

Mr. John W. McDonald joins the Wright State Army ROTC program as an Assistant Professor of Military Science and contracted Military Science Instructor. He brings with him over 30 years of experience having entered the Army in 1992 and retiring from the Joint Staff (Pentagon) in July of 2022 as a Colonel. Mr. McDonald has held every leadership position from squad leader to brigade level commander and also has 6 combat deployments to his credit. He has served in the 82nd Airborne Division, 7th Special Forces Group, 528th Special Operations, Iraqi Assistance Group (MiTT Team), 10th Mountain Division, and Commanded Tobyhanna Army Depot.

COL McDonald's education includes a BS in Criminal Justice (East Carolina University), MS in Logistics Management (Florida Institute of Technology) and MS in National Resource Strategy (National Defense University).

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit Medal, Bronze Star Medal (3OLC), Joint Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4OLC), Army Commendation Medal (2OLC), Army Achievement Medal (2OLC), Joint Meritorious Unit Citation (OLC), Meritorious Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal (2 Bronze Stars), Afghanistan Campaign Medal (2 Campaign Stars), Iraqi Campaign Medal (2 Campaign Stars), Global War on Terror (Expeditionary), Global War on Terror (Service), Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (NUM3), NATO Medal (MNSTC-I) and NATO Medal (ISAF), the Joint Staff Badge, the Army Staff Badge, the Combat Action Badge, Master Rated Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Parachute Rigger Badge. Also includes German, Australian and Italian Foreign Jump Wings.