Maritime Dragon.