



BIOGRAPHY

LTC Robert H. Topper Jr



UNITED STATES ARMY

Lieutenant Colonel Robert H. Topper Jr. (Bob) is currently the Battalion Commander of the 2nd NATO Signal Battalion (2NSB) under the NATO Communication and Information System Group (NCISG). He is responsible for the training, maintenance, operational planning and tactical command and control of 11 deployable CIS assets in support of NATO operations and exercise. 2NSB is composed of 467 Army, Air Force, and Navy service members and civilians from nine Nations and geographically dispersed in three European counties.



Bob Topper was born in 1977 in Hanover, Pennsylvania. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Clarion University of Pennsylvania in Clarion, Pennsylvania in 2001. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army and served in the Transportation Corps. He commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army through the Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia in September 2004. He is currently a year group 2002 US Army Signal Corps Officer. He is currently working on his MBA from Webster University.

He served in various leadership positions with experience in both tactical and strategic communication operations. He has deployed for 34 months to Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, OPERATION NEW DAWN, AND OPERATION FREEDOM SENTINAL.

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

2020 - Signal Pre-Command Course, Virtual from Fort Gordon, GA
2019 – Battalion Pre-Command Course, Fort Leavenworth, KS
2019 – Battalion Tactical Command Development Course, Fort Leavenworth, KS
2019 - NATO Staff Officers Course, Oberammergau, Germany
2017 – Ranger Assessment and Selection Program 2, Fort Benning, GA
2015 - Commanding General Staff College AOC, Distant Learning, Fort Leavenworth, KS
2013 - Commanding General Staff College Common Core, Fort Gordon, GA
2012 - Signal Captains Career Course, Fort Gordon, GA
2010 – Ranger Course and Basic Airborne Course, Fort Benning, GA

ASSIGNMENTS

Jan 8 -	Present	Commander, 2nd NATO Signal Battalion, Grazzanise Airbase, Italy
Jun 2017	Aug 2019	CIO/RS6 75 th Ranger Regiment, Fort Benning, Georgia and OPERATIONAL FREEDOM SENTINAL, Afghanistan
Aug 2016	Jun 2017	Training with Industry with Verizon Enterprise Security, Ashburn, Virginia
May 2015	Jun 2016	Executive Officer, 30 th Signal Battalion, 516 th Signal Brigade, Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii
May 2014	May 2015	S2/3 (Operations Officer), 30 th Signal Battalion, 516 th Signal Brigade, Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii

Oct 2013	May 2014	Theater Current Operations Battle Major, 311 th Theater Signal Command, Fort Shafter, Hawaii
July 2013	Oct 2013	Student, Command and General Staff College, Fort Gordon, Georgia
Aug 2012	July 2013	Aide-De-Camp to Commanding General of 311 th Signal Command (Theater), Fort Shafter, Hawaii
Mar 2012	Jul 2012	Student, Signal Captains Career Course, Fort Gordon, Georgia
Apr 2011	Dec 2011	Executive IMO to United States Forces - Iraq Commander, OPERATION NEW DAWN, Iraq
Nov 2009	Mar 2011	Executive IMO to XVIII Airborne Corps Commander, Fort Bragg, North Carolina and OPERATION NEW DAWN, Iraq
May 2008	Oct 2009	Commander, 586 th Network Support Company, 525 Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, Fort Bragg, North Carolina and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq
Jun 2007	Apr 2008	Battalion S6, 319 th Military Intelligence Battalion, 525 Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, Fort Bragg, North Carolina and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq

OPERATIONS ASSIGNMENTS

Joint Special Operations Task Force J6 OPERATION FREEDOM SENTINEL	Dec 2017 – Apr 2018 MAJ
Executive IMO to United States Forces - Iraq Commander, OPERATION NEW DAWN, Iraq	Apr 2011 - Dec 2011 CPT
Executive IMO to XVIII Airborne Corps Commander, OPERATION NEW DAWN, Iraq	Jan 2011 - Mar 2011 CPT
Commander, 586 th Network Support Company, 525 Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq	May 2008 - Dec 2008 CPT
Battalion S6, 319 th Military Intelligence Battalion, 525 Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq	Sept 2007 - Apr 2008 CPT

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster); Meritorious Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster); Joint Service Commendation Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster and C Device); Army Commendation Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters); Joint Service Achievement Medal; Army Achievement Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster); Afghanistan Campaign Medal (with 1 Combat Service Star); Iraq Campaign Medal (with 4 Combat Service Stars); Korea Defense Service Medal; Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal; NATO Medal; Ranger Tab; Parachutist Badge

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION Year Group: 2002

Second Lieutenant 17 Sept 2004	First Lieutenant 17 Mar 2006	Captain 1 Nov 2007
Major 1 July 2013	Lieutenant Colonel 1 July 2019	

FAMILY

Angela – Married 21 years
Mason – 17 (Son), Layla – 11 (Daughter), Seth – 6 (Son)

(Current as of February 2021)