

COL David R. Baxter
Chief of Staff
USASMDC

Colonel David R. Baxter assumed duties as the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command on Aug. 19. Commissioned as a second lieutenant, he has held leadership positions from platoon leader to brigade commander.

He most recently served as the assistant commandant, U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He was previously assigned as the commander, 30th ADA Brigade, Fort Sill, and as chief, Combatant Command Integration Cell, at the Missile Defense Agency.

Additional command assignments include battalion commander, 1st Battalion, 7th Air Defense Artillery, 32nd Air and Missile Defense Command, where the battalion deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; commander, C Battery, 1st Battalion, 56th Air Defense Artillery, Fort Bliss, Texas; and commander, A Battery, 5th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery, Fort Bliss.

Previous staff assignments include: deputy branch chief, Training Development, G3, Forces Command, Fort Bragg, NC; chief, Air Missile Defense Cell/deputy chief, Force Protection Cell, XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg; 32nd AAMDC liaison officer to U.S. Army Central/3rd Army, Operation Enduring Freedom, Kuwait; deputy commanding officer, 108th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Fort Bragg; deputy commanding officer, 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Fort Bliss; battalion executive officer, 5-52 Air Defense Artillery, Fort Bliss; current operations officer, G3, 32nd AAMDC, Fort Bliss; operations officer/Coalition Forces Land Component Command, C3, liaison officer to Multinational Corps Iraq, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Kuwait and Iraq; secretary to the General Staff, Fort Bliss; assistant S3, 5-52 Air Defense Artillery, Fort Bliss, and Operation Southern Watch, Saudi Arabia; Air Defense Artillery liaison officer team/Theater Army Air and Missile Defense Coordination operations officer, Eighth U.S. Army/U.S. Forces Korea/CFC, Yongson, Korea.

His awards include: the Legion of Merit; Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (silver oak leaf cluster); Joint Service Commendation Medal; Army Commendation Medal (four oak leaf clusters); Army Achievement Medal (four oak leaf clusters); Joint Meritorious Unit Award; Army Good Conduct Medal, and Parachutist Badge.

COL Baxter graduated from the U.S. Military Academy with a Bachelor of Science in political science (international relations-Russian area studies). He earned a Master of Arts in human resource management from Webster University and is a graduate of the National War College with a Master of Science in national security and strategic studies.



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