

COL. Kevin C. Colyer - Biography

Colonel Colyer's home of record is Sheridan, Wyoming. The son of a US Naval officer he spent his childhood moving around the Navy's aviation community. He enlisted as a combat engineer serving three years before being accepted at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. In 1988 he was commissioned in Military Intelligence. Selected for Special Forces training through SFAS, he completed the Special Forces Officer Qualification Course and Russian language training in 1997.

COL Colyer's Military Intelligence assignments included Battalion S-2 for 3-187 Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division during Operation DESERT STORM; platoon leader and executive officer in a signals intelligence company, 311th MI Battalion Fort Campbell, KY among others. Following advanced intelligence training COL Colyer served as the targeting officer for Special Operations Command Korea Yongsan, Seoul, Republic of Korea (ROK) from 1994 to 1996.

COL Colyer's Special Forces assignments include 1st Special Forces Group (1SFG) at Fort Lewis, WA where he served as commander of a Special Forces Operational Detachment – Alpha and as a plans officer for the group from 1997 to 2000. COL Colyer returned to 1SFG in 2001 where he served as a Special Forces company commander, deploying on multiple tours in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and then the 1SFG Operations Officer until 2004. COL Colyer next served on The Joint Staff in the J-3 Deputy Directorate for Special Operations as the PACOM desk officer and then as the Deputy Chief of Current Operations until 2007. COL Colyer returned to Korea for three years commanding the Eighth US Army Special Troops Battalion and then serving as the Executive Officer for the CG Eighth Army. Next COL Colyer attended a Senior Service School Fellowship hosted by the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and Duke University. COL Colyer commanded the 188th Infantry Brigade at Ft Stewart, GA from 2011 to 2013. After brigade command he returned to Korea as the Chief of Staff for Special Operations Command Korea from 2013 to 2016. He then deployed for a year to Singapore as the forward commander of special operations in Southeast and South Asia for Special Operations Command Pacific. He is currently serving as the Secretary Combined Staff for the US-ROK Combined Forces Command.

COL Colyer is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas in 2001, where he received a Master of Military Arts and Sciences degree in Strategic Studies; and the Senior Service School Fellowship at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill.

He has earned the Special Forces Tab, Expert Infantry Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, and the Bronze Star Medal among other medals.

COL Colyer is married to Katherine (formerly Bailey) Colyer and together they have two sons Colton and Lochlann.