

COLONEL CHARLES A. BONASERA (R)
BIOGRAPGICAL SUMMARY

COL Charles A. Bonasera was commissioned in June of 1983 through the Alabama Military Academy, and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Alabama, he also has a Masters Degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic Course, the Quartermaster Officer Basic Course, the Military Police Officer Basic Course, the Aviation Officer Advanced Course, the Quartermaster Officer Advanced Course, Initial Entry Rotary Wing Course, The UH-1 Test Pilot Course, the UH-60 Qualification Course, Combined Arms and Service Staff School, the Command and General Staff Officers Course, and the U.S. Army War College.

COL Bonasera's assignments includes the Executive Officer of HQHC 167th COSCOM, Tactical Officer at the Alabama Military Academy, Platoon Leader, Co E 131ST Aviation (AVIM), Commander, 445TH Aviation Company, Commander 1133RD Medical Company, S-3 Operations Officer, 131ST Assault Aviation Battalion, Executive Officer, 1-131ST Assault Aviation Battalion, Battalion Commander, 1-131ST Assault Aviation Battalion, Team Chief, Combat Tactical Advisor, Ghazni Afghanistan, Brigade Commander, 131ST Aviation Regiment, State Army Aviation Officer, JFHQ-Alabama, Team Chief, Senior Logistics Advisor to the Afghan National Army (ANA), Helmand, Afghanistan. His final retirement assignment is at Stanhope Elmore High School as a JROTC Senior Army Instructor.

COL Bonasera's awards include the Legion Of Merit, The Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with one Bronze Oak Leaf, Army Commendation Ribbon with one Oak Leaf, the Army Achievement Ribbon, National Guard Achievement Ribbon with 2 Oak Leaf's, the National Defense Service Ribbon with one Bronze Star, Afghanistan Campaign Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Service Ribbon, the Humanitarian Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Ribbon-Army, the Army Service Ribbon, the Army Overseas Service Ribbon, the Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, the NATO Ribbon, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Veterans Service Medal of Alabama, National Emergency Service Medal of Alabama with 911 Clasp, Faithful Service Medal of Alabama with one Saint Andrews Cross, the Active Duty Basic Training Medal, the Senior Army Aviator Badge and the Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB).

COL Bonasera and his wife Jimette have been married for 20 years and they reside in Titus, Alabama. They have two children still at home Khloe, 14 years old, and Kaleb, 13 years old. COL Bonasera is still currently serving as the Senior Army Instructor teaching JROTC at Stanhope Elmore High School in Millbrook, Alabama.