

## **BC hires Lt. Col. Stephen Suhr as JROTC Senior Army Instructor**

SAVANNAH, Ga. – Benedictine Military School has hired Lt. Col. Stephen Suhr as its JROTC Senior Army Instructor, Headmaster Fr. Frank Ziemkiewicz, O.S.B., announced Thursday. Suhr's appointment is effective July 2017. He replaces Col. Richard LaRossa, who is retiring after four years as BC's SAI.

"LTC Suhr is a fitting inheritor of the legacy that LTC John Manson Owens III '61 and Col. Richard LaRossa prepared," Ziemkiewicz said. "Our Cadets stand only to grow as they learn from him and are led by him. LTC Suhr will be a fine role model at BC."

Lt. Col. Suhr, 41, is a U.S. Army Aviation Intelligence Officer with an active TS/SCI Security Clearance and more than 19 years of experience as a combat-proven leader, educator and resource manager. Lt. Col. Suhr comes to BC from the University of California Berkeley, where he is the Professor and Chair of Military Science. He is a 1997 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering, while lettering in varsity baseball for four years. Suhr also earned a master's degree in Aerospace Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology in 2006.

"I am extremely excited to join the stellar team of Cadets, faculty and administrators at Benedictine Military School," Lt. Col. Suhr said. "BC's JROTC program is truly an exceptional institution with an unparalleled record of superior performance. Such organizational achievements are testament to the great leadership this program has enjoyed for decades. I aspire to live up to this tradition of excellence and I am humbled by the responsibilities of its charge."

Prior to arriving at UC Berkeley, Lt. Col. Suhr was assigned to the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command at Fort Belvoir, Va., where he served as the Deputy Commanding Officer for rear operations for TF ODIN-Enhanced, a state-of-the-art aerial intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance unit operating in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Combat Action Badge, Master Aviator Badge, and Basic Parachutist Badge.

Suhr and his wife, Laurisa, are parents to three children: Alivia (15), Joseph (13) and Jacob (7).

"LTC Suhr will be a fantastic addition to the teaching faculty at Benedictine," said BC Assistant Principal Jacob Horne, who will take over as BC Principal on July 1 for Mr. Dennis Daly, who is retiring. "His accomplishment as a West Point Cadet, his service to our country, his experience as an educator, and his passion to make our young men better citizens will undoubtedly make us a better institution that will continue to serve our Savannah community."