

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS REGIMENT



**COLONEL
JAMES "JAY" WOLFF**
U.S. Army, Retired

Inducted 2021



Colonel James "Jay" Wolff was born and raised in the Chicago, Ill. area. He attended Western Illinois University and was commissioned as a Military Police Officer in 1987. As a Military Police Officer, Col. Wolff served as a Platoon Leader in the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm and as the Commander of the 272nd Military Police Company. Awarded Soldier's Medal 1993.

Col. Wolff then attended the Naval Post Graduate School in 1994 followed by Civil Affairs training and assignment to the 96th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne). While in the battalion, Col. Wolff's duty positions included Civil Affairs Team Leader, Company Operations Officer, Delta Company Commander and Battalion Executive Officer.

Col. Wolff then attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He was selected as an Army Congressional Fellow and served as a Foreign Relations and National Security Advisor to Senator Sam Brownback (Kan22w). He was then assigned to the Office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison and subsequently reassigned to the Office of the Secretary of Defense during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He deployed to Iraq as the Chief of Operations for the Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance (ORHA) Southern Region and then served as the Chief of Civil Administration for the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) South-Central Region.

Col. Wolff then returned to Fort Bragg and commanded the 96th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne) from June 2004 through June 2006. Col. Wolff commanded the 95th Civil Affairs Brigade (Airborne) while in a provisional status and then served as the Brigade's Deputy Commanding Officer. He attended the National War College at Fort McNair was assigned to the U.S. Special Operations Command with duty as the Operations Officer in the Office of Military Affairs, United States Agency for International Development.

Col. Wolff returned to Fort Bragg and commanded the 95th Civil Affairs Brigade (Airborne) from June 2010 through June 2012. Following Brigade Command, Col. Wolff was seconded to USAID and served as the USAID/Afghanistan Chief of Staff in Kabul during Operation Enduring Freedom. Col. Wolff returned to Fort Bragg and assumed duties as the Commandant of the Civil Affairs Regiment in August 2013. He assumed duties as the USASOC DCS, G5 (Strategy and Plans) in August 2014. Col. Wolff served as the Senior Advisor to the Iraqi Counter Terrorism Service from February 2016 to March 2017.

Col. Wolff's civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement Administration from Western Illinois University, a Master of Science in National Security Affairs from the Naval Post Graduate School, and a Master of Science in National Security Strategy from the National War College.

His military decorations include Soldier's Medal, Legion of Merit with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Ranger Tab, Combat Action Badge, Master Parachutist Badge and Air Assault Badge. Civilian decorations include the USAID Superior Honor Award, the USAID Group Superior Honor Award, and the USAID Group Meritorious Award.

Col. Wolff and his wife Celia have four children Megan, John, Elise and Perry.