

Biography



Lieutenant Colonel Garnett earned his Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education from Winona State University, Winona, MN and K-12 teacher certifications from Aurora University, IL and Northern Illinois University, IL. After a six-year career as a public-school teacher and varsity football coach, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant following attendance at Officer Candidate School Fort Benning, GA and has since earned a Master's in Political Science from the University of Oklahoma and a Masters in Military Studies from the U.S Marine Corps' Command and Staff College.

LTC Garnett served his company-grade assignments while assigned to 1-1 ADA (Patriot) at Fort Bliss, TX and Okinawa, Japan, Commander of D/3-2 deploying to the Kingdom of Bahrain, and Commander HHB/31st BDE Fort Sill, OK.

Field-grade assignments include the Asymmetric Warfare Group at Fort Meade, MD with deployments to the Levant, North Africa, and the Middle East regions supporting U.S. interagency operations while embedded with Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Arabian Peninsula. Following completion of Command and Staff College, LTC Garnett served a one-year tour with the U.S. State Department as an advisor to the Republic of China-Taiwan Ministry of National Defense under Title 22 authorities. Upon redeployment he reported to 2-44 ADA (C-RAM & C-UAS) at Fort Campbell, KY serving as the Battalion Operations Officer deploying in support of OPERATIONS RESOLUTE SUPPORT MISSION-Afghanistan and INHERENT RESOLVE-Iraq. Subsequently he transitioned to USINDOPACOM at Camp H.M. Smith, Hawai'i as the Taiwan Desk Officer within the Joint Operations Directorate. Following his Joint tour he reported to Fort Sill, OK to serve as the Deputy Commander for 31st ADA Brigade followed by Commander of 3-2 ADA; deployments included USEUCOM resulting from the Russia-Ukraine conflict, USCENTCOM and USAFRICOM in response to the 7 Oct 2023 Israeli-Hamas Crisis, and returned to USCENTCOM in the Spring 2025 in support of the U.S.-offensive against Yemen-Houthi. Most recently he reported to 94th AAMDC at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawai'i to serve as the Commander's Action Group – Guam Defense System.

LTC Garnett's professional military education includes the U.S. Army's Air Defense Officer Basic Course at Fort Bliss, TX, the U.S. Marine Corps' Expeditionary Warfare School, and the U.S. Marine Corps' Command and Staff College at Quantico, VA.

Individual courses include the U.S Army's Airborne, Air Assault, and Sniper Schools at Fort Benning, GA.

His military awards and decorations are commensurate with twenty years of commissioned service; interagency awards include the U.S. State Department's Meritorious Honor Medal and Order of the Far East Maritime Dragon.