

## Captain Erik J. Anthes



Speaking to the students and community at SFC Paul R. Smith Middle School during the unveiling of a memorial in his honor

Captain Erik J. Anthes is a native of Pasco County, Florida. Captain Anthes graduated with honors from both Wentworth Military Academy and the University of Central Missouri; where he earned a Baccalaureate Degree in Political Science. Upon completion of his degree in 2007, he was commissioned in the Active Army as a Second Lieutenant as in the Transportation Corps. Captain Anthes completed Basic Officer Leader's Course at Fort Eustis, Virginia and was subsequently assigned to 1<sup>st</sup> Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division (1<sup>st</sup> HBCT, 3<sup>rd</sup> ID) at Fort Stewart, Georgia.

Captain Anthes was deployed to Ramadi, Iraq with 1<sup>st</sup> HBCT in 2007 during the Surge Campaign of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM V. He served as the Distribution Platoon leader for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Support Battalion. His platoon was responsible for sustaining Joint Task Forces under the command of 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine



Dismounted patrol in ar Ramadi, Iraq (2007)

Expeditionary Force operating throughout al-Anbar Province, resulting in US Forces defeating Al-Qaeda in Iraq from their former insurgency strongholds.

After a successful combat tour in Iraq, Captain Anthes served in the first active duty National Disaster Response Brigade as the Distribution Platoon Leader for Task Force 2-7 Infantry. He provided logistics support during training operations throughout EXERCISE JOINT TASK FORCE-CIVIL SUPPORT '09 at Camp Blanding, Florida.



Leading 300 Soldiers home from Iraq (December 2010)

Captain Anthes was again called to serve in combat operations in 2009 and 2010 during OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. His knowledge of logistics contributed to the genesis of 1<sup>st</sup> HBCT into an Advise and Assist Brigade (AAB), which assumed responsibility over the entire province of Baghdad. When the end of combat operations was declared and stability mission of OPERATION NEW DAWN

commenced, Captain Anthes served as the Transportation Support Operations Officer, responsible for the largest logistics mission of a Brigade-sized element in US military history. His efforts effectively supported US-Iraqi military partnerships and enabled successful Department of State diplomatic and humanitarian efforts throughout Baghdad Province.

Captain Anthes' military decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal with three Campaign Stars, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon and the Overseas Service Ribbon.



After receiving the Bronze Star Medal in Baghdad on Veteran's Day 2010