

LEUTENANT COLONEL ERIC D. ORCUTT

Commander, 116th Cavalry Brigade Combat Team



LTC Eric Orcutt enlisted as a Forward Observer (13F) with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 148th Field Artillery Regiment (FAR) in February 2000. In 2002, he received his commission as a Field Artillery Officer and a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from Idaho State University.

LTC Orcutt's first assignment as an Officer was Platoon Leader for Battery C, 1-148 FAR. In 2004 he deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III and served as the Task Force Fire Support Officer for 2-116th Armor Battalion, 116th Cavalry Brigade Combat Team (CBCT).

LTC Orcutt assumed command of Battery B, 1-148 FAR, upon returning from Iraq in 2005 and served as Battery Commander from January 2006 to February 2009. In February 2009, he was assigned the Battalion S1 for 1-148 FAR and remained in that position through his second deployment to Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn from September 2010 through September 2011.

In September 2011, LTC Orcutt was assigned as the Battalion Fire Direction Officer for 1-148 FAR. LTC Orcutt was promoted to Major, September 2012 and assigned as the Plans Officer (S5) for HQs 116th CBCT. In June 2014, LTC Orcutt became the Assistant Brigade Fire Support Officer and attended the Brigade's National Training Center Rotation in August 2015 in that position.

LTC Orcutt was assigned as the 116th CBCT S3 in October 2016. He was assigned as the Executive Officer for the 116th CBCT in July 2017. While in this position, he completed a second rotation at the National Training Center in June 2019. In February 2020, LTC Orcutt was assigned as Battalion Commander of 1-148th FAR with a concurrent full time position as the State Training Officer, G3 for the Idaho Army National Guard.

LTC Orcutt grew up in Lewiston, Idaho. In August 2020 he married his wife Valorie and between them they have six children. He has two boys Kaden (18) and Konner (16) and Valorie has four children Antony (24), Anzli (21), Autiana (20), and Ailani (13).