



7TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (AIRBORNE)

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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Colonel Antonio M. Fletcher

Group Commander

Colonel Antonio M. Fletcher was born in Camden, South Carolina. He graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1989 and was commissioned in the United States Army as an Infantry Second Lieutenant. Colonel Fletcher began his Army career in the 197th Infantry Brigade at Fort Benning, Georgia where he served until 1995. His assignments included duty as a Rifle Platoon Leader, Scout Platoon Leader, HHC Executive Officer, and Battalion Maintenance Officer.

After graduating the Special Forces Qualification Course in 1996, Colonel Fletcher was assigned to the 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) where he served as Executive Officer for Alpha Company, 1st Battalion and later commanded Special Forces Operational Detachment – A (SFODA) 713 until 1999.

From 1999 to 2001, Colonel Fletcher served as the company commander for the Special Forces Assessment and Selection in 1st Battalion, 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne). Following this assignment, Colonel Fletcher attended the Command and General Staff College and graduated in 2002.

Following graduation, Colonel Fletcher returned to the 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) to command Alpha Company, 1st Battalion. Subsequent assignments in 7th Group included duty as the 1st Battalion Operations Officer, 7th SFG(A) Operations Officer, and Deputy J3 for the Group's initial Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan (CJSOTF-A) rotation in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

In August 2005, Colonel Fletcher was assigned to the United States Army Special Forces Command (Airborne) and served as Chief of the Operations Division in the G-3. During this assignment, Colonel Fletcher rejoined 7th SFG(A) as the J3 for Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force- Afghanistan (CJSOTF-A) from February to August 2006.

From September 2006 to March 2009, Colonel Fletcher commanded 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, during which he deployed forces throughout the USSOUTHCOM area of responsibility and to Afghanistan. In Afghanistan, Colonel Fletcher served as Commander, Special Operations Task Force 73, comprised of Army, Air Force, Marines, and Afghan Special Operations Forces. Following command, Colonel Fletcher was assigned to the United States Army Special Forces Command (Airborne) and served as the G-3.

From July 2010 to June 2011, Colonel Fletcher attended and graduated the Marine Corps War College, earning a Masters degree in Strategic Studies.

Colonel Fletcher's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal. He has earned the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Ranger and Special Forces Tabs.

