

COL Beth A. Behn

Colonel Beth Behn is a native of Cedar Falls, Iowa. She graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1994 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Transportation Corps. Her first duty assignment was to Fort Eustis, Virginia where she served as a Platoon Leader in the 329th Transportation Company (Heavy Boat), Company Executive Officer in the 1098th Transportation Company (Medium Boat), and Detachment Commander for the 169th Transportation Detachment (Heavy Crane) and, later, 491st Transportation Detachment. She deployed to Haiti in support of Operation Uphold Democracy in 1995 and to Kuwait in support of Operation Desert Thunder in 1998.

After promotion to Captain and completion of the Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course in 1998, COL Behn was assigned to Fort Hood, Texas. There, she served as a Battalion S-4 in the 180th Transportation Battalion and Company Commander for the 96th Transportation Company (HET). Near the end of her time in command, she was selected for the Army's advanced civil schooling program.

COL Behn attended two years of graduate school at the University of Massachusetts where she earned an MA in American History. Her follow-on assignment was to the United States Military Academy as an instructor in the History Department. In January 2006, she deployed to Iraq in support of OIF 05-07 and served as a staff officer with the 17th Field Artillery Brigade in Baghdad.

From 2007-2008, COL Behn attended Command and General Staff College (CGSC) at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Following her graduation from CGSC, she was assigned to Fort Carson, Colorado where she served as the BCT S-4 and Support Operations Officer for 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division. She deployed to Iraq with 2nd BCT, 4th ID in support of OIF 08-10.

COL Behn served as an assistant professor in the History Department at the United States Military Academy from 2010-2012, during which time she was awarded the History Department's Distinguished Teaching Award and earned her Ph.D. in History from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

COL Behn commanded the 26th Brigade Support Battalion, 2ABCT, 3ID at Fort Stewart, Georgia from 2013-2015. Following her time as a battalion commander, she served as the 3rd Infantry Division G4. COL Behn next attended the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, graduating with a Masters in Strategic Studies in May 2016. She served in Afghanistan from 2016-2017 as the Director for Essential Function 5.1 (ANDSF Logistics) as part of the Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan.

COL Behn's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (w/OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal (w/4 OLC); Army Commendation Medal (w/2 OLC); National Defense Service Medal (w/Bronze Star); Iraqi Campaign Medal (w/2 Bronze Stars); Afghanistan Campaign Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (w/Bronze Star); Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Armed Forces Service Medal; Humanitarian Service Medal; Overseas Service Ribbon; United Nations Medal – Haiti; NATO Medal; Meritorious Unit Citation (w/1 OLC).

COL Behn is married to Dr. Julie Shappy. They have two children – Parke (10) and Twila (7).