

## Colonel(R) John C. Hope



COL(R) John C. Hope is a 1981 graduate of United States Military Academy at West Point where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering and a Regular Army Commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry.

COL(R) Hope served in numerous Infantry assignments to include: Platoon Leader, Company B, 1/502nd Infantry; Assistant Personnel Officer (A/S-1), 2nd Brigade; Assistant Operations Officer (S-3 Air) and Commander, Company C, 3/502nd Infantry, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Ft. Campbell, KY.

In an Army Reserve status, CPT Hope also served the Adjutant (S-1) and Assistant Operations Officer (A/S-3), 12<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne,) and Assistant Operations Officer, Operations Officer (S-3) and Executive Officer (XO), 17<sup>th</sup> Psychological Operations Battalion, both in Arlington Heights, IL. MAJ Hope began his Civil Affairs career as a Team Leader, 403<sup>rd</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion, Mattydale, NY, and then served as Team Leader, Company Commander and Operations Officer of the 432<sup>nd</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion, Green Bay, WI. Following his promotion to Lieutenant Colonel in 2004, he served as the Executive Officer, Dragon Brigade, XVIII Airborne Corps, and as the Deputy Commanding Officer of 1<sup>st</sup> Training Brigade, U.S. Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (USACAPOC), Ft. Bragg, NC. In 2007, LTC Hope assumed command of the 404<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne), Ft. Dix, NJ, and following successful command, he assumed duties of Civil Affairs Team Chief, 353<sup>rd</sup> Civil Affairs Command, Ft. Wadsworth, Staten Island, NY. Beginning in August of 2010, COL Hope assumed the duties as the U.S. European Command (EUCOM) Liaison to the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Washington, DC. Beginning in 2012, COL Hope was selected for Brigade Command of the Army Reserve Element (ARE), Joint Staff South, in Suffolk, VA, while being dual-hatted as the Reserve Affairs Director (J-9) of the Joint Enabling Capabilities Command (JEEC), Norfolk, VA. Beginning July 2013, COL Hope served as a Military Fellow on the Chief of Staff of the Army Strategic Studies Group, Crystal City, VA. Prior to being selected as the Assistant Chief of Staff (G-3), 353<sup>rd</sup> CACOM, COL Hope served as Operations Director for the Task Force for Business and Stability Operations (TFBSO) in Kabul, Afghanistan. In addition to this tour, COL Hope has served two tours with the Multi-National Forces and Observers (MFO) in Sinai, Egypt, and three combat tours as a Civil Affairs Officer in Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was mandatorily retired on 31 DEC 2016 after 30 years of active and reserve service.

COL(R) Hope is a graduate of the U.S. Army Basic Airborne School, Infantry Officer Basic Course, Ranger School, Air Assault School, Rappel Master School, the Infantry Officer Advance Course, Pathfinder School, the Psychological Operations Qualification Course, Combined Arms Staff and Service School, the Civil Affairs Qualification Course, the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff Colleges, Jumpmaster School, the U.S. Army War College, the Reserve Component National Security Course, and Norwich University, where he earned a second Master's degree in Military History. COL Hope(R) possesses an Additional Skill Identifier (ASI) of 06Z, as an Army Strategist.

His numerous awards and decorations span 34 years of military service and includes the Legion of Merit, two Bronze Stars, the Purple Heart, three National Defense Service Medals, seven Meritorious Service Medals, five Army Commendation Medals, six Army Achievement Medals, the Expert Infantryman's Badge, the Combat Action Badge, Ranger Tab, Senior Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Air Assault Badge, the Army Staff Badge, the USAID Meritorious Individual and Groups Service Awards.

COL(R) Hope is married to the former Ms. Kristi Moe and currently lives in Nashville, TN.