

Colonel Steve Lewis

Biography

COL Steve Lewis is the Department of the Army Family Advocacy Program Manager and Deputy Director, Quality of Life Task Force; Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-9. COL Lewis is a Social Work Officer (AOC 73A) and he entered on active duty as a First Lieutenant in 1992 after graduating with his Master of Social Work degree from California State University, Sacramento. He received his Bachelor's in Arts degree from the University of Nevada Reno in 1989 and earned a PhD in Social Work from Florida State University in 2003 where he was awarded the Dianne F. Harrison scholarship for best prospectus and his dissertation was recognized at the 16th National Symposium on Doctoral Research in Social Work in 2004.

Prior to entering active duty he served 7 years in both the US Army Reserve and the Nevada Army National Guard. He is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic Course; the AMEDD Officer Basic and Advanced Courses; Combined Arms Services Staff School and the Army Command and General Staff College.

In his current position, COL Lewis oversees the Family Advocacy Program and the Army's Quality of Life (QOL) Task Force which is focused on housing, healthcare, child care, permanent change of station moves and spouse employment. Previously, COL Lewis has served in myriad of operational, academic, staff and clinical leadership roles throughout Army Medicine from Clinic Chief, Theater Behavioral Health Consultant and Department Chair. He has deployed in support of both peacekeeping and combat operations including Operation Joint Endeavor, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. From 2016-2020, COL Lewis was the Social Work Consultant to the US Army Surgeon General providing subject matter expertise on the career field of social work along with professional development for 73A officers. COL Lewis has published extensively in the area of stigma of mental illness, posttraumatic stress disorder, military behavioral health operations, and military operational stress.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters) and numerous campaign and service medals. He has been awarded the Combat Medic Badge, the Expert Field Medic Badge and the Senior Parachutist Badge. He is a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit and has been awarded the Surgeon General's prestigious 9A designator for professional excellence and prominence in the field of Social Work.