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COLONEL JOHN D. BISHOP

Deputy Commanding Officer - Operations

Colonel John Bishop graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1999, where he served as Captain of the Army Lacrosse team. Commissioned into the infantry and assigned to 25th Infantry Division, Col. Bishop served as a Rifle Platoon leader, Scout Platoon leader and Rifle Company executive officer and deployed in support of Operation Joint Forge - Bosnia in 2001.

Following completion of the Special Forces Officer Qualification Course in 2005, Col. Bishop was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), where he served as detachment commander for Operational Detachment Alpha 372, battalion assistant S3, and Headquarters and Support Company commander. While assigned to 3rd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), Col. Bishop deployed to Jordan and Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom IX and XI.

Upon graduating from the Naval Post Graduate School in 2011, Col. Bishop returned to 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), where he served as the 1st Battalion, A Company commander and battalion S3. Colonel Bishop deployed as the Special Operations Task Force - East S3 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom XIX in 2012 and 2013. Upon re-deployment, Col. Bishop then went on to serve as the group operations officer for 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne).

In 2014, Col. Bishop left 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) and served as the Secretary General Staff for 1st Special Forces Command (Airborne). Following this assignment, Col. Bishop then transitioned to Special Operations Command - Central (SOCCENT), MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, where he served as the Chief of Strategic Plans and the J5 deputy director. While assigned to SOCCENT in 2015, Col. Bishop deployed as a Strategic Plans officer and liaison officer to Special Operations Joint Task Force - Afghanistan during Operation Resolute Support.

In 2017, Col. Bishop assumed Command of 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), in May 2017 and deployed to Special Operations Command-Forward North West Africa. Following Command, Col. Bishop served as the executive officer to the commanding general of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command and then returned to 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) as the deputy commander.

In 2021, Col. Bishop attended Duke University as a U.S. Army War College Fellow. Colonel Bishop volunteered as an advisor to the Duke Men's Lacrosse team during the 2021-2022 season.

Upon completion of his War College Fellowship at Duke University, Col. Bishop assumed command of 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) in June 2022. Colonel Bishop deployed to East Africa, serving as the commander of Joint Special Operations Task Force - Somalia in 2022 and again in 2023. In June 2024, Col. Bishop relinquished command of the 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) and served as Chief of Staff at the U.S. Army Special Operations Command. Currently he is serving as the Deputy Commanding Officer - Operations for the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School.

Colonel Bishop is married to Heather Bishop of Vernon, Connecticut. Together, they have three children Alexa, Kacie, and John Robert.



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