



***Colonel Francis Scott Main***  
***Commissioned Service 1985 to 2015***

Colonel F. Scott Main is a 1985 graduate of the University of Oregon and was commissioned an Infantry officer in June 1985. He served as an Infantry officer for six years before transferring to Psychological Operations and Civil Affairs.

As an Infantry Officer, Col. Main has served in a variety of positions including Rifle Platoon Leader and Brigade Personnel Officer, 7th Infantry Division (Light) Calif.; Battalion S-3 Air, 2nd Infantry Division, Korea; and Battalion Logistics Officer S-4, Battalion S-3 Air, and Rifle Company Commander, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Polk, La. Later, then Capt. Main served as a Detachment Commander, with the 4th Psychological Operations Group (Airborne), and as a Civil Affairs Detachment

Commander with the 422nd Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne). Instructor in Civil Affairs with 1st Special Warfare Group (Airborne) and Detachment Commander, and as Division Chief of Strategic Plans with the U.S. Army Special Operations Command (USASOC) (Airborne), both at Fort Bragg, N.C. from June 1994 to May 2001.

His next assignments included at U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) (Airborne) in the Assessment Directorate, as an Action Officer, Special Operations Requirements Resource (Ground) J8 from May 2001 to April 2005. Later, then Lt. Col. Main commanded the 12th Psychological Operations Battalion, 7th Psychological Operations Group, and U.S. Army Civil Affairs Psychological Operations Command (USACAPOC) in San Jose, Calif., from April 2005 to March 2007, with a tour to Bagram, Afghanistan from January 2006 to April 2007, commanding, the Combined Joint Psychological Task Force for Operation Enduring Freedom Jan 2006 to Feb 2007. This was followed by an assignment as the Psychological Operations Division Chief, Director of Psychological Operations and Civil Affairs, USASOC, Fort Bragg, N.C., from May 2007 to July 2008.

Upon promotion to the rank of Colonel, he attended the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa., followed by an assignment as Chief of Education and Training, U.S. Army Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute, also at Carlisle Barracks. In September 2010, Col. Main became Deputy Commanding Officer, 7th Civil Support Command in Kaiserslautern, Germany. His last military assignment was with United States Army War College as a Resident Instructor, Reserve Advisor to the Commandant from 2013 to 2015.

During his career, Col. Main has participated in Combat area of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM Afghanistan, IRAQI FREEDOM, SFOR Bosnia Kosovo, SOUTHERN WATCH (Iraq-Saudi Arabia), UNITED SHIELD (Somalia), JUST CAUSE (Panama), and PROMOTE LIBERTY (Panama). He also participated in several Humanitarian De-mining Missions in Cambodia, Ethiopia and Eretria.

Col. Main has Master's degrees in International Relations from Webster University, St. Louis, Mo., and in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, he also has a BS in History from the University of Oregon. He is also a graduate of Cottage Grove High School in 1979.

Col. Main has received numerous American and foreign government awards and decorations including Combat Action Badge, Two Legions of Merit; the Bronze Star Medal; the Defense Meritorious Service Medal; five Meritorious Service Medals; the Joint Service Commendation Medal, five Army Commendation Medals, the Joint Service Achievement Medal and five Army Achievement Medals; and numerous other medals and Ribbons, including the NATO and UN medals and the British, Egyptian, German, Greek and Venezuelan parachute badges and the American parachute badge.

Col. Main is married to LTC Teresa Shiels, who is still serving an Army nurse assigned to the 228th Combat Support Hospital in San Antonio Texas, with a 3 year old son.