

COLONEL MICHAEL J. GLISSON

65th Troop Command Brigade Commander, Illinois National Guard

Colonel Michael J. Glisson assumed duties as the 65th Troop Command Brigade Commander in June 2013. His previous assignment was as and plans branch chief, G3, Illinois Army National Guard in Springfield, Illinois.

COL Glisson earned his commission in May 1988 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. He joined the Illinois Army National Guard in February 1990 as a fire support team chief assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 123rd Field Artillery Regiment and attached to the 3rd Battalion, 130th Infantry Regiment in East St. Louis, Illinois.

COL Glisson's previous assignments include fire support officer with the 3rd Battalion, 130th Infantry Regiment in Marion, Illinois; service battery commander in Marion, Illinois, bravo battery commander in West Frankfort, Illinois and battalion operation and executive officer for 3rd Battalion, 123rd Field Artillery in Marion, Illinois; fire support coordinator, brigade operations officer for the 33rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team in Urbana, Illinois; and battalion commander for the 2nd Battalion, 122nd Field Artillery Regiment in Chicago.



COL Glisson deployed in support of Operation Noble Eagle as the chief, Army Liaison Section, United States Air Force – Air Mobility Command Security Forces and in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as the CJ7, director of Afghan National Security Forces Development, Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix VIII. He has also supported multiple state active duty and overseas training missions as well as supported the 2012 NATO Summit.

COL Glisson's professional education includes a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in metalsmithing from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale and a master's degree in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College. He graduated from multiple military courses including the Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Combined Arms Staff Services School, Infantry Captains Career Course, Joint Firepower Course, Joint Operation Fires and Effects Course, Air Mobility Operations Course, Command and General Staff Officer Course and the Reserve Component National Security Course.

COL Glisson's awards include a Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Afghan Campaign Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Illinois Medal of Merit, Illinois State Active Duty Ribbon and the Joint Meritorious Unit Award.

As a civilian, COL Glisson is a self-employed artist blacksmith.

As of October 2013