

Colonel Timothy R. Starke
Director of Operations, Kentucky Army National Guard
Commander, 75th Troop Command

A native of Long Island, New York, Colonel Timothy R. Starke was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant as a Distinguished Military Graduate from the Providence College Reserve Officer Training Corps in Providence, Rhode Island in 1999. COL Starke served as an Armor and Cavalry Officer in the Active Component until 2005 with assignments to Ft. Hood, Texas, Ft. Knox, Kentucky and Ft. Drum, New York. His duty positions included Tank Platoon Leader and Mortar Platoon Leader in 1st Battalion, 66th Armor, Company Executive Officer in 2nd Battalion, 81st Armor and Squadron Plans Officer and Squadron S1 in 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry, including a deployment in support of Operational Iraqi Freedom. In 2005, he left the Active Component and joined the Kentucky Army National Guard, where he transferred to the Military Police Branch. In the KYARNG, he has served in numerous command and staff positions to include Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 149th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Operations Officer, Executive Officer and Commander of the 198th Military Police Battalion, including a deployment in support of Operation New Dawn, Deputy G3 / State Training Officer for the Kentucky Army National Guard, S3 of the 149th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade and Executive Officer of the 75th Troop Command.

COL Starke's military education includes the Armor Officer Basic Course, Infantry Mortar Leader's Course, Armor Captain's Career Course, Military Police Officer Transition Course, Command and General Staff College and the United States Army War College. His awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Kentucky Merit Ribbon, Kentucky Commendation Medal, Kentucky State Active Duty Ribbon, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge and the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge.

COL Starke holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from Providence College, a Master of Science Degree in Emergency Management from Eastern Kentucky University and a Master of Science Degree in Strategic Studies from the US Army War College. COL Starke currently serves as the Director of Operations for the Kentucky National Guard and Commander of the 75th Troop Command.