



COL Amanda Hughes

Brigade Commander

Originally from Indiana, COL Hughes enlisted in the U.S. Army National Guard in 1998 as an interrogator. She later commissioned in 2003 as a Military Intelligence Officer from the ROTC program at Methodist University in Fayetteville, NC, where she studied criminal justice. She also earned her Masters Degree in Justice Administration from Methodist University in 2016.

COL Hughes has served in duty positions in Forces Command (FORSCOM) and Special Operations Command (SOCOM) units throughout her career, including: Platoon Leader, Executive Officer, Division Analysis and Control Element Chief, Battalion Intelligence Officer, Company Commander, Brigade Intelligence Officer, Joint Staff intelligence support officer, J2 for an Inter-Agency Task Force, Executive Officer to the Commander of Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC), and Deputy J2 for JSOC.

COL Hughes's assignments include the 82nd Airborne Division, 3rd Infantry Division, US Special Operations Command (USASOC), and JSOC.

COL Hughes has multiple deployments to Afghanistan, Iraq, and Jordan.

COL Hughes's military education includes the 97E Advanced Individual Training (AIT), Spanish Linguist training at the Defense Linguist Institute, Military Intelligence Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Source Operations Course (SOC), Joint HUMINT Operations Course (JHOC), Intermediate Level Education (ILE), Command and General Staff College (CGSC) Fellowship at Duke University, and Joint and Combined Warfighting School (JPME II).

COL Hughes's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge, Parachutist Badge, German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (Gold), and the LTC Thomas Knowlton Award.