

Battalion Commander

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph W. Young

LTC Joseph Young was born in Whitney, TX. He graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1997 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Water Science. He was commissioned as a Field Artillery officer and attended the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course at Fort Sill, OK. LTC Young's first assignment was as a Fire Support Officer in C Troop, 1/3 ACR at Fort Carson, Colorado. He also served as a Fire Direction Officer and Paladin Platoon Leader for Howitzer Battery, 1/3 ACR.

After completion of his branch detail, LTC Young transitioned to the Transportation Corps and attended the Transportation Transition Course at Fort Eustis, VA. LTC Young returned to Fort Carson as the Executive Officer for HHC, 43d Area Support Group. After a brief period, he then became the Platoon Leader for 1st Platoon, 2d Transportation Company (HET) and later served as the Battalion S-3 for the 68th Corps Support Battalion.

After attending the Combined Logistics Captain's Career Course at Fort Lee, VA, he was assigned to Eighth US Army as the Sea Movements Branch Chief for the G4 Transportation Division. Following his assignment in Korea, LTC Young reported to Fort Riley as the Division Transportation Officer for the 24th Infantry Division. He then assumed command of A Company, 610th Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, and 1st Infantry Division. LTC Young ended his time at Fort Riley as the 1st Infantry Division G4 Maintenance Officer.

LTC Young attended the Command and General Staff College-Intermediate Level Education at Fort Leavenworth, KS and followed on to be the Deputy Support Operations Officer for the 10th Sustainment Brigade at Fort Drum, NY. He then joined the 10th Combat Aviation Brigade in Afghanistan as the 277th Aviation Support Battalion Executive Officer and Support Operations Officer. Following his time with the 10th Mountain Division, LTC Young was selected for the Afghanistan-Pakistan (AFPAK) Hands Program.

As an AFPAK Hand, LTC Young served as the Senior Advisor to the Afghanistan Ministry of Defense NATO Codification Bureau for the Ministerial Advisory Group, Combined Security and Transition Command-Afghanistan. LTC Young returned from Afghanistan to work in the Joint Staff J5 Pakistan-Afghanistan Coordination Cell. He completed his time at the Pentagon focusing efforts on Countering Violent Extremism in the newly established J5 Trans-regional Threats Coordination Cell (T2C2).

LTC Young's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO ISAF Medal, Combat Action Badge, Airborne Wings, and the Valorous Unit Citation Award.

LTC Young is married to the former Dr. Stephanie Hoeflich. They have three sons; Alexander, Colton, and Roran.