Benjamin Freakley

Benjamin C. Freakley (born 21 August 1953) is a retired United States Army lieutenant general , and a professor & policy advisor at Arizona State University . From Woodstock , Virginia , Freakley was commissioned as an infantry officer in 1975 , and served in Operation Desert Storm , Operation Iraqi Freedom , and Operation Enduring Freedom - Afghanistan before retiring in 2012 . After retirement Freakley began a career in education .

Early life

Originally from Woodstock , Virginia , he graduated from Central High School in Woodstock in 1971 . Freakley also became an Eagle Scout . Applying for admission to three military schools (Virginia Military Institute , The Citadel , and West Point) , he ended up graduating from West Point with the Class of 1975 .

Military career

Being commissioned as a second lieutenant of infantry in 1975 , he was assigned to the 506th Infantry Regiment until 1979 . He then was an aide @-@ de @-@ camp to the commanding general of the Military District of Washington , before being sent to West Germany to serve with the 2nd Battalion , 30th Infantry Regiment . During Operation Desert Shield , Freakley worked on the war plans , and served as battalion executive officer of the 3rd Battalion , 7th Infantry Regiment . Operation Desert Storm found him serving as the operations officer of the 1st Brigade of the 24th Infantry Division .

After Operation Desert Storm , Freakley commanded the 1st Battalion of the 5th Cavalry Regiment , before serving in staff positions with the 24th Infantry Division and III Corps , until being placed in command of the 3rd Brigade of the 1st Cavalry Division . 1999 found Freakley commanding the operations group at Fort Irwin 's National Training Center , before serving in staff positions at the National Military Command Center and Joint Staff .

In 2003 , Freakley served as assistant division commander , under David Petraeus , of the 101st Airborne Division , which found Freakley involved in combat in Iraq a second time during Operation Iraqi Freedom . After Iraq , Freakley became the Chief of Infantry at Fort Benning , during which time the Infantry Center became part of the Maneuver Center of Excellence .

In 2005 , Freakley commanded the 10th Mountain Division as it was deployed to Afghanistan , where he also became the commanding general of Combined Joint Task Force @-@ 76 . In 2007 , Freakley took command of Accessions Command , where he remained until he retired in 2012 .

Post @-@ military career

After retiring from the army , Freakley became a professor at Arizona State University , and special advisor to the university 's president .

Awards and decorations

Freakley has received the following awards :
Freakley was also named the policy leader of the year , by the National Association of State Boards of Education in 2010 .