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Colonel John Allen is a former enlisted Marine Infantryman and Distinguished Military Graduate from Virginia Commonwealth University. He was commissioned Infantry in May 1992. His initial assignment as a Lieutenant was with the 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Fort Stewart, Georgia, where he served as a Rifle Platoon Leader, Scout Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer.



In 1996, Colonel Allen was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division (Light) at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, where he served as the division's expanded relationship program (ERP) officer and the 3rd Brigade Air Officer prior to commanding a Rifle Company in the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry. After command, Colonel Allen then served as an Observer/ Controller at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center (JMRC) in Hohenfels, Germany, from 2000-2004.

Upon graduating from the Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Colonel Allen was assigned to the 10th Mountain Division (Light) at Fort Drum, New York. From 2005-2009, Colonel Allen conducted two combat deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), while serving as the Battalion Executive Officer and Battalion Operations Officer for the 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry and then as the 1st Brigade Combat Team's Executive Officer.

Colonel Allen then commanded the 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry basic combat training (BCT) at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, from 2010 to 2012. After command, Colonel Allen returned to Fort Stewart, Georgia, where he served as the deputy commander of the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division (Heavy) from 2012-2014. In 2013, Colonel Allen conducted his third combat deployment to Logar Province, Afghanistan while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF).

His military education includes his most recent graduation from the United States Army War College, the Command and General Staff College and both the Infantry Officer Basic and Career Courses.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (with four Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Ranger Tab, and induction into the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.