

UNITED STATES ARMY

LIEUTENANT COLONEL R. SCOTT BRIDEGAM

Lieutenant Colonel Bridegam is the Professor of Military Science and Department Head for Military Science at Kansas State University. He graduated and earned his commission from Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Virginia through Army ROTC as an Army Aviation officer. After completing the Aviation Officer Basic Course and the Initial Entry Rotary Wing Course, he completed the advanced helicopter qualification course and was rated as an OH-58D Kiowa Warrior pilot. Following flight school, he was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division's Cavalry Squadron at Fort Bragg, NC where he served as a platoon leader, liaison officer, and assistant operations officer including a deployment in support of operations in Haiti. He attended the Armor Officer's Advanced Course and Cavalry Leader's Course enroute to his next assignment at the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and Fort Campbell, KY where he served as an assistant operations officer, logistics officer, and air cavalry troop commander before accessing and being selected for service in the 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (SOAR). Lieutenant Colonel Bridegam served as the personnel officer, a light assault helicopter platoon leader, company operations officer, and a special mission unit liaison officer including deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq following the attacks of 9/11. He attended the Army Command and General Staff Course and returned to the 160th SOAR(A) where he served as the 1-160 Battalion operations officer and executive officer in Afghanistan and Iraq. He then moved back to the 101st Airborne Division and served as the 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment operations officer as they trained up to deploy to Afghanistan. Prior to his assignment here at Kansas State, he was selected for and served as the United States Army Special Operations Command's aviation liaison officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations on the Army Staff at the Pentagon. Lieutenant Colonel Bridegam's operational deployments include Operation Uphold Democracy and multiple deployments to Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. He is married to the former Cristen M. Collins of Hampton, Virginia and they have two daughters, Caitlin and Kori who attend Manhattan High School.



Education

- 2004 M.S., Adult Education, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS
- 2004 Graduate, US Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS
- 1991 B.A., History, Christopher Newport University, Newport News, VA

Professional Experience

- June 2009 – Present: Professor of Military Science, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS
- June 2007 – June 2009: Special Operations Aviation Officer for the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Headquarters Department of the Army, Pentagon
- June 2006 – June 2007: Squadron Operations Officer, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (AASLT), Fort Campbell, KY
- June 2005 – June 2006: Battalion Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (ABN), USASOC, Fort Campbell, KY and Iraq
- June 2004 – June 2005: Battalion Operations Officer, 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (ABN), USASOC, Fort Campbell, KY; Iraq; and Afghanistan
- October 2002 – June 2003: Special Mission Unit Liaison Officer, 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (ABN), USASOC, Fort Campbell, KY and Afghanistan
- January 2002 – October 2002: Special Operations Aviation Company Operations Officer, A Company, 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (ABN), USASOC, Fort Campbell, KY
- January 2001 – January 2002: Adjutant, 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (ABN), USASOC, Fort Campbell, KY
- October 1998 – June 2000: Air Cavalry Troop Commander, C Troop, 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry

- Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (AASLT), Fort Campbell, KY
- January 1998 – October 1998: Logistics Officer, 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (AASLT), Fort Campbell, KY
- January 1997 – January 1998: Assistant Operations Officer, 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (AASLT), Fort Campbell, KY
- August 1995 – June 1996: Assistant Operations Officer, 1st Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC
- January 1995 – August 1995: Liaison Officer, 1st Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC
- June 1993 – January 1995: Air Cavalry Platoon Leader, C Troop, 1st Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC

Training

- 2009 Army Combatives Level I Course, Kansas State University, KS
- 2000 Special Operations AVN Officer Training & MH-6 Qualification Course, Fort Campbell, KY
- 1997 Cavalry Leaders Course, Fort Knox, KY
- 1996 Armor Officer Advanced Course, Fort Knox, KY
- 1995 Jumpmaster Course, Fort Bragg, NC
- 1994 US Army SERE Course, Fort Bragg, NC
- 1994 Air Movement Operations Course, Fort Bragg, NC
- 1993 Initial Entry Rotary Wing & OH-58D Qualification Course, Fort Rucker, AL
- 1992 Aviation Officer Basic Course, Fort Rucker, AL
- 1992 Air Assault School, Fort Rucker, AL
- 1987 Airborne School, Fort Benning, GA

Awards and Decorations

- Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster
- Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
- Air Medal with numeral 2
- Joint Service Commendation Medal
- Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
- Army Achievement Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters
- Presidential Unit Citation Award
- National Defense Service Medal with one star
- Armed forces Expeditionary Medal
- Afghanistan Campaign Medal
- Iraq Campaign Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Humanitarian Service Medal
- Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal
- Army Service Ribbon
- Senior Aviator Badge
- Senior Parachutist Badge
- Air Assault Badge
- Army Staff Badge
- British Parachutist Badge

Family

- Married to the former Cristen M. Collins of Hampton, VA and have two daughters, Cat and Kori