

## **Lieutenant Colonel Heather Barton**

### **Professor of Military Science, Kansas State University**



LTC Heather Barton was born on October 29, 1983, in Chester, California. She received an ROTC scholarship from Stephen F. Austin State University and Commissioned as an Army Nurse Corp Officer in 2007. LTC Barton began her career as a Second Lieutenant Medical Surgical Nurse (66H) and later received her Medical Surgical Certification (CMSRN) through the Medical Surgical Nursing Board. She became a Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examiner (SAMFE) through the Army in 2012 and received her strategic identifier at the Strategic Broadening Seminar through the University of North Carolina in 2017. She received her master's in health administration from Trident University International in 2015.

LTC Barton's previous duty assignments include Walter Reed Army Medical Facility; Charge nurse, Medical Surgical and Same Day Surgery Units at Fort Cavazos, Tx. Population Health Nurse and to Clinical Nurse Officer in at Fort Johnson, LA. Reynolds Army Community Hospital at Fort Sill, OK Clinical Nurse Officer In Charge. LTC Barton was chosen to be the Chief of Nursing Services at the Pentagon for 18 months and then went to Resident Intermediate Level Education at Fort Leavenworth, KS. At Irwin Army Community Hospital at Fort Riley, KS, Chief of Simulation and Readiness, Chief of Ambulatory Nursing. She was chosen to be one of two Executive Fellows to the Chief of the Army Nurse Corps and served at Falls Church, VA. Heather served as the Officer in Charge for the Patient Experience Team with the DoD Healthcare Management Systems Modernization, Defense Health Agency. LTC Barton currently serves as the Professor of Military Science at Kansas State University.

LTC Barton's Military Education include Basic Officer Leadership Course. AMEDD Captains Career Course, Combat Casualty Care Course, Joint Forces Trauma Management Course, Clinical Nurse Leaders Course, Ionizing Radiation Course. While serving at the Pentagon she attended the Navy Trauma Training in Los Angeles, CA. She received her Defense for Civil Authorities I and II along with Joint Humanitarian Operations Course during her time at Intermediate Level Education. LTC Barton's Awards and Decorations include Army Achievement Medal (3OLC), Army Commendation Medal (3OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency (Bronze). She received her National Defense Service Medal when she was called to respond to the COVID-19 Mission in San Antonio, TX. She has received the Order of St. Joan D 'Arc and the Order of St. George during her time as an Army Spouse.

LTC Heather Barton has been married to LTC Eric Barton for 15 years. They have two children, Emma 12 years old and Ethan 6 years. Her hobbies include obstacle runs with friends, playing with her two dogs (Skylar and Minnie) and spending time with family.