

# COLONEL HENRY DIXON

## 33rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team Commander, Illinois National Guard

Colonel Henry Dixon assumed command of the 33rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team in October 2014. He enlisted in the Illinois Army National Guard in July 1987 and commissioned as an Infantry officer from the University of Illinois Reserve Officer Training Corps in May 1989.

Colonel Dixon's previous assignments include the 33rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) deputy commander; Director of strategic plans and policy of the Illinois National Guard; Branch chief, force integration and readiness, Joint Forces Headquarters G-3; the 65th Troop Command Brigade (TCB) executive officer; the 2nd Battalion, 130th Infantry Regiment Commander; Branch chief, internal review and audit, United States Property and Fiscal Office (USPFO); the 2nd Battalion, 130th Infantry Regiment executive officer; Intelligence officer 66th Brigade; State physical security officer; the 135th Chemical Company Commander; Liaison Officer for the 66th Brigade; State Range officer; Rifle platoon leader and heavy mortar platoon leader with Company A, 2nd Battalion, 130th Infantry and Battalion intelligence officer.



Colonel Dixon has served overseas during Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2005-2006 and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) from 2008-2009. During OEF, he served as Chief of Staff of Afghanistan Regional Security Integration Command-West.

Colonel Dixon's professional military education includes: Airborne School, Pathfinder School, Infantry Officers' Basic Course, Infantry Officers' Advanced Course, Infantry Mortar Platoon Leader Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College. He holds a Bachelor's of Science degree from the University of Illinois and a Juris Doctorate from John Marshall Law School.

Colonel Dixon's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star (Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (6 Oak Leaf Clusters), National Defense Service Ribbon, Iraqi Campaign Medal (2 campaign stars), Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (M Device), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 2), Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, State of Illinois Military Active Duty Ribbon, State of Illinois Military Long and Honorable Service Ribbon (3rd Award), and State of Illinois Military Attendance Ribbon (8th Award). His badges include Combat Infantry, Airborne, and Pathfinder Badges.

Colonel Dixon is married to the former MaryPat Weirich.

As of January 2015