

Colonel Dominic J. Caraccilo

Colonel Dominic J. Caraccilo assumed command of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team (187th Infantry Regiment) on 30 November 2006. Prior to command he held the position of G3/5/7 for the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) serving as the Division Operations Officer for Transformation and the deployment to Multinational Division-North during OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM from September 2005-September 2006.

In December 2001 Caraccilo assumed command of the newly activated 2nd Battalion (Airborne) 503rd Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade, Southern European Task Force in Vicenza, Italy. In January 2003 he deployed the battalion on two back-to-back operational missions; OPERATION RAPID GUARDION 3-01 in Kosovo and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM in Northern Iraq where the battalion conducted a night combat parachute assault onto Bashur followed by a year long offensive operation in Kirkuk.

Prior to that deployment he was Special Assistant to the Regimental Commander during the 75th Ranger Regiment al deployment to the Middle East during OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM in Afghanistan. Caraccilo also served in the 75th Rangers as the Regimental Executive Officer and Regimental Plans Officer.

His previous assignments include the Operations Officer (S3) for the 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne (Air Assault) Division at Fort Campbell and the Operations Officer (S3) for 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry also at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Caraccilo attended the US Naval Command and Staff Officer's Course in Newport, RI where he received a master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. Prior to that he completed a tour as an assistant professor at his alma mater, The United States Military Academy at West Point. He has held a variety of command and staff positions in the Continental United States, Germany, Italy, and the Middle East, to include command of Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment and command of Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade, 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg, North Carolina during OPERATION DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM.

Besides a BS from West Point and the MA from the Naval War College, Caraccilo holds a Master of Engineering from Cornell University in Operations Research and Industrial Engineering. His military schooling includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advance Courses, the Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare Course, the Defense Strategy Course, and both the Army and Naval Command and General Staff College.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with V Device, Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the National Defense Service Medal with Service Star, Southwest Asia Service Medal with two bronze stars, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon with Numeral 3, Saudi Arabian Liberation of Kuwait Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge Second Award, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Ranger Tab, Air Assault Wings, and Senior Parachutist's Badge with Combat Jump Star.

Caraccilo is the son of Robert and Marie Caraccilo of Seneca Falls, NY. He is married to the former Karen Gleason, daughter of Henry and Doris Gleason of Waterloo, NY. They have three children, Robert, Jenna, and Jacob.