

Col. Richard Shatto is a native of Columbus, Ind., and a 1979 graduate of Columbus North High School. He enlisted into the Indiana Army National Guard in March 1980 where he served as an environmental health specialist through April 1987 and achieved the rank of Sergeant. In 1987, he attended the federal Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga. and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Indiana Army National Guard assigned as a maintenance platoon leader through 1991

Throughout his career Col. Shatto has served both full-time and as a traditional Guardsman. He has held various officer assignments serving in the cities of Indianapolis, Gary and Edinburgh and in positions such as engineer officer, utilities maintenance officer, company commander, supply officer, operations officer, assistant division engineer officer, chief security officer, as well as plans and operations officer. During this time, he had the opportunity to serve overseas on various training missions in places such as Honduras, Germany, Jamaica and Italy.



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In October 2002, Col. Shatto was assigned as the commander for the 113th Engineer Battalion stationed in Gary, Ind. In this assignment, he was called to active duty from October 2004 to January 2006 and deployed to Iraq with his battalion in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He returned to Indianapolis at the Joint Forces Headquarters where he was assigned as the plans, operations and military support officer and later assigned as the chief of staff of the 38th Infantry Division. During this time, COL Shatto once again was called into federal active service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and deployed with the division headquarters in July 2009 to Afghanistan. He returned in 2010 and released from active duty to the Indiana Joint Forces Headquarters serving as the full-time director of logistics until his newly assigned position as Post Commander of Camp Atterbury effective December 1, 2013.

Col. Shatto has attended numerous military schools throughout his service. In 1989 he graduated the Engineer Officer Basic Course in Fort Belvoir, Va., the advance course in 1994, captain's career course in 1995, command and general's staff officer college in 1997. In 1995, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from Indiana Institute of Technology in Fort Wayne, Ind. and in 2008 he earned a Master's of Science in Strategic Studies at the United States Army War College, Carlisle, Pa.

Col. Shatto has received numerous awards and decorations throughout his career. Of significance are the French Foreign Defense medal, Afghanistan and Iraqi Campaign medals, the Bronze Star with Oakleaf cluster and the Combat Action Badge.