

LTC Damien E. Mason, originally from Maui, Hawaii, was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry upon graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1996. He has served in numerous key command and staff positions and completed multiple operational and combat deployments to Macedonia, Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan.

LTC Mason's first assignment was in Baumholder, Germany, where he served as a Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer with the 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment. He later served as a Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer with E Company, 51st IN (LRS) (ABN) in Darmstadt, Germany. Following the USMC Amphibious Warfare School at Quantico, VA, he was assigned to 5th Battalion, 20th Infantry Regiment at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA, where he served as the Battalion Assistant Operations Officer and later the B Company Commander. After company command, LTC Mason was assigned to the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana where he performed as an Infantry Company Team Observer/Controller (O/C). He was then assigned to United States Army Special Operations Command where he served as a Troop Commander and later as the Squadron Operations Officer. Immediately following the US Navy's Command and Staff College in Newport, RI, LTC Mason was assigned to the Joint Special Operations Command where he served as the Deputy Chief of Operations. LTC Mason then joined the Special Operations Joint Task Force - Afghanistan / NATO Special Operations Component Command – Afghanistan where he was the Director of the Commander's Action Group. Upon return, LTC Mason was assigned to the Joint Special Operations Command as the Deputy Director J7.

LTC Mason's military decorations and awards include the Bronze Star Medal (5 OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (5 OLC), the Expert Infantryman's Badge, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Air Assault Badge, Airborne Badge, Military Free Fall Badge and the Ranger Tab. LTC Mason's education includes the Infantry Officer Basic Course; Air Assault; Airborne; Military Free Fall; SERE; Ranger; Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle Commander's Course; Jumpmaster; USMC Amphibious Warfare School; the Combined Arms Service Staff School; and the Naval War College's Command and Staff College. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from the United States Military Academy and a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College.

LTC Mason is married to Iris Mason of Maui, Hawaii. They have three children Aiden (10), Liam (8), and Euan (6).