

Christian Meisel

Christian is a PhD student and Student Fellow of the Military History Center at the University of North Texas. He earned his Bachelor of Science in History (Military) from the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York in June of 1996 and a Master of Military Studies from the United States Marine Corps University in June of 2010.

Christian's main area of research focuses British military doctrine in the First World War. Specifically, their amphibious operations doctrine and the planning for the assault landing commonly called Gallipoli. This research will be conducted under the supervision of Dr. Geoffrey Wawro.

Beyond the First World War, Christian's other research interests include the US Civil War, the French and Indian War, military logistics, Chinese military history, British Empire military history, and the Age of Sail Royal Navy.

The son of an Army family, he lived in several different places including Germany, Virginia, Kentucky, and Utah before completing high school in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. After graduating from West Point, he was commissioned and served for twenty-six years as a logistics officer. While in the Army, he served in Germany, Kentucky, Texas, Louisiana, a NATO assignment in the United Kingdom, and multiple tours of Iraq and Afghanistan totaling four years. He served in the first regular Army combat brigade sent to Afghanistan in 2001/2002 (3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division) and participated in Operation Anaconda. As a logistics officer, he was not included in Josh Naylor's Not a Good Day to Die. While serving as a company commander, he led his unit into Iraq as part of the initial invasion in 2003.

In his last two assignments, covering five years, Christian focused on Defense Support of Civil Authority (DSCA) and homeland defense. While in US Army North in San Antonio, Texas he deployed ten times around the country for various hurricane responses and other domestic issues. These included the military's support to the COVID-19 response with hospital augmentation as well as establishing immunization sites. Christian retired from the Army as a colonel in 2022 after 26 years of service.

He enjoys reading (naturally), traveling around the US and Europe, spending time with his family, and attending live sports events. Christian is an avid follower of all sports teams from Pittsburgh.

Christian is married to the former Laura Anne Pattay of New York, New York. They have one daughter, Sarah, and too many cats (four).

