

Lieutenant Colonel Edward B. Hayes
Commander, 1-409 Cavalry

After growing up around the United States and Central and South America as an Army dependent, Lieutenant Colonel Edward B. Hayes attended the United States Military Academy and was commissioned as an Armor Officer upon graduation in 1994. His first assignment was to the 1st Battalion, 37th Armor at Friedberg, Germany, where he served as a Tank Platoon Leader and Tank Company Executive Officer from 1994-1997 to include a deployment to Bosnia with the Implementation Force. As a volunteer in the 1LTs-to-Korea program, LTC Hayes then served as the 2nd Infantry Division's Deputy Public Affairs Officer at Camp Red Cloud, Korea, from 1997-1998.

Upon completion of the Armor Officer's Advanced Course, LTC Hayes was assigned to the 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington. From 1999-2002, he served as the Brigade Battle Captain, Company Commander of HHC 3rd BDE, and Troop Commander of A/1-14 CAV. During this assignment he transitioned these units from a Heavy Brigade to the Army's first Stryker Brigade. Following this assignment, LTC Hayes returned to Fort Knox, KY, where he commanded K/2-16 CAV training Armor 2LTs from 2002-2003. He then served as a Small Group Instructor and as the Course Manager for the Armor Captain's Career Course from 2003-2006.

After graduation from the Command and General Staff College in 2007, LTC Hayes was assigned to Hawaii where he first served as the Future Operations Planner on the US ARMY PACIFIC staff to 2008. He was then assigned to 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division where he then served as the Brigade Planner, Squadron S3 and Squadron XO for 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry from 2008-2010 which included a deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. After returning to the mainland, LTC Hayes served as the Deputy Commanding Officer for the 316th Cavalry Brigade at Fort Benning, GA, from 2010-2012 where he helped lead the Brigade's and Armor School's transition from Fort Knox to Fort Benning as part of the Base Realignment and Closure effort.

LTC Hayes received a Bachelor of Science Degree in International Relations from the United States Military Academy and a Master of the Arts in Management and Leadership from Webster University. His military education includes the Armor Officer's Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, the Joint Firepower Course, and the Command and General Staff College. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters, and the Combat Action Badge.