

## **COL LUKE R. DONOHUE**

**Defense Coordinating Officer**

**FEMA Region IX**

**United States Army North (Fifth Army)**



Colonel Luke R. Donohue is assigned to United States Army North (Fifth Army) as the Region IX Defense Coordinating Officer (DCO), co-located with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region IX. His mission: Coordinate all Defense Support of Civil Authorities activities and events within Arizona, California, and Nevada and represent Department of Defense support capabilities and resources to all federal, state, and local agencies and organizations within the region.

COL Donohue enlisted in the U.S. Army June, 1989 and has 31 years on Active Duty. After nine years enlisted time in Special Operations and Airborne assignments, he received his commission as an Infantry Officer from Officer Candidate School in 1998. COL Donohue returned to command in Special Forces and later transitioned to become a Foreign Area Officer. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from Columbus State University, a Masters in International Public Policy from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), and is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College. Operational deployments: Uphold Democracy, Joint Guardian, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom.

Assignment summary: Enlisted - 75th Ranger Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division Long Range Surveillance Detachment (LRSD), and 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne). Officer - Mechanized and Mortar Platoon Leader, 2-2 Infantry, 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Rose Barracks, Germany; Detachment Commander (Combat Diver) ODA 155, 2nd Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Lewis, WA; Defense Attaché Office, Beijing China; Chief, Office of Defense Cooperation, Dhaka, Bangladesh; Deputy Division Chief, United States Indo-Pacific Command Security Cooperation Division; Army War College Fellow to the Rajaratnam School for International Studies in Singapore; Foreign Area Officer Branch Chief at the Human Resources Command, and most recently as the Senior Defense Official at the American Institute in Taiwan.

COL Donohue's awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Department of State Superior and Meritorious Honor Awards, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Service Medal, NCO medal, United Nations Medal – Haiti, and the NATO Medal. He is a Master Parachutist and Special Operations Combat Diver Supervisor and holds the Combat Infantry Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Ranger and Special Forces Tabs, and both Royal Thai Army and Marine Corps Jump Wings.



**U.S. ARMY**

**UNITED STATES ARMY NORTH**  
1837 Army Boulevard  
Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234  
[www.arnorth.army.mil](http://www.arnorth.army.mil)

