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Postgraduate School where he earned an M.S. in Applied Physics. He taught at West Point between 2001 and 2003 as an instructor and assistant professor in the Department of Physics--serving as Course Director in the Core Physics Program. Following his first tour at West Point, COL Sheetz served at Headquarters, USNORTHCOM/NORAD as speechwriter for the combatant commander and as aide-de-camp for the deputy commander. In 2009 he earned a Ph.D. in Applied Physics from the Colorado School of Mines. His research interests are ultra-short pulse laser design and development of femtosecond laser-based nonlinear microscopy systems. Upon returning to West Point in 2009, COL Sheetz stood up and directed the Research Program and later directed the Core Physics Program within the Department of Physics and Nuclear Engineering. In 2011, COL Sheetz deployed to Afghanistan to serve as Advisor Team Chief at the National Military Academy of Afghanistan (NMAA). In 2014, COL Sheetz became the Director of the Dean's staff and in 2017 was appointed as the Vice Dean for Operations. He serves on multiple Academy-level governance committees and is an officer representative for the Army Volleyball team. He is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Pi Sigma (a physics honor society).
