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He is a 1982 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and holds a Masters of Science in Nuclear Physics from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. He also holds two Masters of Military Art and Science from the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and is a graduate of the Advanced Operational Arts Studies War College Fellowship program.

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Colonel Roper has been published in a number of professional journals. Among his awards and decorations are the Defense Superior Service Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and Airborne and Air Assault Badges. Both Colonel Roper's sons also are serving in the U.S. Army.