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COL Timothy F. O'Brien is currently the Defense Coordinating Officer at FEMA Region I in Boston, Massachusetts. He most recently served as the Executive Officer to the Commander, U.S. Cyber Command and Director, National Security Agency.

Colonel O'Brien graduated from Providence College, Providence Rhode Island in 1994 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and earned an ROTC commission in the Infantry as a Distinguished Military Graduate.

Colonel O'Brien served as a platoon leader and company executive officer with the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, Republic of Korea. He also served as a Ranger Support Element Platoon Leader for 6th Ranger Training Battalion, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida.

Following the Infantry Officer Career Course, he was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division where he served as an assistant operations officer, a brigade air officer and a rifle company commander deploying in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Colonel O'Brien was next assigned to the 4th Ranger Training Battalion where he served as a Ranger Training Company Commander. Upon completion of command he was assigned as an operations advisor on a military transition team in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF).

After graduating from the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, COL O'Brien was assigned to the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, Fairbanks, Alaska. He served as a battalion operations officer, executive officer and as a brigade operations officer deploying in support of OIF. Colonel O'Brien was then assigned to the U.S. Army Pacific as a military exchange officer serving as a joint and combined exercise planner with the Australian Army in Sydney, Australia.

COL O'Brien commanded 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Division, Fort Bliss, Texas. Following battalion command he served as the military assistant/deputy executive officer to the Commander of International Security Assistance Force and US Forces Afghanistan.

He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, where he earned a Masters of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies.

COL O'Brien was assigned to Army Cyber where he served as the director of operations for Joint Task Force ARES, a Cyber Command task force focused on offensive cyber operations against the terrorist organization ISIL.

Following his time as the J3 for JTF ARES, COL O'Brien commanded the Army's Asymmetric Warfare Group at Ft. Meade, Maryland.



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