

Colonel Clayton Kuetemeyer

Year of Commission: 1993

BS in Speech Communications, MS in Human Resource Education



Colonel Kuetemeyer commissioned as an Infantry Officer into the U.S. Army in 1993 and served on active duty and in the Army National Guard for over 35 years. He served in numerous leadership positions from platoon leader to the Commander of the 33rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team. Other key assignments include the J35 Division Chief of the National Guard Bureau, Chief of the Illinois National Guard Joint Staff, ILARNG G-3, Deputy IG, Battalion Commander 2-130 Infantry Regiment, Battalion Commander ILARNG Recruiting Battalion, and the Operations Officer of the 129th Regional Training Institute. His deployments include Kuwait and Afghanistan in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, Poland, and Ukraine, where he led the training efforts of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. He has earned two degrees from the UIUC and a second master's degree from the U.S. Army War College. After leaving military service, he was appointed by Governor J.B. Pritzker as the Deputy Director of Emergency Management for the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

Year Inducted: 2024