

COL Robert J. Rowe
Brigade Commander
82nd Airborne Division Sustainment Brigade



Colonel Robert J. Rowe is a native of Elkhorn City, Kentucky. He was commissioned through Officer Candidate School in 1999 after four years of enlisted service. He graduated from Troy University and Fayetteville State University, where he completed his master's and bachelor's degrees in international relations and political science.

He served as a Platoon Leader, Company XO, and Assistant Battalion S-3 from 2000-2002 in the 782nd Main Support Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division. After attending the Logistics Officers Advance Course in 2003, he reported to the Republic of Korea, where he served as a G4 Transportation Officer in Eighth US Army. Then, he returned to the 82nd Airborne Division and served as the Asst Division Transportation Officer, Company Commander, and Asst Brigade S4, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 1st BCT. He participated in Humanitarian Relief efforts under Joint Task Force Katrina. He next stood up and commanded, Golf Forward Support Company, 307th BSB, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment from Jun 2006-2008. As a company commander, COL Rowe deployed in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM from 2007-2008. He later returned to Iraq in 2009 with 1st BCT, 82nd Airborne Division. In 2010, COL Rowe served as the Chief of Sea Branch, Combined Forces Command (CFC)/United States Forces Korea (USFK). From 2011-2013, he served as the Battalion Executive Officer and Support Operations Officer for the Group Support Battalion (GSB), 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne). He deployed to Afghanistan, and he served several positions in the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan (CJSOTF-A), where he was the Joint Logistics Operations Cell (JLOC) Director, GSB Commander (FWD)/Deputy Commanding Officer-Support (DCO-S), and finally as the Chief of Staff. From 2013-2014, he served as the Brigade Support Operations Officer for 528th Sustainment Brigade (Special Operations) (Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina. From 2015 to 2019, COL Rowe served as the Commander, and Executive Officer for the 2503rd Digital Liaison Detachment (DLD), and as the G4 Operations Officer at US Army Central Command, Shaw Air Force Base, SC. From 2019-2021, he commanded the GSB, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Carson, CO. His unit supported Task Force-10 under Special Operations Command-Europe (SOCEUR), supporting OPERATION ATLANTIC RESOLVE. Following battalion command, he served as the Deputy Commander for 528th Sustainment Brigade (Special Operations)(Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC, and as the Director of Sustainment (DOS), Combined Joint Task Force-OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE (CJTF-OIR), Kuwait/Iraq/Syria/Jordan.

COL Rowe's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (2OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (1OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (6OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (4OLC), Master Parachutist Badge, and Australian and German Parachutist Badges.

COL Rowe is married to the former Lisa Leskinen of Leonardtown, Maryland. They have four children Meghan, Caitlin, Chelsea, and Drake.