



Lieutenant Colonel Matthew W. Garrick received his commission in the United States Army as a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery after graduating from the State University of New York at Albany in 2007.

His previous assignments include Targeting Officer in 1st Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment and Company Fire Support Officer in 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC; Battery Commander for Bravo Battery, 3rd Battalion, 321st Field Artillery Regiment, 18th Field Artillery Brigade, Fort Bragg, NC; Assistant Operations Officer and Executive Officer within the United States Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, NC; Battalion Executive Officer for 1st Battalion, 14th Field Artillery Regiment and Brigade Executive Officer for the 75th Field Artillery Brigade, Fort Sill, OK; Executive Officer to the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command Deputy Chief of Staff G-3/5/7, Fort Eustis, VA; and Lead Planner for an Operational Planning Group on the Joint Staff J-7 in Suffolk, VA.

Lieutenant Colonel Garrick holds a B.A. in Criminal Justice and Psychology from the State University of New York at Albany, an M.A. in International Relations from the University of Oklahoma, an M.A. in National Security Studies from National Defense University. His military education includes the Field Artillery Officer Basic and Captain Career Course, Joint Firepower Course, Command and General Staff College, Jumpmaster Course, Joint Targeting Course, and Joint Professional Military Education Level II.

His operational deployments include Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Inherent Resolve, and Operation Spartan Shield.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal with C-Device, Army Commendation Medal (1 OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal (1 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (1 OLC), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Parachutist Badge, Combat Action Badge, and Joint Staff Identification Badge.

Matt and his wife Erica have three children and two dogs..