

Colonel John S. RisCassi
Commander, 2nd STRYKER Cavalry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division,
Multi-National Division-Baghdad

COL John S. RisCassi received a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from Columbus State University in 1984 and enlisted in the Army. Shortly after his enlistment he was commissioned through Officer Candidate School in 1985 at FT Benning, Georgia and then attended Infantry Officer Basic Course and Ranger School.

His initial assignment was the 1st Battalion, 4th IN, 3d Infantry Division in the Federal Republic of Germany as a Platoon Leader, Mortar Platoon Leader, Executive Officer and BN Maintenance Officer. Following the Infantry Officer's Advanced Course he was assigned to 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division where he was an Assistant Brigade S3. He then served in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm where he served as a Company Commander, C Company, 2d Battalion, 5th IN, 1st Cavalry Division and following the deployment he commanded HHC, 2d Battalion, 5th IN, 1st Cavalry Division. He was then selected to serve in the Pentagon as a JCS Intern until his attendance at Command and General Staff College, FT. Leavenworth, KS. His next assignment was as the Battalion S3 and Executive Officer for 1st Battalion, 23rd IN, 3d Brigade, 2D Infantry Division, FT Lewis, Washington. COL RisCassi served as an executive assistant in the office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and then commanded 2d Battalion, 3rd IN, 3d Brigade, 2D Infantry Division, FT Lewis, Washington during the transformation of the first Stryker Brigade. He graduated from the National War College in 2004 and has served in the Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army as the Deputy Director Strategic Plans Division. He took command of 1st Brigade (STRYKER Brigade Combat Team), 25th Infantry Division, Light, Fort Lewis, Washington on 4 November 2005. COL RisCassi became the 74th Regimental Commander of the 2d STRYKER Cavalry Regiment after 1st Brigade reflagged to the 2d STRYKER Cavalry Regiment on 1 June 2006.

COL RisCassi has earned the Ranger Tab, Parachutist Badge, Path Finder Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge and Combat Infantryman's Badge.

