

Ricardo “Ricky” M. Love, LTC, USA

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LTC Love was born in Bangor, Maine and moved around often as a “military brat”. He received a football scholarship to the University of Idaho where he also enrolled in ROTC. He was commissioned a 2LT in the Infantry in May 1985.

In November 1986 he attended the Infantry Officer Basic Course and upon completion of Airborne and Ranger School he was assigned to the 7th Infantry Division (L) at Ft Ord, California, where he served as a Rifle Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, and Scout Platoon Leader for 3rd Battalion, 17th Infantry (L) from July 1987 to December 1990. During this time he deployed to Panama and participated in Operation “Just Cause” and Operation “Promote Liberty”.

Upon completion of the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, Bradley Leaders Course, and the Battalion Motor Officer course he was assigned to 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division in Kirchgons, Germany in December 1991. He served as the Assistant Bde S-3 (Plans Officer) until March 1993 when he assumed command of B Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Cavalry (Mech) and later HHC, 3rd Battalion, 5th Cavalry (Mech). He deployed to Macedonia and participated in Operation “Camp Able Sentry” from November 1994 to May 1995. In July 1995 he was assigned to the Resident Training Detachment (AC/RC) in Spokane, Washington where he served as a Company Trainer and Detachment Commander.

Following graduation from the Command and General Staff College in June 2000, he was assigned to 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at Ft Carson, Colorado where he served as the Battalion S3 and Battalion XO for 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry (M). In May 2002, he was assigned to the United States Army Human Resources Command in Alexandria, Virginia where he served as a Majors Assignment Officer in Infantry Branch and as the Executive Officer for the Commanding General, United States Army Human Resources Command. LTC Love assumed Command of 3rd Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment on 7 March 2005. The Squadron was reflagged on 1 June 2006 as the 1st Battalion 38th Infantry Regiment (Stryker), 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division. During his command, he deployed to Operation “Iraqi Freedom” from April 2007 to June 2008; operating in Baghdad and Baqubah. LTC Love relinquished command in August 2008 at Fort Lewis, Washington.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (5 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (4 OLC), the Combat Infantryman’s Badge with a Star, the Expert Infantryman’s Badge, Parachute Badge, and Ranger Tab.

LTC Love holds a Bachelors of Science in Physical Education from the University of Idaho and a Masters of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University.