

Title: Education as a Source of National Power
Speaker: LTC Kenneth Anthony, ARNG
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SYNOPSIS:

Education is one source of national power that feeds the instruments of national power the USA uses to pursue its national objectives. This is true historically and continues today. Education contributes to all three elements of Clausewitz's Triangle. Education contributes to each element of Clausewitz's triangle in three ways: Development of Systems/Knowledge, Development of Talent, and Conducting Evaluation/Assessment.

BIOS:

Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth V. Anthony enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve in 1988 and transferred to the Mississippi Army National Guard in 1991 as an intelligence analyst in HQs 155th ABCT. He served as an enlisted soldier in the brigade until he completed Warrant Officer Candidate School in 1998.

He completed Warrant Officer Basic Course in 2000 and served as an All-Source Intelligence Technician in the 155th ABCT including a peacekeeping tour to Bosnia in support of the NATO Stability Force from September 2001- March 2002. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant into the 1-155 Infantry Battalion in 2004 and served as platoon leader of 1st Platoon Bravo Company 1-155 IN BN and Scout Platoon 1-155 IN BN leader during Operation Iraqi Freedom January 2005 - December 2005. From January 2006 until August 2008, he served as Alpha Troop Executive Officer in the 1-98 Cavalry Squadron. He commanded Bravo Troop 1-98th Cavalry from August 2008 - June 2011 including a deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from June 2009 - April 2010.

From 2011 until 2013, he served on the Squadron Staff for 1-98th Cavalry Squadron and then was assigned S3 Operations Officer for 2-198 Combined Arms Battalion from April 2013 until April 2016. In May 2016, he became the 155th ABCT S3 Operations Officer and served in that role during the 2017 NTC Rotation. During the 2018-2019 Operation Spartan Shield Rotation to Kuwait and the greater Middle East, LTC Anthony served as the Brigade Training and Exercise Planner. In that role, he planned and supported the execution of combined exercises in Egypt, Qatar, UAE, Jordan, Kuwait, and Oman. On January 1, 2019, while deployed in support of Operation Spartan Shield, he assumed command of the 2-198 Armored Battalion. In June 2020 during a time of national unrest, LTC Anthony commanded TF Magnolia, a 376 Soldier task force that deployed to the District of Columbia in support of civil authorities. In 2021, LTC Anthony commanded the 2-198 Armored Battalion during the 155th ABCT NTC rotation.

Currently, he is assigned to the Mississippi National Guard Joint Force Headquarters. He has been selected to attend the Naval War College in Newport, RI from August 2022- June 2023. LTC Anthony is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Maneuver Captains Career Course, Cavalry Leaders Course, Command and General Staff College, and Advanced Operations Course. LTC Anthony's awards include the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal (with three oak leaf cluster), Iraqi Campaign Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, NATO Medal, Air Assault Badge, Combat Infantry Badge, and Combat Action Badge. He holds a bachelor's degree in history, a master's degree in gifted education from the Mississippi University for Women, and a PhD in Secondary Education from Mississippi State University. He is an Associate Professor in the Department of Curriculum, Instruction, and Special Education at Mississippi State University. He has been married to his wife Katie for fourteen years and they have three children: Emilie (27), Isabelle (13), and Timothy (11). They live in Starkville, Mississippi.

Civilian

Kenneth V. Anthony is an associate professor in the Department of Curriculum, Instruction, and Special Education at Mississippi State University where he teaches social studies methods courses in the elementary education program. His current research agenda includes using primary sources in the classroom, parent involvement in education, and homeschooling.

Education

PhD, Mississippi State University, Secondary Education-Social Studies, 2009
MEd, Mississippi University for Women, Gifted Education, 1997
BS, Mississippi University for Women, History, 1993