

Casey Baker

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CASEY BAKER CURRENTLY TEACHES AT THE U. S. COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE, FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS. HE IS A 2005 GRADUATE OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY. WHILE STUDYING AT UNT, HE EARNED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN 2014 AND HIS DOCTORATE IN 2020. BETWEEN 2014 AND 2016, HE TAUGHT MILITARY HISTORY AT USMA. IN 2019, HE SERVED AS A STAFF HISTORIAN AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPER FOR ARMY ROTC MILITARY HISTORY PROGRAM. HIS RESEARCH INTERESTS INCLUDE THE WAR OF THE FIRST COALITION (1792-1797), 18TH CENTURY EUROPEAN WARFARE AND DIPLOMACY, AND BRITISH CIVIL-MILITARY RELATIONS.

CASEY'S DISSERTATION, "BETWEEN COALITION AND UNILATERALISM: THE BRITISH WAR MACHINE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, 1793-1796" PROVED THAT THE MEDITERRANEAN THEATER REMAINS IMPORTANT FOR UNDERSTANDING TWO CRITICAL CONCEPTS OF BRITISH AND ALLIED STRATEGY AND POLICY DURING THE FRENCH WARS (1792-1815). FIRST, COMMITMENT TO THE MEDITERRANEAN WAR REPRESENTED THE REINTRODUCTION OF BRITISH POWER IN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS AFTER A SELF-IMPOSED HIATUS. SECONDLY, IT PROVIDES A LENS TO UNDERSTAND THE CONFLICTED AND SELF-DEFEATING IMPACT OF THE ROYAL NAVY ON BRITISH FOREIGN POLICY. THE WAR, PARTICULARLY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, LAID BARE THE TENSIONS BETWEEN CONTINENTAL AND COLONIAL INTERESTS. IT ALSO HIGHLIGHTED THE INSTITUTIONS THAT REPRESENTED THESE TWO AREAS OF BRITISH FOREIGN POLICY. WITHOUT DECISIVE LEADERSHIP IN THE MEDITERRANEAN TO RECONCILE THESE INSTITUTIONS, NATIONAL MILITARY STRATEGY EXPOSED THE SEVERE INTERNAL TENSIONS AND GREAT CONTRADICTIONS OF BRITISH POLICY.

CASEY IS A NATIVE OF PRINCETON, TEXAS, AND A 2005 GRADUATE OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY. FROM DECEMBER 2005 TO JUNE 2008, HE WAS ASSIGNED AS A SCOUT PLATOON LEADER AND TROOP EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR 1ST BATTALION, 7TH US CAVALRY AT FORT HOOD AND TAJI, IRAQ. IN JUNE 2009, HE ASSUMED COMMAND OF COMPANY C, 4TH BATTALION, 70TH ARMOR REGIMENT IN BAUMHOLDER, GERMANY. IN AUGUST 2010, HE ASSUMED COMMAND OF HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 4-70 ARMOR AND DEPLOYED THE COMPANY IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM IN URUZGAN PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN. FROM OCTOBER 2011 TO JUNE 2012, HE SERVED AS A BRIGADE OPERATIONS PLANNER FOR THE 170TH INFANTRY BRIGADE IN NORTHERN AFGHANISTAN AND GERMANY.

CASEY HOLDS A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HISTORY FROM THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY. HE IS A GRADUATE OF THE ARMOR OFFICER BASIC COURSE, THE ARMOR CAPTAINS' CAREER COURSE, AND THE CAVALRY LEADERS' COURSE. HIS AWARDS AND DECORATIONS INCLUDE: THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL, THE BRONZE STAR (TWO AWARDS), THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL, THE ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL (TWO AWARDS), NATO MEDAL, THE COMBAT ACTION BADGE, AND AIR ASSAULT BADGE. HE IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER MRS. REBEKAH ANKROM OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS. THEY HAVE THREE WONDERFUL SONS WHO KEEP THEM VERY BUSY!

