



Major Travis Adkins		
Inducted May 25, 2014		
Paulding High School		1994
West Point	B.S.	1998
Harvard Business School	M.B.A.	2006

**Major Travis Adkins – Paulding High School Class of 1994**

Travis Adkins graduated from Paulding High School with the Class of 1994 with highest honors. Upon graduating, he received an Academy appointment and a Congressional nomination to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1994. He graduated in the top 5% of his class from West Point in 1998 with a Bachelor of Science in General Management and a Minor in Systems Engineering, and received the Excellence in Management Award for achieving the highest performance in the General Management Major.

Further academic recognition included induction into the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, the Distinguished Cadet Award for highest academic distinction, the Superintendent’s Award for excellence in academics, leadership, and physical fitness, an award for the highest performance in the Financial Accounting Course, and selection as a U.S. Army representative to travel to Military Academies throughout South and Southeast Asia to build foreign relations.

Upon graduation from West Point, Travis received a commission as a Field Artillery Officer in the U.S. Army where he served in various command and staff positions in the U.S. and in Bosnia-Herzegovina and was selected as the Fort Leonard Wood installation nominee for the U.S. Army’s Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award in 2003. Upon completion of his Company Command, he was selected for a rotational faculty position in the Department of Behavioral Sciences & Leadership at West Point and earned his MBA from Harvard Business School en route to his teaching assignment. He was selected by the cadet Class of 2008 as one of the best teachers they had during their four years at West Point. He also deployed to the National Military Academy of Afghanistan in 2008 to help build a Leadership & Management Department. In 2009, Travis was selected to serve in the Army Acquisition Corps. As a Program Integrator, Contracting Officer, and Program Manager, he has been responsible for managing the cost, schedule and performance of over \$9 Billion in government development and production contracts awarded to the Defense Industry for multiple combat vehicle programs. In 2010-2011, he deployed to Iraq with the Defense Contract Management Agency where he was responsible for managing over \$2.5 Billion in security and life support contracts and served as a lead planner in reposturing and transitioning the Agency to provide contract support to the U.S. Department of State upon the departure of U.S. Forces.

Travis continues to serve as an active duty Army officer. He and his wife, Chrissy, have two children, Lelia and Travis, and they currently reside in Rochester, Michigan. He is the son of Kenny and Marsha Adkins and Ray and Vandetta Smith.

