

Khirsten T. Schwenn

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Branch: Army

Rank: Colonel

Years of Service: 1999 to present

Locations of Service: Iraq, Afghanistan

Medals: Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom Medals
Bronze Stars and Air Medals

Summary of Service:

Before beginning her service, Ms Schwenn lived in Patterson, New York. She graduated from Brewster High School and later attended The State University of New York at Buffalo, which checked off both boxes that she had in mind when picking a college; a state school and a ROTC program.

After graduating from SUNY Buffalo, she commissioned into the Army as a second lieutenant at the completion of ROTC and her undergraduate degrees. She went to flight school right away after graduating in 1999. She got to her unit in 2001, which was 101st. She served as a platoon leader there. She has deployed three times to Iraq, out of Fort Hood, Texas and two times to Afghanistan out of Fort Bragg, North Carolina. She returned in July 2019 from a non-combat rotation to Europe.

In 2010, she graduated from Georgetown University with a Master's Degree in Public Policy. Col. Schwenn is a graduate of the Aviation Office Basic Course, the Captain's Career Course, and the Command and General Staff College. In 2020, she graduated from the U.S. Army War College and Advanced Strategic Art Program in Carlisle, PA.

She is still serving the US by working as an active duty Army Aviator and Director of Aviation Modernization assigned to the Pentagon in Washington, DC.

