Dedication

This work is dedicated to my family, whose support, patience, and understanding have facilitated my achievement of this academic hallmark in my Army career.

Biography

Brent Dunford Fogleman is originally from Palouse, Washington. He is the son of Dr. Richard and Nancy Dunford of Raleigh, NC. He is married to Elicia and they have two sons, Brandon and Austin. Brent is a Major in the U.S. Army, serving on active duty at North Carolina State University.

Upon graduation from North Carolina State University in 1997 with a Bachelor of Science in Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management, Brent was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. He attended and graduated from the Field Artillery Officer's Basic and Advanced courses and the Combined Arms and Services Staff School. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army's Ranger school, Basic Airborne Course, and the Jumpmaster Course. Brent has served at many duty stations around the world including the Republic of Korea; Fort Sill, OK; Fort Lewis, WA; Fort Leavenworth, KS; Fort Wainwright, AK; and Fort Richardson, AK. He was deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom IV-V where he served as the Task Force 1-501st PIR Fire Support Officer. Upon return to Alaska, he successfully commanded three separate units over the span of four years.

Brent's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Army Achievement Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Korean Defense Service Medal, and the Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral four. He earned the Ranger tab and the Senior Parachutist badge. Upon graduation from NC State, Major Fogleman will attend his Intermediate Level Education at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

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I am proud to be the first student at North Carolina State University to graduate with a Masters of Geospatial Information Science and Technology.

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