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Travis McKnight promoted to Colonel in the Tennessee National Guard

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Tennessee’s newest Colonel, William Travis McKnight, was promoted during a ceremony at Nashville’s Joint Force Headquarters, March 1. The ceremony was presided over by Tennessee’s Deputy Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Jimmie Cole.

“The respect that Col. McKnight has earned throughout his career is a testament to his commitment to being selfless,” said Cole. “He is able to focus on whatever mission lies in front of him, and his dedication to leadership is prevalent throughout our ranks.”

McKnight has served in the military since November 1992, when he first enlisted in the Tennessee National Guard as a water treatment specialist with Lewisburg’s 251st S&S Company. He then attended and graduated from Officer Candidate School, commissioning as a second lieutenant in 1997. Since then, McKnight has served in numerous positions to include commander of the 115th Field Artillery Regiment’s Battery B, the Training and Assistant Operations Officer for the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment’s Regimental Fires Squadron, the Executive Officer for the Chief of Staff, commander of the 176th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, and the state’s Deputy Logistics Officer.

McKnight now serves as the commander of Chattanooga’s 230th Sustainment Brigade and works fulltime as the deputy commander for Tennessee’s United States Property and Fiscal Office. He also deployed to Afghanistan in 2005 and Iraq in 2009.

“Being in the Tennessee National Guard has been a blessing for me and my family,” said McKnight. “I have had many opportunities to see and do so much. The greatest reward is being able to support others in achieving their goals. I get so much satisfaction out of seeing others succeed.”

When McKnight is not leading Soldiers, he volunteers as a football coach for Colombia Academy. Football has always been a big part of his life, as he played collegiately at Cumberland University and served there as a graduate assistant coach for two years.

McKnight graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education from Cumberland University and earned a Master of Arts in Education. He also earned a master’s degree in strategic studies from the United States Army War College in 2021.

Some of McKnight’s military achievements and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, three Meritorious Service Medals, the Combat Action Badge, and three Army Achievement Medals.

McKnight is the son of retired Col. Larry McKnight and Dianne McKnight. He has been married to his wife, Jamie, for 24 years and they have two sons, Hunter and Cutler.

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Col. William Travis McKnight poses with family members following his promotion ceremony, March 1, at the Tennessee National Guard's Joint Force Headquarters, in Nashville. McKnight is the commander of Chattanooga's 230th Sustainment Brigade and the deputy commander of Tennessee's United States Property and Fiscal Office. (photo by Edgar Castro)

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