

## **Biography of Lieutenant Colonel Blaine T. Radenz**

LTC Radenz is currently serving as the Equal Opportunity Program Manager for III Corps and Fort Hood. He previously served as the Senior Human Resources Officer for First Army Division West. He was commissioned in the Adjutant General's Corps in 1992 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas.

He was first assigned to Fort Bliss, where he served as the Strength Management Officer and Assistant Adjutant of the Third Armored Cavalry Regiment. He was subsequently assigned to the 3d ACR's Personnel Service Company, the 517th. While assigned to the 517th PSC, LTC Radenz was dual-hatted as the Personnel Management Officer (Chief of Actions, Promotions, and SIDPERS) and the Company Executive Officer. When the 3d ACR transferred its guidon to Fort Carson, LTC Radenz was reassigned to the Military Entrance Processing Station in Butte, Montana. He was dual-hatted as the Chief of Testing Management and the Operations Officer while assigned to the station. After attendance at the Captains Career Course, LTC Radenz was assigned to the 556th Personnel Services Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> ID (L) and served as the Bravo Detachment Commander for nearly 23 months. LTC Radenz was reassigned to Fort Hood, Texas, in the spring of 2000. He was assigned to the 13th Corps Support Command, where he served as the Strength Manager and Deputy G1. In April of 2002, LTC Radenz was reassigned to the U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion, Sacramento, where he served as the Personnel and Logistical (S1/S4) Officer until May of 2004.

In June 2004 LTC Radenz was reassigned to Fort Hood, as the XO of the 546th Personnel Services Battalion; he served only briefly as the battalion was inactivated on 16 October 2004. He was next assigned as the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) Deputy G1 during the division's transformation into the Army's first modular division and the stand-up of the division's 4th Brigade Combat Team. Subsequently he was assigned as the Battalion XO of the 502d Personnel Services Battalion, which deployed in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM 05-07 and was responsible for all mail and personnel services in Iraq from the Kuwaiti border north to Taji, as well as the 4th ID's casualty liaison teams in Iraq, Kuwait, Germany, Walter Reed AMC, and Texas. When the 502d PSB was inactivated in April 2007, LTC Radenz was assigned as the Brigade S1 for the 41st Fires Brigade. The 41st Fires was deployed for 14 months in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM 08-09, as a battlespace owning Brigade, responsible for the entire Iraqi Province of Wasit. The 41st led a joint combined team that included forces from the US Army, Navy and Air Force and six coalition nations: Poland, Lithuania, El Salvador, the Republic of Georgia, Kazakhstan, and Romania.

LTC Radenz attended Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas, where he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree. His military education includes the Equal Opportunity Advisor Course, the Army Command and General Staff College's Intermediate Level Education (ILE) Common Core, the Adjutant General's Corps Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, and the Combined Arms and Services Staff School.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters, and the Parachutist Badge. LTC Radenz is also a recipient of the Field Artillery Association's Honorable Order of Saint Barbara and the Adjutant General's Corps Regimental Association's Order of Horatio Gates Bronze Medal.

LTC Radenz is married to the former Tricia Sparks of Brownwood, Texas. They have three sons: Zachary (21), James (16), and Daniel (Daniel passed away in June 2009).