I grew up in Piqua, Ohio, a small town north of Dayton. I graduated in 2005 from The Ohio State University and then graduated from The Ohio State University School of Optometry in 2009. I received an HPSP scholarship during Optometry school. Upon graduation I was initially stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas, and then shortly after deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation New Dawn with the 554th Optometry Detachment. Upon our return I went to the clinic at Ft. Hood where I later became Chief of the Optometry Service. I then received LTHET and completed a combined MBA/residency program at Northeastern State University Oklahoma College of Optometry. I then served as the sole Optometrist in Baumholder, Germany for three years. I currently serve as the Army Service Lead for the combined Army/Air Force Ophthalmic Technician Program. In this position I additionally teach into the Army Basic Officer Leadership Course and Inter-Service Physician’s Assistant Program. My husband Robert and I have been married for 12 years and have two daughters, Lucia who just turned 7, and Daria who is 3.