

# COL Daniel W. Whitney

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Colonel Daniel W. Whitney assumed command of U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii on July 17, 2012.

Col. Whitney received his commission as an Infantry Officer following graduation from the University of Texas in 1989. He has spent more than 23 years in a variety of operational and staff assignments beginning with his assignment to the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault) where he served as a Rifle and Scout Platoon Leader.

In 1993, Col. Whitney completed the Special Forces Officer Qualification Course. He began his SF career serving for 36 months as Detachment Commander for SFODA 775 (Scuba) assigned to Company A, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> SFG at Fort Bragg, N.C.

He served in the Republic of Panama as Commander, SFODA 791 (Assault) and later as Executive Officer for Company C, 3/7 SFG (A) (USSOUTHCOM Quick Reaction Force). He returned to command Company C, 3/7 SFG (A) in July 2000 in Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.

In 2002, Col. Whitney returned to Fort Bragg to command the 7th SF Group Support Company and subsequently serve as the Group Operations Officer prior to assuming duties as the Aide de Camp to the Commanding General of U.S. Army Special Operations Command (Airborne).

Col. Whitney again returned to the 7<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group to serve as the Executive Officer and concurrently as the Chief of Staff for the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan (CJSOTF-A). His final assignment with the 7<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group was as the Deputy Commander of the 7<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group/CJSOTF-A.

He commanded USAG Hunter Army Airfield, followed with duty as the Executive Officer to the DACSIM in the Pentagon. Prior to assuming command of USAG-HI, Col. Whitney served as the Chief of Staff for U.S. Army Special Forces Command (Airborne).

His military education includes completion of numerous Special Forces and Special Operations courses to include Special Forces Combat Diver Course, Ranger Course, Special Forces Advanced Reconnaissance and Target Exploitation Course (SFARTEC) Course, and SERE Level III Course.

Col. Whitney is a graduate of the Infantry Basic and Advanced courses, the Command and General Staff College, and the National War College. His civilian education includes a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Master of Science in National Security Strategy.

He has participated in numerous overseas deployments, including operations Desert Shield/Storm, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and various Joint and Combined Exercise Training and Counter-Narco Terrorism missions throughout Latin America and Africa.

Col. Whitney's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (with 7 Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters), National Defense Service Medal (with 2 Stars), Southwest Asia Campaign Medal (with 2 Stars), Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Overseas Service Ribbon (with numeral 2), NATO ISAF Medal, Saudi Arabian Kuwait Liberation Medal, and Kuwait Medal.

Col. Whitney has also earned the Combat Infantryman, Expert Infantryman, Master Parachutist, Pathfinder, Air Assault and Combat Diver badges, the Special Forces and Ranger tabs, and the Army Staff Identification Badge. He has also been awarded the Saint Philip Neri (Bronze) as a distinguished member of the Special Forces Regiment.