



# BIOGRAPHY

## **KEVIN W. WRIGHT, LTC, USA (RETIRED)**

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Kevin Wright is a retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel with over 24 years' service with a focus on training, doctrine, and operations. He has extensive instructional experience since military retirement in 2007, as adjunct faculty at Columbus State University, Perimeter College of Georgia State University, Georgia Military College, Keiser University-Tampa Florida Campus and was an online professor of American Government for Arizona State University Global Campus. He is an instructor of American Literature, History and Civics for a home school coop "Bridge Sarasota". Kevin was a full time ROTC instructor at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Five years service as a high school Senior Army Instructor in Georgia and

Florida. Kevin is a certified educational consultant/presenter and former financial services distributor.

His military experience includes two combat deployments to Iraq in 1991 and again in 2006 and assignments in Germany Kansas, California, Texas, Georgia, Virginia, and Kentucky. From 1995-96 he was the US Army TRADOC liaison to the Israeli Defense Forces. He was commissioned in Armor from the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York in 1983.

Colonel Wright's military education includes the Armor Officer Basic, Mortar Platoon Leader, Armor Officer Advanced, Airborne, and Command and General Staff College. He was awarded a master's degree in political science from the University of Louisville in May 2007.

Colonel Wright is a lifetime member of Disabled American Vets, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion where he served as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Kirby Stewart Post 24.

He hosts a local video podcast, Facebook page and newsletter called Military Matters whose purpose is to educate and inform the community while honoring those who serve and have served the nation in military uniform.

Colonel Wright's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medallion, Meritorious Service Medal (8 awards), Army Commendation and Army Achievement Medals. He has been awarded the U.S. Army and Israeli Defense Force Parachutist badges.

Kevin is the son of a career enlisted Air Force service member and one of three children. Both parents are deceased. Kevin is married to the former Robyn Dickens, who retired after 34 years of civil service in March 2013 at Fort Benning, Georgia. Kevin and Robyn live in Bradenton, Florida. Kevin has three adult children: John, Stephen and Caitlin of Wichita Falls Texas, stepson Steven Powell, KY and three grandchildren.