

Program Executive Office Ground Combat Systems



COL James W. Schirmer
Project Manager
Armored Fighting Vehicles



COL Jim Schirmer graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science in history. Commissioned as an armor officer, he served in 2-64 Armor in Schweinfurt, Germany from 1992 through 1994.

Following the Armor Officers Advanced Course and Battalion Maintenance Officer's Course at Fort Knox, he served in the First Cavalry Division at Fort Hood from 1995-1999. While there he commanded C/3-8 CAV and the Division Headquarters Company, including deployments to Kuwait and Bosnia. After returning from Bosnia, COL Schirmer joined the Army Acquisition Corps. He served as a test officer with Operational Test Command at Fort Hood from 1999-2001.

After receiving an MBA from the University of Texas at Austin, he attended the Army's Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth. From 2004-2007, he served as an Assistant Product Manager in the Stryker Program. From 2007-2010, COL Schirmer served in the Assistant TRADOC Capability Manager's officer for the Heavy Brigade Combat Team, working on both the Bradley and Abrams programs. From 2010-2013, he served as a Product Manager with PM Stryker, working initially on the Double-V Hull project and later on Stryker modernization.

COL Schirmer is a 2014 graduate of the United States Army War College and is currently serving as Project Manager, Armored Fighting Vehicles.



Enabling Land Dominance for America's Warfighters

PEO GCS, an Army Acquisition Organization

