



Colonel Richard J. Hoerner

Colonel Rick Hoerner enlisted in the United States Army as an Infantryman in 1985. As a staff sergeant, he led a Ranger squad in a night combat parachute jump into Rio Hato Military Airfield, Panama, during Operation JUST CAUSE in 1989.

Colonel Hoerner is currently assigned as the 40th Commandant of the U.S. Army Financial Management School and the Chief of the Finance Corps, Fort Jackson, SC. He attended Officer Candidate School in 1992 and was commissioned into the Infantry. As a junior officer, he served in numerous positions in the 82nd Airborne Division to include Rifle Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, and Scout Platoon Leader. Rick also served as an Assistant Professor of Military Science at Rochester Institute of Technology. He later returned to the 82nd Airborne Division where he commanded two infantry companies. As a major, Rick was designated as a FA 45 Comptroller and attended the Army Comptroller Program at Syracuse University. Upon graduation in 2004, he was assigned to U.S. Army Central Command where he served as the Iraq Budget Officer, the Director of Resource Management at Area Support Group – Qatar, and as the Branch Chief for Afghanistan Budget. He was later selected to serve as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G8, 82nd Airborne Division and deployed on a 14 month tour to Operation ENDURING FREEDOM X where he served as the Combined Joint Task Force – 82 CJ8. Upon his return from Afghanistan, Rick served as the Professor of Military Science for Army ROTC at Auburn University in Alabama. He then attended the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base and went on to serve as the Deputy Chief of Current Operations for the Operation and Maintenance, Army appropriation in the Army Budget Office, Pentagon. Rick left his position as the Military Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) in the Pentagon to serve as the USFOR-A, Director J8 at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM XV and Operation FREEDOM'S SENTINEL. He was most recently assigned as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G8, XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, NC. In that position, he deployed to the Middle East as the Director, CJ8 for Combined Joint Task Force – Operation INHERENT RESOLVE in the fight against ISIS.

Colonel Hoerner earned a Bachelor of Science in Management from Auburn University. He also holds a Master of Business Administration from Syracuse University, an Executive Master of Public Administration from Syracuse University, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the Air War College. Rick is also a Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) and holds DoD FM Certification Level 3.

Colonel Hoerner's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal, Ranger Tab, Combat Infantryman Badge, Pathfinder Badge, and the Master Parachutist Badge with Bronze Combat Jump Star.

Colonel Hoerner is Married with two children.