



LTC John Paganini is an infantry officer who has served in command and staff positions in Airborne, Air Assault, Mechanized and Ranger units. He is a 1992 graduate of the United States Military Academy. Following attendance at the Infantry Officer's Basic Course, LTC Paganini served as a Platoon Leader, Support Platoon Leader, and S-3 Air in the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment from 1993 until 1996. After completing the Infantry Officer's Advanced Course, he reported to the Republic of Korea where he served as the S-1 and the Commander of C Company, 1-506th Infantry Regiment. LTC Paganini left Korea in 1998 and served in the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment as the S4 and C Company Commander, deploying to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2002.

LTC Paganini attended Intermediate Level Education at Fort Leavenworth Kansas and then was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia. LTC Paganini served as the G3 Maneuver Planner, and then during OIF III, served as the S3 for 3-7 Infantry. After returning to Fort Stewart, LTC Paganini was assigned as the Brigade S3 for 4th Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division. LTC Paganini returned to Iraq with the 3rd Infantry Division Headquarters to stand up Multi-National Division Center South for surge operations in 2007. LTC Paganini returned to the Ranger Regiment in 2007 to serve as the Regimental S4 and deployed to Iraq twice to serve as the J4 and J3 for a Joint Special Operations Task Force.

LTC Paganini assumed command of the 1st Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment at Fort Drum, New York in February 2009. In March of 2010, LTC Paganini deployed his Squadron to the Kandahar Province of Afghanistan to serve under the Canadian Task Force Kandahar for one year. After relinquishing command of 1-71 CAV, LTC Paganini assumed the position as the Director of the Counterinsurgency Center at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.