

Lieutenant Colonel John J. Strange, Jr.

LTC John J. Strange, Jr. is a 1992 graduate of the United States Military Academy where he earned his commission in the Infantry. His first assignment was with 1st Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. There he served as a Rifle Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, Battalion S-3 Air, and Brigade S-3 Air. While assigned as the Brigade S-3 Air, 1LT Strange deployed to Haiti in support of Operation Uphold Democracy.



After completing the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, CPT Strange was assigned to 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division where he served as a Brigade Assistant Operations Officer and Mechanized Infantry Company Commander. While serving as the Company Commander of C/2-8 IN (M), his company fielded and tested the M2A3 Bradley. After company command, CPT Strange was assigned to the United States Military Academy where he served as a Company Tactical Officer, Battalion Tactical Officer, and Regimental Executive Officer. After subsequent graduation from the Command and General Staff College, MAJ Strange was assigned to the Republic of Korea where he served as the Battalion Operations Officer and Executive Officer for 1st Battalion, 72d Armor Regiment at Camp Casey, Korea, and as the Aide de Camp for the Commanding General of the Eighth U.S. Army.

LTC Strange's most recent assignments include two tours in Iraq as an Advisor to Iraqi Security Forces. In his first tour, LTC Strange led an 11-man Transition Team and advised the Commanding General of the 7th Border Brigade, responsible for the security of the border between Wasit Province and Iran. In his second tour, LTC Strange served as the Commander of Task Force Sword, a Task Force of Stability Transition Teams augmenting 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division ("Long Knife") and responsible for advising the 2d and 3d Iraqi Army Divisions, for operating the Ninewa Combined Coordination Center, and for training Iraqi battalions conducting monthly collective training densities at the Ghuzlani Warrior Training Center.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Joint Service Achievement Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster). He has earned the Expert Infantryman's Badge, the Ranger Tab, the Sapper Tab, the Parachutist Badge, and Air Assault Badge.

LTC Strange is the son of a retired U.S. Army Officer. He was born in Augsburg, Germany and graduated from Seoul American High School in Seoul, Korea. He has a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Military Academy and a Master of Science degree in Leader Development and Counseling from Long Island University, C.W. Post. He is married to the former Debbie Condit from Columbus, Georgia and has two children, Jay and Mikaela.