

# COLONEL MICHAEL JACOBSON

## Deputy Commanding Officer

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COL Mike Jacobson was born in Omaha, Nebraska and grew up as an Air Force dependent primarily in Germany and Virginia. He began his military career in 1983 with his enlistment in the Army as a Tactical Switch-system Operator, Cannonner, and Forward Observer. After transitioning to the Virginia Army National Guard in 1991, COL Jacobson graduated the Combined Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia and Fort Pickett, Virginia and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery in 1998.



He is a graduate of the Field Artillery Officer's Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, and the Command and General Staff Officers Course, and the Joint Operational Fires and Effects Course.

COL Jacobson currently serves as the Deputy Commanding Officer / Chief of Staff for the United States Army Center for Initial Military Training at Fort Eustis, Virginia. His previous assignments include command of the 207<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Group at Fort Jackson, SC; the 1106<sup>th</sup> Mobilization Support Battalion at Fort Eustis, Virginia; and the Special Troops Battalion, 55<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Brigade, at Fort Belvoir Virginia; A/437<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Company; and Headquarters-Headquarters Battery, 54<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade. Other formative assignments include Assistant S-3 current operations, Virginia National Guard Joint Task Force in support of Operation Noble Eagle; Executive Officer for the 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion; Executive Officer the 275<sup>th</sup> Combat Sustainment Support Battalion; and on the Joint Staff, J35 Global Force Management.

COL Jacobson's operational assignments include two deployments to Afghanistan as the Resident Engineer for the Task Force Uruapan Provincial Reconstruction Team and team Leader of the Task Force Helmand Human Terrain Team.

He is a graduate of Christopher Newport University with a BS in Political Science and Old Dominion University with an MA in International Studies.

COL Jacobson's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, and the Joint Staff Badge.