



Lieutenant Colonel Eric S. Edwards was born in Ft Stewart, Georgia. He graduated from Auburn University in 1992 with a Bachelor's in Business Administration - and received a Master's Degree in Healthcare Administration with a Certificate in Gerontology from the University of Alabama @ Birmingham in 2001.

Upon his commission in 1992 he departed for Ft Riley, Kansas where he served as a Platoon Leader, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 34<sup>th</sup> Armor; Executive Officer, Headquarters Company/Division Material Management Center; and Aide-de-Camp, Assistant Division Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division.

From 1996 to 1999, LTC Edwards served as Company Commander, 41<sup>st</sup> Combat Support Hospital and then instructor at the Academy of Health Sciences. During his administrative residency at Landstuhl Army Medical Center in 2000 he served as Chief, Resource Management, TRICARE Europe; followed by a comptroller internship and duty as Chief Financial Officer, Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center.

In 2005 LTC Edwards was stationed at Ft Bragg, North Carolina and deployed in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM as G8, 44th Medical Command (Airborne). He then served as Comptroller, Special Programs/Weapons Branch, United States Army Special Operations Command; and then J8, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan (CJSOTF-A), 7<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne) Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

Other assignments include Chief, Program Analysis/Evaluation, TRICARE Regional Office West; Deputy Commander/Chief of Operations, Medical Task Force 31 - Operation ENDURING FREEDOM; and then G8, Pacific Regional Medical Command. Most recently LTC Edwards was hand selected as Executive Assistant to The Army Surgeon General and Commanding General, US Army Medical Command at the Pentagon.

His awards and decorations include: the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal (1-OLC), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (1-OLC), the Army Meritorious Service Medal (4-OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (2-OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (1-OLC), and various service, unit and campaign medals. He has been awarded the Combat Action Badge, Expert Field Medical Badge, Aviation Badge, Parachutist Badge and Army Staff Identification Badge. Foreign awards include the Australian and German Parachutist Badges, and the German Schutzenschnur and Armed Forces Military Proficiency Badges. He is a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit (O2M3). In 2003 he was awarded the University of Alabama Healthcare Professionals Scholastic Achievement and Leadership Awards.

LTC Edwards is married to the former Renee' Loughner from Atlanta, Georgia; and they have two children Cody, 22 and Madison, 16.