



Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Chailendrea M. Dickens, Retired Army, serves as the Senior Army Instructor at Woodrow Wilson High School, Portsmouth Virginia from April 2006 to present.

During her Army career, LTC (Retired) Dickens has held a variety of leadership positions throughout, ranging from Platoon Leader to Commander and various staff positions.

As the Senior Army Instructor, she serves as the Officer who makes the final decision on daily operations at the school in conducting JROTC activities.

LTC (Retired) Dickens was born in Richmond, VA, but raised in Newark, NJ. A distinguished military graduate of Georgia State University's Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program, LTC (Retired) Dickens was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Army's Signal Corps in June 1984.

LTC (Retired) Dickens holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing from Georgia State University a Master of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University and Master of Science in Education from Fort Hays State University. Her military education includes the Signal Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Command and General Staff College, Materiel Acquisition Management, Advanced Program Management, and Level III certified member of the U.S. Army Acquisition Corps.

Prior assignments include: Signal Platoon leader with the 535th Signal Company, Nuernberg, Germany; Company Executive Officer with the United States Army Information Systems Command (USAISC), Augsburg, Germany; Battalion S-4 with the 69th Signal Battalion, Augsburg, Germany; Assistance Brigade S-3 with the 1101st Signal Brigade, Fort McNair, Washington, DC; Inaugural Communications Officer with the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee, Washington, DC; Company Commander with USAISC Belvoir Support Company, Fort Belvoir, VA; Battalion Adjutant with the 307th Signal Battalion, Camp Carroll (Waeguan), Korea; Signal Plans Officer with Headquarters, 2nd US Army, Fort Gillem, GA; and Signal Operations Officer with Headquarters, FORSCOM G-6, Fort McPherson, GA.

As an acquisition officer, LTC (Retired) Dickens served as Procurement Officer, United States Army Garrison (USAG)- Director of Contracting (DOC), Fort McPherson, GA; Contingency Contracting Officer, USAG-DOC, Fort Clayton, Panama; Procurement Officer, CECOM Acquisition Center-Washington, Alexandria, VA; Chief, Joint Contracting Center, Slavonski-Brod, Croatia; Commander and Administrative Contracting Officer (ACO), Defense Contract Management Command, Port-au-Prince, Haiti; Combat Developments Staff Officer, Chief, Integration and Support Division, Chief, Operational Forces Design Division, Chief, Operations Division, Chief, Future Operations Division- Futures Center, US Army Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Monroe, VA; Training With Industry with DynCorp, Reston, VA; and Chief, Supplier Support Division-Defense Supply Center Richmond (DSCR), Richmond, VA.

Awards and decorations include: Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal w/two oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal w/two oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal w/five oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal w/cluster, Armed Forces Service Medal w/cluster, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon #4, Joint Meritorious Unit Award and the Commander's Award for Public Service.

LTC (Retired) Dickens resides in Yorktown, VA with her mother, Esther and two (son and daughter) children.