



COL JOANNE T. FARRIS

Colonel Joanne T. Farris was commissioned a second lieutenant through the Reserve Officers Training Corps program at UNR in 1991. After completing the Adjutant Generals Officer Basic Course and the Public Affairs Officer Course, Colonel Farris continued her career in the Nevada Army National Guard.

Colonel Farris was then assigned as the Broadcast Section Officer for the 106th Public Affairs Detachment, and then Commander, Headquarters Detachment 99th Troop Command. After her company command Colonel Farris served as the battalion logistics officer and then the assistant operations officer.

From 1999 to 2001, Colonel Farris assumed command of the 1-69th Press Camp Headquarters, which deployed to Bosnia in September 1999 to May of 2000 in support of Operation Joint Forge where she served as the Public Affairs Officer and the Detachment Commander for the National Support Element in Taszar Hungary. Upon return from deployment Colonel Farris was selected as the State Family Program Director for the Nevada National Guard. Her follow-on assignments include the Joint Forces Headquarters Commander; Executive Officer, 1-421st Regional Training Institute; Deputy J-1; and Commander, 1-421st Regional Training Institute Battalion Commander.

Directly after Battalion Command in 2011, Colonel Farris deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) with the 401st Army Field Support Brigade as the Director of Tactical Biometrics for United States Forces, Afghanistan. Upon return from deployment, she took the position of Command Information Officer for the Nevada National Guard and then was selected as Deputy Commander, 991st Multi-Functional Brigade in 2014 prior to taking command of the Brigade in April of 2015.

Colonel Farris is a 2004 graduate of Command and General Staff College. She earned her Bachelor's degree from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1991 and her Master's Degree with high honors from Clayton College in 2004. She graduated Army War College in July of 2015 earning a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies. Her highest military award is the Meritorious Service Medal with (4) Oak Leaf Cluster