



COLONEL ROY J. MACARAEG

Colonel Macaraeg enlisted in the Hawaii Army National Guard (HIARNG) in 1990 as a Private (E1) assigned to 1st BN, 487th Field Artillery (FA). In 1993, he was the HIARNG Soldier of the Year. Later that year, he attended Primary Leadership Development Course at Camp Williams, UT and was promoted to Sergeant (E5) and assigned to C Battery, 1-487th FA. He commissioned as a Field Artillery Officer in 1996 upon graduation from the Hawaii Military Academy, Officer Candidate School (Distinguished Honor Graduate). His first officer assignment was in the HHSB, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery as the Recon Survey Officer. In 1997, he was assigned to C Battery as the Battery Executive Officer. In 1999 he started his career at the National Guard Bureau (NGB) as the Operational Research Systems Analyst (ORSA) in Arlington, VA. He then held various positions in NGB to include Performance Assessment Officer, ORSA, and Program Analyst. In 2001, he was assigned

to the Pentagon, HQDA, Army G1, in the Manning Program Evaluation Group validating the U.S. Army's Manning requirements. In 2004, he returned back to HIARNG as a Battery Commander for HHSB, 1-487th FA during OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF) III. He concurrently served as the Sea Port of Debarkation (SPOD) Camp Commander in support of OIF III under ARCENT, Area Support Group – Kuwait.

Upon demobilization from OIF III in 2006, he returned to NGB and was assigned to the ARNG Comptroller Division and served as an ORSA, Appropriation Team Leader, Open Allotment Analyst, Budget Execution Branch Chief, and subsequently assigned as the ARNG Deputy G8. In 2010, he returned to HIARNG as 1-487th FA Battalion Commander. In 2012-2013 he attended and graduated from the prestigious National War College (NWC) at National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington DC. In 2013-2015 he served in the Pentagon as the Training Military Assistant and Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of Army, Manpower and Reserve Affairs (Training, Readiness and Mobilization) overseeing all U.S. Army's training requirements, resources and policies. From 2015 through 2017 he was assigned as the ARNG Comptroller directly managing the ARNG's \$16 billion appropriations. His recent assignments include Brigade Commander of the "LAVA Brigade", 29th IBCT from November 2017 to October 2019. During his time as the Brigade Commander he deployed with HHC, 29th IBCT to Kosovo from September 2018 to August 2019 as the Commander of Multi-National Battle Group – East, Kosovo Forces (KFOR) in support of OPERATION JOINT GUARDIAN.

His military education includes FA Basic Course (Honor Graduate), FA Advance Course, Combined Arms Services Staff School, Command and General Staff College, ORSA, Comptroller qualification courses and National War College. He is a graduate of Wallace Rider Farrington High School (1991) in Honolulu, HI, and holds an Associate Degree from Honolulu Community College, Bachelors of Arts Degree in Psychology from the University of Hawaii – Manoa, Masters of Business Administration from Touro University and Masters of Science in National Strategy from NWC. His awards and decorations include Legion of Merit (2nd OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (6th OLC), Army Commendation Medal (1st OLC), Army Achievement Medal (1st OLC), Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (2nd OLC), National Defense Service Medal (1st Bronze Star), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (M Device), NATO Non-Article 5 Medal (Balkans), Army Identification Staff Badge, and Air Assault Badge. Colonel Macaraeg is married to his high school sweetheart, Bene and they have a beautiful 7 year old daughter, Chloe Anne.