

Stinchfield, Michael K (Mike)

Chief of Staff



COL Mike K. Stinchfield received a commission as an Infantry officer through the U.S. Army Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia in 2000 after serving as a Field Artillery Fire Direction Specialist at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He served in various positions including Rifle Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer in 1-87th Infantry (10th Mountain Division) at Fort Drum, New York where he deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom 01. Upon return, COL Stinchfield was assigned to Fort Benning, Georgia where he commanded Echo Company, 2-54th IN (OSUT) from 2003-2005. After his command, he attended the Infantry Officers Advanced Course at Fort Benning, Georgia and was assigned to Camp Red Cloud, Republic of Korea where he served in the 2nd Infantry Division as a Division Battle Captain. In 2006, he was assigned to the 3rd Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment (9SBCT) where he commanded H Troop during Operation Iraqi Freedom 07 from 2007-2008, leading his Stryker Infantry Troop in counterinsurgency operations in both Southern Baghdad and Diyala Province.

COL Stinchfield became a Simulations Operations officer (FA57) in 2009. COL Stinchfield graduated from the Army Command and General Staff College in 2012 and was assigned to the Joint-Base Lewis-McChord Mission Training Complex where he worked in several roles;

from supporting individual and small unit training with virtual simulations to support for large-scale Corps level exercises. In 2014, he transferred to the 7th Infantry Division where he served as G5 planner and exercise officer. COL Stinchfield's following assignment was to the National Simulation Center at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas where he led the Combined Arms Center Training Innovation Facility from 2015-2017. COL Stinchfield served as the Chief of Modeling and Simulations G3/7 for U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) at Joint Base San Antonio, Texas from 2017-2019. His previous assignment before attending the Army War College in 2021-2022 was the TRADOC Proponent Officer for Virtual and Gaming Simulations and Simulators.

COL Stinchfield holds a Master of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College, a Master of Science in Modeling, Virtual Environments, and Simulations from the Naval Postgraduate School and a Bachelor's of Science in Computer Science from Troy State University. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Ranger Tab, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, and Basic Parachutist Badge.

COL Stinchfield is married to the former Ms. Brooke Bennett of Issaquah, Washington with whom he has three daughters and one son.