

Colonel John F. Laganelli / Chief of Staff



Colonel John F. Laganelli enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1986, attended Basic Training at Fort Knox, KY and the Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, GA. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, Aviation in April 1987. He is a graduate of the Aviation Officer's Basic Course, Air Assault Course, Initial Entry Rotary Wing Training Course, and the OH-58D Aviator's Qualification and Supplemental Courses at Fort Rucker, AL, Airborne School at Fort Benning, GA, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Ft Leavenworth, KS, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA, College of Naval Command and Staff, Newport, RI, and the US Army War College, Carlisle, PA.

In May 2011, Colonel Laganelli was assigned as the Chief of Staff, United States Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

His past unit assignments include service as a Scout/Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance Platoon Leader with D Company, 4th Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment, and Adjutant, 4th Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment Stuttgart, Germany; Scout Platoon Leader, 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment during Operation

Desert Shield/Storm; Assistant S3 for 2nd Battalion, 502nd Aviation Regiment, Ft Polk, LA and Fort Hood TX; Assistant Brigade S3 and Combined Arms Training Team Chief, 21st Cavalry Brigade, Fort Hood; Executive Officer, 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment in Schweinfurt, Germany; Senior Operations Officer and G3 Rear for Task Force Falcon, Camp Able Sentry, Macedonia; Executive Officer for Task Force 2-1 Aviation, Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo and Ansbach Germany; Battalion Commander for 2nd Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 4th Brigade, 1st Infantry Division in Ansbach, Germany, Brigade S3 for 4th Brigade, 1st Infantry Division and Executive Officer, 4th Brigade, 1st Infantry Division; US Army Readiness Officer, J32, USJFCOM, Norfolk, VA; G37, Modularity Coordination Cell, and G3, Air, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, NY; Director SDME then Director US Army War College Support Branch at the Center for Strategic Leadership, Carlisle Barracks, PA.

His command assignments include: Commander B Company, 2-502 Aviation, Ft Polk, LA and Fort Hood TX; Battalion Commander for 2nd Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 4th Brigade, 1st Infantry Division in Ansbach. Squadron Commander, 3rd Squadron, 17th US Cavalry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, Ft Drum, NY; Deputy Brigade Commander, 2nd Infantry Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, Camp Stryker, Iraq.

Colonel Laganelli has a Masters Degree in National Security from the U.S. Navy War College and a Masters Degree in Strategic Studies from the US Army War College. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with OLC, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 3OLC, Air Medal with V Device, Army Commendation Medal with 2OLC, Army Achievement Medal, and various other service medals. Colonel Laganelli also holds the Senior Army Aviator Badge, Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge and Air Assault Badge.