



Major Joel R. Holmstrom

Major Joel R. Holmstrom is a native of Laurium, Michigan and a 1994 graduate of Calumet High School. He was commissioned in 1998 from the ROTC program at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. He was commissioned an Adjutant General officer branch detailed to the Armor Corps. In 2002, he earned a Master of Arts Degree in Human Resources from Webster University. He has served in various leadership positions during his 12 year career.

His assignments include: Tank Platoon Leader, C Company and Battalion S-1/Adjutant, 1st Battalion, 77th Armor Regiment, 2nd “Dagger” Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany and Kosovo, Former Republic of Yugoslavia; Executive Officer, F Company, 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, Fort Jackson, South Carolina; Brigade S-1/Adjutant and Headquarters and Headquarters Company Commander, United States Army Accessions Support Brigade, Fort Knox, Kentucky; Chief, Enlisted Management Branch, Deputy G-1, Aide-de-Camp, and Secretary of the General Staff, Headquarters, United States Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Kentucky; Brigade S-1/Adjutant, 3rd “Duke” Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division; Fort Hood, Texas and Jalalabad, Afghanistan. He has been the Executive Officer of the Training Support Battalion, United States Army Soldier Support Institute at Fort Jackson, South Carolina since 1 September 2009.

Major Holmstrom’s professional military education includes the Armor Officer Basic Course, the Adjutant’s General Captains Career Course, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, and the Human Resources Manager Qualification Course.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, the Kosovo Campaign Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terror Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Ribbon, and the NATO Medal.

Major Holmstrom is married to the former Wanda Wetelainen of Laurium, Michigan. They have two sons, Joshua (4 years) and Dallas (2 years) and are expecting a third child in July 2011.