

**Major Diogo P. F. Tavares, MBA**  
**Professor Military Science – University of Louisiana at Lafayette**

Major Tavares' first assignment, after the Armor Officer Basic Course (AOBC) was with the 2d Infantry Division, Republic of Korea where he served in the 1st Brigade Combat Team with 2-72 Armor Battalion, Camp Casey as a Tank Platoon Leader with Bravo Company, 2d Platoon. He was then assigned to the U.S. Army Armor Center and Fort Knox in Kentucky where he served with 1-16 Cavalry Squadron as Tank Troop Executive Officer and Headquarters and Headquarters Troop Executive Officer. While at Fort Knox, Major Tavares was selected to be the Aide-de-Camp for the Deputy Commanding General of the USAARMC and Fort Knox, Major General (Retired) Terry L. Tucker. After completion of that assignment he served as the Assistant Regimental Operations Officer (Training) for the 16th Cavalry Regiment.

Upon completion of the Armor Captains Career Course (ACCC), Major Tavares was assigned to the 3d Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Fort Stewart, Georgia where he served as the Assistant Brigade Operations Officer (Chief of Plans) for the 1st Brigade. He deployed to Baghdad, Iraq in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. He was later assigned to 2-7 Infantry Battalion, where he served as Assistant Operations Officer, Battalion Adjutant and Battalion Rear Detachment Commander. Major Tavares took command of Company C, later deploying in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM V under Task Force 3-69 AR to Ramadi, Iraq. Major Tavares later served as the Brigade Assistant Operations Officer, Chief of Training. Upon his return Major Tavares served as an Instructor/Writer at the US Army Engineer School at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. While assigned to the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault), Major Tavares deployed in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM 10-11 to Kandahar, Afghanistan as the Chief of Plans for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade (502<sup>nd</sup>) and Squadron Operations Officer for 1-75 Cavalry Regiment. Upon redeployment, Major Tavares continued to serve as the Operations Officer and later, Executive Officer. In May 2012, Major Tavares assumed command of 1-75 Cavalry Regiment when his commander and other leaders were deployed as Security Force Advise and Assist Teams (SFAAT) on a deployment to Afghanistan.

Major Tavares currently serves as the Assistant Professor of Military Science at the Louisiana State University with duty at University of Louisiana at Lafayette, where he serves as the Head of the Department of Military Science.

Major Tavares' military education includes the Armor Officer Basic Course, Battalion Maintenance Officers Course, Armor Captains Career Course, Combined Arms Staff Service School, the Counter-Insurgency Leadership Academy, Joint Firepower Course, Intermediate Level Education, Airborne, Air Assault, Pathfinder, Rappel Master, SPIES/FRIES and Ranger School.

Major Tavares' awards and decorations include; the Bronze Star (1 OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (1 Star), Iraqi Campaign Medal (4 Stars), Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War On Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (with Numeral 3), NATO Medal, Presidential Unit Citation (1 OLC), Valorous Unit Citation, Naval Unit Commendation, Army Superior Unit Citation, German Efficiency Badge (Bronze), Basic Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Ranger Tab and the Combat Action Badge.

He is married to the former Jacqueline Ann Mouser of Elizabethtown, Kentucky and they have one son Caleb Julio (11) and two daughters Meghan Elizabeth (9) and Morgan Isabel (5).