



Assistant Dean/Deputy Commander Biography:

COL Stephen A. Barnes

COL Barnes serves as the Assistant Dean / Deputy Commander of the US Army School of Aviation Medicine.

COL Steve Barnes earned his commission in the Medical Service Corps through Army ROTC at Wheaton College in May 1991.

COL Barnes' duty assignments include service at Fort Benning, Fort Rucker, Korea, Fort Bragg, Alaska, HRC, and White Sands Missile Range with combat deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, as well as operational deployments to Bosnia-Herzegovina and Central America.

His leadership experience includes time as Medical Platoon Leader/2-18th Infantry Battalion, Forward Support Team Leader/377th Medical Company (Air Ambulance), Flight Platoon Leader/498th Medical Company (Air Ambulance), Detachment Commander/U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Lab, Commander/68th Medical Company (Air Ambulance), and Commander/McAfee U.S. Army Health Clinic.

COL Barnes' staff experience includes service as Operations Officer/498th Medical Company (Air Ambulance), Battalion S3 & Executive Officer/56th Medical Evacuation Battalion, Chief of Medical Plans & Operations/U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Assignments Officer/Human Resources Command, G3/5/7 Force Management Officer/U.S. Forces Command, Deputy Surgeon/ XVIII Airborne Corps, and Assistant Dean/U.S. Army School of Aviation Medicine.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business & Economics from Wheaton College and a Master of Science in Human Resources from Troy State University. He is a graduate of the Army Medical Department Officer Basic Course, Initial Entry Rotary Wing Course, the Aviation Captain's Career Course, and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. He is recognized by The Army Surgeon General as a "9A" designee for outstanding proficiency and skill in his specialty as a 67J Aeromedical Evacuation Officer.

COL Barnes' awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Air Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, as well as various campaign & service medals. He has earned the Ranger Tab, Senior Army Aviator Badge, Expert Field Medical Badge, Parachutist Badge, and Pathfinder Badge.