

LTC Geoffrey C. Sheaffer

Readiness Mobilization and Exercises Division Chief

U.S. Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) G33

Lieutenant Colonel Geoffrey “Geoff” Sheaffer graduated from Fort Sill, OK Basic Training, and Fort Bliss, TX as a Stinger Operator in 1997. He commissioned through Officer Candidacy School as a Chemical officer in the Oklahoma National Guard in 1998 and graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology in 2000. He later obtained a Master of Science in Environmental Management from Webster University in 2006 and a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College in 2022.

After completing Chemical Officer Basic Course at Fort McLellan, AL in 1999, LTC Sheaffer’s initial assignment was as a dual purpose (smoke and decontamination) platoon leader in the Headquarters, and Headquarters Company, Detachment 2, 45th Infantry Brigade, in Kingfisher, Oklahoma. Following this assignment, he worked as the executive officer for A Company, 378th Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 95th Division (Individual Training). A short time after, he was mobilized as the 1st Platoon Leader, 377th Chemical Reconnaissance Company, Richmond, VA from January 2003 to September 2003. Upon return from mobilization, he was chosen as the A Company Commander, 378th Regiment, 2nd Brigade, in the 95th Training Division.

In 2004 he was selected for Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) in the United States Army Reserve as the executive officer for the 90th Regional Readiness Command, Headquarters, and Headquarters Company in North Little Rock, Arkansas. After completion of the Chemical Officer Advanced Course in 2006, he worked as an assistant operations officer in the 468th Chemical Battalion, Little Rock, Arkansas. LTC Sheaffer commanded the 370th Chemical Company in Fort Worth, Texas to validate the unit for the CBRNE Consequence Management Response Force (CCMRF) Homeland Defense mission from June 2008 to December 2010, where his company was selected as the USAR Chemical Company of the year in 2010. After company command, he transferred to the Civil Affairs (CA) Branch.

His first Civil Affairs assignment was Plans Officer, 354th CA Brigade, Riverdale, Maryland (December 2010 to December 2012) where he became qualified through the Civil Affairs Qualification Course. LTC Sheaffer deployed to Amman, Jordan from January to September 2013 as the Civil Affairs Operations Officer in Central Command-Forward, J9 for the Syrian refugee crisis. After his deployment he transitioned to Belton, MO to serve as the Operations Officer / Civil Military Operations Center Chief at the 418th CA Battalion prior to attending CGSC.

After CGSC, LTC Sheaffer worked at USSOUTHCOM as a CA planner in the J7 from July 2016 to March 2017 and transitioned to lead exercise planner in the J7/9 for EXERCISES PANAMAX and TRADEWINDS from March 2017 to June 2019. He was

selected for a broadening opportunity where he served as an Army Fellow at the United States Department of Agriculture, Office of Homeland Security, National Security Division (July 2019 to August 2020) where he helped lead the Food and Agriculture Critical Infrastructure working groups during the COVID response.

His follow-on utilization tour was in the TRADOC G33 where he served as the Mobilization and Exercises Division Chief for 7 months, from August 2020 to February 2021 before he was selected to attend the U.S. Naval War College. Upon graduation, March 2022, he reported back to TRADOC where he assumed the role of the Readiness, Mobilization and Exercises Division Chief where he is responsible for the planning, execution, synchronizing, and exercising of TRADOC's Training Base Expansion mission while reporting on their readiness up to HQDA and facilitating solutions to improve readiness shortfalls.

LTC Sheaffer has attended Chemical Officer Basic Course, Chemical Captain's Career Course, Reserve Theater Sustainment Course, Technical Escort, CBRNE Responder Course, Civil Affairs Qualification Course, Joint Humanitarian Operations Course, Security and Stability Development in Complex Operations, Command and General Staff College, and U.S. Naval War College. His awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War of Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Joint Meritorious Service Award, and Army Superior Unit Award.

LTC Sheaffer and his wife, Kari, have two sons and a daughter: Ethan (18 yrs.), Halli (10 yrs.), and Solomon (8 yrs.) currently living in Williamsburg, VA.