

Lieutenant Colonel Damone A. Garner enlisted into the Army National Guard from May 1989 to December 1993. In 1994, Lieutenant Colonel Garner received his commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery and entered active duty. Lieutenant Colonel Garner's most recent assignment was Chief of Readiness and Mobilization headquarters USACAPOC (A) Fort Bragg, NC. He is now assuming command of the 440<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion, Fort Carson, CO.

Lieutenant Colonel Garner has served in a variety of notable positions gaining much experience. Some of his most prominent assignments include serving with the 2ACR as Platoon Leader, Mortar Platoon Leader, and Executive Officer for 2HWB. He also served as TC Commander for OPFOR operations for JRTC. Lieutenant Colonel Garner later was assigned with the 82nd Airborne Division Detachment where he served as the Division Rear Fire Support Officer, and Operations Officer. He was later assigned as the Commander of 354th Civil Affairs Brigade, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Riverdale Park, Maryland. Lieutenant Colonel Garner's deployments include deploying with the 422D CA BN with the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) in support of "OPERATIONS IRAQI FREEDOM I" as a battalion S-3 Officer. He then deployed as the Senior Advisor to Afghan Local Police of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan for NATO-Training Mission-Afghanistan and Combined Security Training Command-Afghanistan.

Lieutenant Colonel Garner also has an extensive military education. His most noteworthy military education includes the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies (SAASS), Marine Corps Command and General Staff College, Joint Military Civil Operations Course, and Ranger School. He has also earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication from Middle Tennessee State University, a Masters of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University, a Masters in Military Studies from Marine Corps University, and a Masters of Airpower Art and Science from Air University. Through his abilities and training as an Officer and leader, Lieutenant Colonel Garner has also received a number of awards. His most distinguished awards being a Purple Heart and Bronze Star with Valor (with three Oak Leaf Cluster).

To view Lieutenant Colonel Garner's full bio please visit the 440<sup>th</sup> CA BN's AKO webpage.