



## **LIEUTENANT COLONEL (RETIRED) ANTHONY E. DUPLECHIEN**

### **Senior Army Instructor-Roswell High School JROTC**

Lieutenant Colonel Anthony E. Duplechien, a proud instructor for the Roswell High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Program, graduated from Northwestern State University of Louisiana with a BA in Education 1993 and summa cum laude from Columbia Southern University with a Masters of Business Administration 2015. Lieutenant Colonel Duplechien was Distinguished Military Graduate of Officer Candidate School receiving his commission in 1999.

Lieutenant Colonel Duplechien's military education includes Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course, Warrant Officer Candidate School and Warrant Officer Basic Course (AV), Officer Candidate School, Aviation Officer Basic Course, Aviation Officer Captains Career Course, Intermediate Level Education (Command and General Staff College), Advanced Operations Course (Command and General Staff College) and the JROTC School of Cadet Command. Lieutenant Colonel Duplechien is also a Graduate of the UH-1 Maintenance Test Pilot Course and the UH-60 Maintenance Test Pilot Course.

Lieutenant Colonel Duplechien entered in the Army in 1985 and served as a Custodial Agent in the 59<sup>th</sup> Ordinance Brigade; in 1987 he then entered the Louisiana Army National Guard as an Infantryman and served as Team Leader, Squad Leader and Platoon Sergeant in the 256<sup>th</sup> HBCT. Lieutenant Colonel Duplechien reentered Active Duty to attend Initial Entry Rotary Wing Training in 1994. Lieutenant Colonel Duplechien's first assignment after completing flight school was with 2 Infantry Division in the Republic of Korea. Subsequent Assignments were in the 101<sup>st</sup> Air Assault, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division. Entering the Georgia Army National Guard in 2003 Lieutenant Colonel Duplechien served in the 1-171<sup>st</sup> GSAB before being assigned to DET C 1-185<sup>th</sup> Air Assault. Lieutenant Colonel Duplechien returned the 1-171<sup>st</sup> before being assigned to the 48 IBCT and 560<sup>th</sup> BFSB as the Brigade Aviation Officer. From 2009 to 2011 Lieutenant Colonel Duplechien served as the Operations Officer of the 1-171<sup>st</sup> during Operation New Dawn (deployed) and returned to be the Force Integration Readiness Officer for the GAARNG, Executive Officer to the Commanding General GAARNG and he then served as the Operations Officer of the 122<sup>nd</sup> Regional Training Institute, Operations Officer for the 78<sup>th</sup> Aviation Troop Command, Brigade Executive Officer of the 78<sup>th</sup> Aviation Troop Command, and the Deputy Commander for the 560<sup>th</sup> Battlefield Coordination Detachment.

Lieutenant Colonel Duplechien's command assignments have included: Commander Wiesbaden Detachment A/2-501<sup>st</sup> 1st Armored Division, Wiesbaden Federal Republic of Germany, Commander HHC 1-171<sup>st</sup>, 159<sup>th</sup> Aviation Brigade GA-ARNG, Commander Detachment C 1-185<sup>th</sup>, 185<sup>th</sup> Theater Aviation Brigade GA-ARNG, Commander Alpha Company 1-171<sup>st</sup>, 159<sup>th</sup> Aviation Brigade GA-ARNG..

Key staff assignments have included S4 Logistics' and Property Book Officer- (PBO) 1-171<sup>st</sup> GSAB, Assistant Operations Officer 1-171<sup>st</sup> GSAB, Brigade Aviation Officer 48<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team,

Brigade Aviation Officer 560<sup>th</sup> Battlefield Surveillance Brigade and Force Integration Readiness Officer GA ARNG, Executive Officer of the Commanding General and General Staff and Operations Officer of the 122<sup>nd</sup> Regional Training Institute, Operations Officer for the 78<sup>th</sup> Aviation Troop Command, Executive Officer 78<sup>th</sup> Aviation Troop Command, and Deputy Commander for the 560<sup>th</sup> Battlefield Coordination Detachment.

His deployment and contingency operational experience include supporting Operations' Desert Shield and Desert Storm (1990-91); Task Force Hawk in Kosovo (2000); Operation Iraqi Freedom II (2003-2005), Task Force Dragonmasters and his most recent deployment supporting Operation New Dawn in Iraq (2010-2011).

His homeland defense and contingency experience include Hurricane Andrew, Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Rita, Hurricane Gustav, Hurricane Ike and Firefighting in Waycross Georgia.

Lieutenant Colonel Duplechien's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with 4 OLC), the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (with 4 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (with 4 OLC), the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal (second award), the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Kosovo Campaign Medal, the Korea Defense Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with M device), the Army NCO Professional Development Ribbon (2<sup>nd</sup> award), the Army Service Ribbon, the Army Overseas Ribbon (3<sup>rd</sup> award), the Army Reserves Overseas Training Ribbon, the NATO Ribbon (Kosovo), and the Combat Action Badge. He is a graduate of the Army's Air Assault School, and is a Master Army Aviator.

Lieutenant Colonel Duplechien is a member of the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS), and a member of the Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA). Additionally, Lieutenant Colonel Duplechien is a member of Faith United Methodist Church in Cartersville, GA where he serves in several ministries.

Lieutenant Colonel Duplechien is married to Melissa Dawn (Cox) and has a son Noah (24) and daughters Hannah (20) and Tabitha (8 months). He is a passionate parent, an avid runner and volunteers in several community service areas. He and his family reside in Woodstock, GA.