

Colonel Yi Se Gwon is a native of California and a 1993 graduate of the United States Military Academy.

COL Gwon's initial assignment was with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) where he served as a Fire Support Officer, XO/Platoon Leader, Motor Officer, and Assistant S-3.

In 1998, he was assigned to the 2d Infantry Division (Mechanized), where he served as a Battalion S-1, Battery Commander, HHC Company Commander and Aide-de-Camp.

COL Gwon was then assigned to the National Training Center in 2001 as a Fire Support Analyst and Firing Battery Trainer. In 2004, COL Gwon served as a Brigade Assistant S-3, Battalion S3 and XO, and Division Assistant Fire Support Coordinator in the 1st Cavalry Division. His deployments included Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) II, Operation All-American in New Orleans, and OIF 06-08.

From 2008 to 2010, COL Gwon served as the J-37, Division Chief for Training, Exercises and Readiness for the Joint Force Headquarters - National Capital Region under US Northern Command. He then commanded 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery at Camp Hovey from 2010-2012. His most recent assignment was as Special Assistant to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe and Commander, US European Command at SHAPE, Belgium.

COL Gwon has a Bachelors degree in Political Science from West Point, a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Saint Mary, and Masters in Strategic Studies from the US Army War College.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge and Air Assault Badge.

COL Gwon is married to the former Jinah Kong and they have two sons, Samuel and Joshua.

