

Army ROTC Blue Ridge Battalion

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE

CPT Jean-Claude D. Johnson

Military Science II Branch Chief

In 2020, Captain Jean-Claude D. Johnson was assigned as the Military Science II Branch Chief and Communication Officer at the Virginia Military Institute Army ROTC Blue Ridge Battalion. He made an instant impact by planning, coordinating, and executing the largest virtual Army commissioning ceremony in U.S. Army Cadet Command history in May 2020.

Captain Jean-Claude D. Johnson graduated with his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1998 while serving as Vice-President of the Iota Alpha Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.

In his civilian career, Captain Johnson worked in the telecommunication field as the government services manager for Sprint Corporation. In addition to telecom business, He served as an investment advisor for both AXA Insurance and Merrill Lynch Investment Company. In 2006, he attained his Master of Business Administration in Management from the University of Phoenix.

Captain Jean-Claude D. Johnson commissioned into the United States Army as a Signal Corps officer from Officer Candidate School in 2009. In 2010, he deployed on his first combat tour in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as the Assistant Operations Officer and his second tour in 2013 as the Security Force Advise and Assist Team-Communication Officer while serving in the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain (Light Infantry) Division in Fort Drum, NY. In 2015, Captain Johnson served in the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade in Fort Hood, TX as the 2nd Battalion, 227th Aviation Regimental Communication Officer for the United States Northern Command Defense of Civil Authorities Mission. In 2017, Captain Johnson later deployed to Poland and Bulgaria in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve while serving in the 4th Infantry Division in Fort Carson, CO. In 2019, Captain Johnson served as the Battalion Communication Officer during his tour of duty at the Demilitarized Zone in Panmunjom, Korea while serving in the United Nations Command-Joint Security Area. He worked diligently with White House Communications in June of 2019 in support of President Donald Trump's visit to the Freedom House at the DMZ and the historic presidential crossing into North Korea.

Jean-Claude comes from a long line of family members who served the military. His grandfather served in the 92nd Infantry Division during World War II. His late uncle, served two tours in Vietnam in the US Air Force. His father served 25 years in the US Army and retired as a Sergeant Major. His cousin served 22 years in the US Air Force and retired as a Lt. Col. Jean-Claude, a native Texan is married to his wife Jenna, a native of New York. They have three wonderful children: Justyn, Kennedy and Mason.

