

Short Biography of
Colonel Mark David "Max" Maxwell, Judge Advocate, U.S. Army

Since July 2010, Max has been a student at the National War College (NWC) in Washington, D.C. He is pursuing a Masters in National Security Studies, with a graduation date in the summer of 2011. Max considers North Carolina home, as he grew up in the Tidewater area. He received his bachelor of arts in economics and history from Duke University. While at Duke, he was an ROTC cadet, and upon graduation received his military commission. Max then attended law school on an educational delay program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He graduated from Chapel Hill in 1990 and entered the U.S. Army on active duty as a Judge Advocate. Since becoming a Judge Advocate, he has also attended the Command and General Staff College.

Prior to NWC, Max served as the Chief of the Active Component Assignments Branch for the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps. His prior assignments, in chronological order, include Defense Counsel in Germany; Senior Prosecutor for the 3d Infantry Division; Chief of International and Operational Law for U.S. Army Pacific; Instructor at the Defense Institute of International Legal Studies; Senior Defense Counsel in South Korea; Report Writer for the USS Cole Commission; Litigation Attorney at both the Army Litigation Division and the U.S. Department of Justice; Chief of the Operational Law Branch for the U.S. Army; Deputy Staff Judge Advocate for I Corps and Fort Lewis; Staff Judge Advocate (General Counsel) for U.S. Army Alaska; Chief of the Defense Counsel Assistance Program; and U.S. Army Congressional Fellow.

Max has over a dozen published articles. His latest piece in *The Journal of International Criminal Justice*, *The Natural Right to Intervene*, examines the military's ability to place restrictions on a Soldier's use of force in self-defense.

Max's interests include helping disadvantaged youth learn to read; writing; reading novels; traveling and collecting art and antiques with his wife, Mary; and most of all, spending time with Mary and their 8-year old son, David (who loves to read his many books, especially *The Magic Tree House* series, sing at the top of his lungs, and play with anything Lego-related).