

## MILITARY BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY

### Tidball, Keith G

MAJ, New York State Department of Military and Naval Affairs State Reserve

#### CURRICULUM VITAE

**Commission:** (2nd) Direct commission New York Department of Military and Naval Affairs/ New York Guard

Aug 2022 – Aug 2023	O4 MAJ, G7, Chief Training Officer, Headquarters, NY Guard
Dec 2021- Aug 2022	O4 MAJ, Acting CoS G3/5/7, Headquarters, NY Guard
Feb 2020- Feb 2021	O3 CPT, Commander, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Detachment, NY Guard 10 <sup>th</sup> AC, Latham, DMNAHQ
Nov 2018 – Feb 2020	O3 CPT, Commander, 21 <sup>st</sup> Detachment, NY Guard 10 <sup>th</sup> AC Rochester, NY
Aug 2016 – Nov 2018	O3 CPT, S3 NYG 10 <sup>th</sup> Area Command, Troy, NY
June 2015 – Aug 2016	O2 1 <sup>st</sup> LT, Brigade S3 NY Guard 10 <sup>th</sup> BDE, Troy, NY
Mar 2014— June 2015	O2 1st LT, Battalion S1 NY Guard 21st Emergency Response Battalion (EN) 10th Brigade Rochester, NY
April 2013 – Mar 2014	O2 1st LT, Battalion S1 NY Guard 21/221 Engineers, Rochester NY

**Years of New York Guard Service:** 10 years 4 months

**Commission:** (1st) Kentucky Army National Guard OCS, Kentucky Military Academy, Class 35-93 Fort Knox, KY.

June 1994 – Mar 2002	O1 2nd Lieutenant US Army Reserve ARPERCEN (medical issue- eye injury--IRR pending full recovery and rehabilitation of right eye - drilling annually and reporting)
Jan 1994 – June 1994	O1 2nd Lieutenant Platoon Leader Co B 1/149th Infantry ARNG

**Years of ARNG/Reserve Commissioned Service:** 8 years 3 months (including IRR)

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#### **Enlisted Service:**

June 1993 -- Jan 1994	Officer Candidate - Grenadier & Automatic Rifleman, Co C 1/149th Infantry, 35 <sup>th</sup> ID
June 1992 – June 1993	Officer Candidate School (OCS) 35-93 Kentucky Military Academy (KMA), Fort Knox KY

June 1991-- May 1992 Grenadier & Automatic Rifleman, Co C 1/149th Infantry, 35<sup>th</sup> ID

Jan 1991 – June 1991 Asst. Machine Gunner Co A 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 225th Infantry Regiment, 38<sup>th</sup> ID

Sept 1990 – Jan 1991 Rifleman, Co A 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 225th Infantry Regiment, 38<sup>th</sup> ID

May 1990 -- Aug 1990 Basic/Advanced Infantry Training, US Army Fort Benning, GA Co A 2/54th USAITC TRADOC

Jan 1990 Enlisted as E1 Private, Michigan National Guard, Co A 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 225th Infantry Regiment, 38<sup>th</sup> ID

**Years of ARNG Enlisted Service: 4**

**Years of ARNG/RSV/IRR service combined (enlisted & commissioned): 12 years 3 months**

**Honorable Discharge 22 March 2002**

**TOTAL YEARS OF MILITARY SERVICE: 22 years 7 months**

**SUMMARY OF NYG OPERATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS/ STATE ACTIVE DUTY**

- Deputy J5, Operation COVID 19, Dual-Status Command J5, DMNA HQ Latham NY  
Rank/Grade – O3 CPT Date April/May 2020
- Strategic Plans Officer, Operation COVID 19, Dual-Status Command J5, DMNA HQ Latham, NY  
Rank/Grade- O3 CPT Date- March/April 2020
- OIC (Acting, 6 days) & Battle CPT, Operation Lake Ontario 19-2, Task Force Rochester, Rochester, NY  
Rank/Grade- O3 CPT Date- June 2019

**MILITARY EDUCATION**

**Year Completed**

NY Guard Field Grade Officer’s Course (Camp Smith, NY-virtual)	2020
NY Guard Company Grade Officer’s Course (Camp Smith, NY)	2018
State Guard Association of the United States Engineer Academy	2017
Joint Staff Training Course (NORAD & USNORTHCOM J7)	2016
KY Army NG Officer Candidate’s School (OCS) (Fort Knox, KY)	1993
US Army Cold Weather Operations School (Camp Grayling, MI)	1991
US Army Infantry Basic and Advanced OSUT (Fort Benning, GA)	1990

**MILITARY EDUCATION -Emergency/Incident Management**

- IS-289 Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL) Overview, 2022
- Mandatory Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) Training, DoD, 2022
- IS-916 Critical Infrastructure Security: Theft & Diversion- What You Can Do, FEMA EMI, 2021
- IS-201 Forms Used for the Development of the Incident Action Plan, FEMA EMI 2021
- IS-703 National Incident Management System Resource Management, FEMA EMI 2021
- SGAUS PME COVID19 Points of Dispensing (POD) Operations, SGAUS PME Medical Academy, 2020

- SGAUS PME COVID19 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Procedures, SGAUS PME Medical Academy, 2020
- IS- 19.20 EEO Supervisor Course, FEMA Emergency Management Institute, 2020
- IS-520 Intro to Continuity of Operations Planning for Pandemic Influenzas, Certificate, FEMA Emergency Management Institute, 2020
- IS-522 Exercising Continuity Plans for Pandemics, FEMA Emergency Management Institute, 2020
- IS-230 Principles of Emergency Management, FEMA Emergency Management Institute, 2020
- IS-235 Emergency Planning, FEMA Emergency Management Institute, 2020
- IS- 241 Decision Making and Problem Solving, FEMA Emergency Management Institute, 2020
- IS- 242 Effective Communication, FEMA Emergency Management Institute, 2020
- IS-2900 National Disaster Recovery Framework, FEMA Emergency Management Institute, 2020
- IS- 244 Developing & Managing Volunteers, Certificate, FEMA Emergency Management Institute, 2020
- AWR 160 Weapons of Mass Destruction Awareness, Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, National Emergency Response and Recovery Training Center, FEMA Emergency Management Institute, 2020
- IS- 0520 Introduction to Continuity of Operations Planning for Pandemic Influenzas, Certificate, FEMA Emergency Management Institute, 2020
- IS- 400 Advanced ICS – Major and or Complex Incidents, NYS DHSES/FEMA Emergency Management Institute, 2020
- IS 120 Introduction to Exercises, Certificate, FEMA Emergency Management Institute, 2020
- IS 42 – Social Media in Emergency Management, Certificate, FEMA Emergency Management Institute, 2020
- IS- 300 Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents, Certificate, NYS DHSES/FEMA Emergency Management Institute, 2020
- IS-00026 Guide to Points of Distribution, Certificate, FEMA Emergency Management Institute, 2019
- IS-00242.b Effective Communication, Certificate, FEMA Emergency Management Institute, 2017
- IS-00240.b Leadership and Influence, Certificate, FEMA Emergency Management Institute, 2017
- IS-00265 Basic Instructional Skills, Certificate, FEMA Emergency Management Institute, 2017
- IS- 00322 Flood Mitigation Basics for Mitigation Staff, Certificate, FEMA Emergency Management Institute, 2017
- IS-00559 Local Damage Assessment, Certificate, FEMA Emergency Management Institute, 2017
- IS-00632.a Introduction to Debris Operations, Certificate, FEMA Emergency Management Institute, 2017
- Blood-borne Pathogens, Certificate, Washington State Department of Labor & Industry, Div Occupational Safety & Health, 2017
- Joint Staff Training Course (JSTC), Certificate, NORAD & USNORTHCOM J7, 2016
- Virtual TTX – Agricultural Incident Focus Certificate, FEMA Emergency Management System, 2016
- JS-US007 Level I Antiterrorism Training, Certificate, US Joint Chiefs of Staff, 2016
- IS - 00700a National Incident Management System Intro Certificate, FEMA Emergency Management Institute, 2016
- IS – 00701a NIMS Multiagency Coordination System Certificate, FEMA Emergency Management Institute, 2016
- IS – 00800b National Response Framework Intro, Certificate FEMA Emergency Management Institute, 2016
- IS - 00075 Military Resources in Emergency Management, Certificate, FEMA Emergency Management Institute, 2015
- IS-00775 EOC Management & Operations Certificate, FEMA Emergency Management Institute, 2015
- IS-00010.a Animals in Disaster: Awareness and Preparedness, Certificate, FEMA Emergency Management Institute, 2014

- IS-00100.b Introduction to Incident Command System, Certificate, FEMA Emergency Management Institute, 2013
- IS-00200.b ICS-Single Resources & Initial Action Incident, Certificate, FEMA Emergency Management Institute, 2013
- IS00909 Community Preparedness, Certificate, FEMA Emergency Management Institute, July 2013
- IS00907 Active Shooter, Certificate, FEMA Emergency Management Institute, July 2013
- NCBRT Preparing Communities for Animal, Plant, and Food Incidents: An Introduction Awareness Level, Train-the-Trainer, Certificate, National Center for Biomedical Research and Training, 2013
- Damage Assessment, Certificate, American Red Cross, February 1999
- Mass Care I, Certificate, American Red Cross, December 1998
- CPR/Community First Aid, Certificate, American Red Cross, December 1998
- Introduction to Disaster Management, Certificate, American Red Cross, November 1998

### **MILITARY QUALIFICATIONS (Federal)**

- US Army (NG) Infantry MOS for 4 years as enlisted
  - Expert Hand Grenade and M203 Grenade Launcher
  - Expert M60
  - Expert M16 rifle (A1, A2, and A3)

### **MILITARY QUALIFICATIONS (State Defense Forces and State Guard Association of U.S.)**

- SGAUS Military Emergency Management Specialist badge (Master), 2021
- SGAUS Military Emergency Management Specialist Badge (Senior), 2020
- SGAUS Engineer Specialty Qualification Badge, 2017
- SGAUS Military Emergency Management Specialist Badge (Basic), 2016

### **CIVILIAN EDUCATION**

Cornell University (2012)

George Washington University (2000)

University of Kentucky (1998)

Southgate Anderson H.S. (1989)

### **DEGREE RECEIVED:**

PhD Natural Resources

MA International Affairs

BA Anthropology, *magna cum laude*

Diploma

### **FEDERAL AWARDS AND DECORATIONS (by date awarded)**

- COVID-19 Pandemic Campaign Civilian Service Medal, DHHS/USPHS 2020
- Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (ARCAM), DoD 1994
- Army Achievement Medal (AAM), DoD 1993
- National Defense Service Medal (NDSM), DoD 1991
- Army Service Ribbon, DoD 1990
- Cold War Certificate of Recognition, DoD 1991

## **NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

- The National Guard Bureau of the United States Erickson Trophy<sup>1</sup>, for overall excellence presented to distinguished Officer Candidate School graduate attaining highest overall standing in leadership, academics and Commandant's evaluation, Kentucky Military Academy, 1993.

## **NEW YORK STATE AWARDS AND DECORATIONS (by order of precedence)**

- NYS Medal for Meritorious Service, 2021
- NYS Military Commendation Medal, 2019
- NYS DMNA Long & Faithful Service (5 Year) Award, 2018
- NYS Medal for Merit, 2020
- NYS Recruiting Medal, 2020 (2 recruits – total 5)
- NYS Recruiting Medal, 2017 (3 recruits)
- NYS Pandemic Response Service Ribbon, 2022
- NYS Humane Service Medal, 2019
- New York State Cold War Recognition Certificate, 2014

## **NEW YORK GUARD AWARDS AND DECORATIONS (by order of precedence)**

- New York Guard Commander's Citation Ribbon, (4<sup>th</sup> award) 2021
- New York Guard Achievement Medal, (4<sup>th</sup> award) 2020
- New York Guard Achievement Medal (3<sup>rd</sup> award) 2019
- New York Guard Achievement Medal (2<sup>nd</sup> award) 2016
- New York Guard Achievement Medal, 2014
- New York Guard Service Ribbon, 2014
- New York Guard Distinguished Graduate Award (CGOC), 2018
- New York Guard Commander's Citation Ribbon (4<sup>th</sup> award) 2021
- New York Guard Commander's Citation Ribbon (3<sup>rd</sup> award) 2019
- New York Guard Commander's Citation Ribbon (2<sup>nd</sup> award) 2015
- New York Guard Commander's Citation Ribbon, 2014

## **OTHER STATE AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

- National Guard Assoc. of Kentucky Award for Academic Excellence, Kentucky Military Academy, 1993.
- Kentucky Military Academy Physical Fitness Award, 1993.
- Kentucky Merit Ribbon, Second Award, 1993.
- Kentucky Merit Ribbon, 1993.

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<sup>1</sup> The Erickson Trophy is awarded IAW Chapter 10, NGR 672-1, to the distinguished graduate who attains the highest overall standing in leadership, academics, and Commandant's Evaluation of each state officer candidate class annually. Presentation is made during graduation of the class. The Erickson Trophy is awarded in honor of Major General Edgar C. Erickson (Ret.), formerly Chief of the National Guard Bureau. The original trophy is displayed at Headquarters, National Guard Bureau in Washington. The names of the annual winner in each state are inscribed in a folio that is displayed with the trophy.

## **ASSOCIATION AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

- Honorable Order of Saint Barbara
- State Guard Association of the United States Meritorious Service Medal, 2022
- Military Order of Foreign Wars, Veteran Companion of the Order Neck Ribbon & Service Ribbon 2022

## **CIVILIAN EXPERIENCE**

### **Cornell University**

2002 – present

Conducts integrated research, extension, and outreach activities in the area of ecological dimensions of human security. Work often occurs in "hot spots" or "red zones" and includes vulnerability assessment, resilience analysis, risk management and adaptation strategies within social-ecological systems, as well as cultural systems analysis within these contexts. State Director for the NY Extension Disaster Education Network.

### **US Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agriculture Service, International Cooperation and Development, Research and Scientific Exchanges Division, Washington, D.C.**

Nov 1999- Sept 2002

International Affairs Specialist - Sustainable agriculture and conservation specialist focused on development, implementation, and evaluation of international technical assistance projects, seminars, and study tours to promote international peace processes, agricultural and natural resources conservation technologies in developing countries. Travel abroad extensively to engage in international negotiations and program coordination and implementation. Manage complex intra-agency and inter-agency logistics in the U.S. and abroad. Coordinate with other USDA representatives, other U.S. government agencies, U.S. organizations, foreign counterparts, and university representatives.

### **Federation of American Scientists, Washington, D.C.**

Aug 1998 – May 1999

Research Assistant - Served as staff expert on development and military/conflict affairs. Participated in forming U.S. Small Arms Working Group to examine proliferation of light weapons. Organized conference session on Small Arms/ Light Weapons and Development and Humanitarian Relief. Other responsibilities included consultation, writing and editing for newsletters, research and research support for the Arms Sales Monitoring Project. Gained experience in national media appearances on CNN, CBC, and various national radio outlets.

### **Library of Congress, Congressional Research Service, Foreign Affairs/National Defense Division, Washington, D.C**

May 1998 – Aug 1998

Responsibilities included research and research support, tracking legislation, executive policy and international initiatives on the encryption debate related to foreign intelligence; researched U.S. encryption policy and

practice as it related to foreign intelligence practices; located Congressional, Department of Defense, and other government documents; attended hearings.

## **LANGUAGE PROFICIENCIES/FOREIGN COUNTRY WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Languages:** English, Spanish

**Countries:** Barbados, Brazil, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Great Britain, Haiti, Honduras, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Mexico, Mozambique, Namibia, Nicaragua, Philippines, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe

## **PERSONAL**

- **Family Status** - Married with two grown daughters.
- **Civilian Honors** (selected)
  - Cornell University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Outstanding Accomplishments in Extension/Outreach Award, 2024
  - National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Mary W. Wells Diversity Award, 2023
  - New York State Conservation Council Golden Compass Award, 2022
  - New York State Senate Citation/ Veteran's Hall of Fame, 2019
  - National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Program Excellence Through Research Award, 2016
  - Republic of the Philippines Dept. of Agriculture ATI Certificate of Appreciation, 2015
  - US Department of Agriculture Certificate of Appreciation, 2015
  - US Department of Agriculture National Unsung Hero Award, 2002
- **Memberships**
  - Military Order of Foreign Wars (National) - Secretary-General
  - State Guard Association of the United States, Life Member
  - American Legion, Post 366 – former 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander, Life Member
  - Military Officers Association of America
  - Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, Beta Omicron Chapter
  - Phi Beta Kappa Society, Alpha of Kentucky Chapter
  - Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society, Nu Circle Chapter
- **Public Service**
  - Mar 2022-Present                      Councilman, Town of Fayette Town Board
  - Mar 2015–Mar 2022                      Chairman, Town of Fayette Planning Board
  - May 2018 – Present                      Council Member (Veterans Service Organizations) – US Department of Interior/US Department of Agriculture Hunting and Shooting Sports Conservation Council – advise the Federal Government about methods to improve wildlife and habitat conservation endeavors that benefit wildlife resources, encourage partnership among the public, sporting conservation organizations,

and Federal, State, Tribal, and Territorial Governments, and benefit recreational hunting and recreational shooting sports.

○ Sept 2018 – Sept 2022

Vice President – New York State Conservation Council

○ Oct 2011 – Present

Science Director – Wounded Warriors in Action Foundation

○ Jan 2017 – Present

Board of Directors – Rivers of Recovery

○ Dec 2016 – Present

Veterans Chair, New York Trout Unlimited State Council

• **Hobbies and Interests**

○ Farmstead & Conservancy Owner – Canoga Creek Farms & Conservancy

○ Shooting sports enthusiast, avid outdoorsman and NYS Licensed Guide

○ Music and Arts supporter, author and explorer