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Colonel Thomas J. Trossen, a 1982 graduate of Rockhurst High School in Kansas City, was commissioned a Field Artillery officer in 1986 through the early commissioning program at the University of Kansas. He was subsequently assigned to the Kansas Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 127th Field Artillery Regiment in Topeka, Kansas where he served as a Fire Support Team Leader. Upon completion of his bachelors' degree in 1987, COL Trossen was selected for service in the Aviation Branch and Active Duty. In June 1989, COL Trossen was assigned as III/V Support Platoon Leader, 1st Battalion 1st Aviation Regiment, (Gunfighters), at Fort Riley Kansas. Shortly after completion of the Apache Unit Training Program at Fort Hood, Texas, the 1-1st Gunfighters deployed to operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, where COL Trossen became the Battalion S4 following cessation of combat operations. Upon return to Fort Riley, COL Trossen was assigned as a UH-60 Platoon Leader, 4th Battalion 1st Aviation Regiment (Diamondbacks), Fort Riley, Kansas. Following completion of the Officer Advanced Course, COL Trossen was selected to command Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 5th Battalion 501st Aviation (Lightning) while the unit completed the Apache Unit Training Program at Fort Hood, Texas. He continued to command HHC, 5-501st Aviation during its deployment and permanent stationing at Camp Eagle, Korea. COL Trossen completed Command and General Staff College in 2001, and was assigned to Fort Rucker, where he served as the S3, Aviation Training Brigade for 25 months. COL Trossen commanded 1st Battalion, 11th Aviation Regiment at Fort Rucker from July 2006 to June 2008, and was the Deputy Commander of the 164th Theater Airfield Operations Group at Fort Rucker from June 2008 to June 2009. COL Trossen completed the US Army War College at Carlisle Barracks in June 2010, and was subsequently deployed to Iraq as the first Director of Army Aviation Division, Iraq Training and Advising Mission – Air (ITAM-Air). COL Trossen was subsequently assigned as the first Chief, Army Aviation Division, Office of Security Cooperation, Iraq (OSC-I).

COL Trossen's other assignments include: Protocol Officer, 24th Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia; Adjutant, Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, Georgia; Assistant Professor of Military Science, Recruiting Operations Officer, and Executive Officer, Oregon State University Army ROTC Battalion, Corvallis, Oregon; Senior Writer / Instructor, Directorate of Training, Doctrine, and Simulation, Fort Rucker, Alabama; Strategic Planner, Land Force Planner, and Force Planning Manager, Allied Command Transformation Staff Element Europe, Mons, Belgium. COL Trossen is a Joint Duty Qualified officer. COL Trossen is a graduate of the United States Army War College with a Masters of Strategic Studies.

COL Trossen's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal; the Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal with star, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with three stars, the Iraq Campaign Medal with two stars, the Korea Defense Service Medal, the Valorous Unit Award, the Joint Meritorious Unit award with oak leaf, and the Army Superior Unit Award. He has also been awarded the Parachutist Badge and the Aviator Badge.

COL Trossen is married to the former Helen Nelson, of Chicago, Illinois, and resides in Leawood Kansas. They have two children: Jason, 28 and Stephanie, 21, both of Panama City Beach, Florida.