

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Matthew Darlington Morton grew up in Bethel, Ohio. He attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York from 1987-1991. Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1991, the author attended the Armor Officer's Basic Course, Scout Platoon Leader's Course, Airborne School, and graduated from Ranger School in 1992. His initial assignment was with 2<sup>d</sup> Squadron, 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment, stationed at Wildflecken, Germany. As part of the turbulent drawdown of military forces during the early 1990s, the Army reassigned Lieutenant Morton to 3<sup>d</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, a mechanized infantry battalion. Lieutenant Morton saw service with 3-5 CAV in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) from 1994-1995. After attending the Armor Officer's Advanced Course, the Army assigned Captain Morton to the 2<sup>d</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment, stationed at Fort Polk, Louisiana. Captain Morton took command of Troop E, 2<sup>d</sup> Squadron, 2<sup>d</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment in May 1997 and deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina from August 1997-June 1998. He received his MA in history from Florida State University in 2001 and graduated from the United States Army Command and General Staff College in October 2002. Major Morton currently serves as an assistant professor at the United States Military Academy. He will return to the active force as a strategist in 2005 after attending the School of Advanced Warfighting at the United States Marine Corps University.