

COL Todd Mayer '85
Inducted 2016



Todd's career spans 30 years in both the Active Force and the Ohio National Guard.

A Distinguished Military Graduate, Pershing Rifles 1SG and 4 year member, Resident Assistant (3 years) and XU Cheerleader, Todd was commissioned as an Armor Officer from XU ROTC in 1985. He was assigned to Germany for his first assignment and deployed with the 24 Infantry Division for Operation Desert Shield / Desert Storm. A tank company commander during the war, he was wounded in action and awarded Purple Heart and Bronze Star medals. Leaving Active Service, Todd was mobilized and deployed as Senior HR Manager for KFOR6A in the United States and deployed to Kosovo (December 2003 – October 2005). Additionally, his Ohio Guard assignments included Commander,

Reconnaissance Surveillance and Target Acquisition Squadron (June 2005 – November 2008), Deputy Task Force Commander/CoS TF Phoenix: Supplying Integrated Air Defense to the National Capital Region (December 2008 – September 2010), Commander TF Grant: Joint Air Defense Operations Center, Joint Base Anacostia Bolling, Washington DC, providing the Integrated Air Defense for the National Capital Region (October 2010 – September 2013). Additionally, he actively accepted XU ROTC SMP and CTLT cadets into his units and mentored them thru the course of their assignments. He retired in 2015 at the rank of Colonel. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Ohio Distinguished Service Medal and the Cavalry & Armor Association Order of Saint George. He is a War College graduate with a Masters of Strategic Studies, Strategic Leadership.

In his civilian career at General Electric, Todd is a leader of the largest corporate veteran networks in the country and works diligently to hire XU veterans into GE. He has presented the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Medal and Certificate to an XU cadet the last three years. Todd is also an active and involved member of: the Catholic War Veterans (commander), GE veterans network leader for global operations, American Legion Post 318, The VFW, The Military Order of the Purple Heart, Senior Vice Commander of Little Camp 10 (Sons of Union Veterans), Board Member of Keep Cincinnati Beautiful.

Todd exemplifies the highest traditions of the US Army and the Warrior Ethos; the Army ROTC program and living the Army Values of Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage, and Xavier University's values to succeed in changing the world together and acting with integrity, justice and generosity.