

William Nance

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM NANCE WAS COMMISSIONED A SECOND LIEUTENANT OF ARMOR ON 1 JUNE 2002 FROM THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY. IN NOVEMBER 2002, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO 1ST BATTALION, 68TH ARMOR REGIMENT, FORT CARSON, CO, SERVING AS A PLATOON LEADER AND STAFF OFFICER IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM I. UPON REDEPLOYMENT IN MARCH 2004, LT. NANCE WAS REASSIGNED WITH HIS COMPANY TO 1ST BATTALION, 8TH INFANTRY REGIMENT AS PART OF THE ONGOING MODULARIZATION OF THE ARMY. IN MARCH 2005, CAPTAIN NANCE ATTENDED THE ARMOR CAPTAINS' CAREER COURSE AT FORT KNOX, KY. IN OCTOBER 2005, BILL WAS ASSIGNED AS A TASKING OFFICER, CURRENT OPERATIONS, G3, III CORPS. IN MAY 2006, HE ASSUMED COMMAND OF HEAVY COMPANY, 2ND SQUADRON, 3D ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT, AS PART OF ITS BRAC MOVE TO FORT HOOD, TX. BILL REBUILT THE COMPANY FROM 13 SOLDIERS TO ITS ASSIGNED STRENGTH OF 80 TROOPERS AND OFFICERS. IN NOVEMBER 2007, HE DEPLOYED HIS COMPANY TO MOSUL, IRAQ, AND CONDUCTED AREA SECURITY OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTHWEST PORTION OF THE CITY. IN MAY 2008, CPT NANCE ASSUMED COMMAND OF REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS TROOP, 3D ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT. IN JANUARY 2009, HE REDEPLOYED HIS TROOP TO FORT HOOD, TX, AND RELINQUISHED COMMAND IN MAY OF THAT SAME YEAR.

BILL IS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AS AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF MILITARY HISTORY. HE HAS TAUGHT OR IS TEACHING: HISTORY OF THE MILITARY ART TO 1900, HISTORY OF THE MILITARY ART SINCE 1900, HISTORY OF WARFARE SINCE 1945, HISTORY OF WORLD WAR II, AND THE HISTORIOGRAPHY OF WORLD WAR II. HE IS EXPECTING TO ADVISE FOUR CADETS IN THEIR SENIOR THESES IN THE SPRING OF 2014.

HE RECEIVED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN MILITARY HISTORY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS. HIS THESIS ASSESSED THE VALUE OF CORPS CAVALRY ASSIGNED TO THE U.S. THIRD ARMY DURING WORLD WAR II. MAJ NANCE DEFENDED HIS DOCTORAL DISSERTATION ON 11 NOVEMBER 2013. THIS WORK, EXPANDED UPON HIS EARLIER WORK AND EVALUATED THE IMPORTANCE OF CORPS CAVALRY TO THE FOUR AMERICAN FIELD ARMIES COMMITTED TO THE ETO IN THE WORLD WAR II. NANCE ASSERTS THAT CORPS CAVALRY PROVED VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF AMERICAN AND ALLIED ARMS IN THIS THEATER.

MAJOR NANCE HAS A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MILITARY HISTORY FROM THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY, A MASTER'S DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS, AND WILL GRADUATE WITH A PHD IN HISTORY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS IN MAY 2014. 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, THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (THREE AWARDS), THE ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL, THE COMBAT ACTION BADGE, AND THE PARACHUTIST BADGE. HE HAS ONE PUBLISHED ARTICLE "THE ARMORED RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON AND THE MECHANIZED CAVALRY GROUP", APPEARING IN THE JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2006 EDITION OF ARMOR MAGAZINE. HE HAS ALSO PRESENTED HIS RESEARCH ON CAVALRY OPERATIONS AT THE 2011 INTERNATIONAL SECURITY / INTERNATIONAL STABILITY CONFERENCE AS WELL AS TO THE 117TH CAVALRY ASSOCIATION. HIS ARTICLE, "LOST SABERS: WHY WE NEED OPERATIONAL CAVALRY AND HOW TO GET IT BACK," WAS PUBLISHED IN THE VOL. 5, NO. 4 OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2014 VOLUME OF THE CAVALRY & ARMOR JOURNAL.

