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COL Navratil is the Country Director for Iraq in the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (DASD) for Middle East Policy. COL Navratil previously worked in the US Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) G3/5/7 Plans Division, in Fort Bragg, NC. He is still a permanent civilian there, specializing in brigade combat team (BCT) planning and the Pacific Command area of responsibility. He is a mobilized Reserve Soldier working in OSD since November 2016, and plans to return to FORSCOM in November 2017.



From 2009-2014, COL Navratil was mobilized in FORSCOM, performing duties as a unit executive officer before transitioning to the G3/5/7 Plans Division to serve on the US Central Command Team as the BCT and division headquarters planner. In this position, he had the responsibility to plan and brief leadership on all brigade and higher unit missions as part of his duties to manage the HQDA/FORSCOM “Patch Chart,” the dashboard used by the Army to portray all pending brigade-and-above deployments worldwide.

Prior to working at FORSCOM, COL Navratil performed various roles as a field artillery officer in Ft Stewart, GA, Camp Casey, Korea, and finally Ft Carson, CO, where he left the active component. He deployed to Bosnia in 2000 with the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment and then to COB Speicher, Iraq from 2006-2007 with the 101st Airborne Division and the 82d Airborne Division. After leaving active duty, he worked for Home Depot for seven years in nine stores ranging from the Bay Area in northern CA, to the DC/MD area, and finally the Atlanta area.

COL Navratil graduated from the USMA with a BS in Environmental Engineering and earned an MBA from the Terry College of Business (University of Georgia) and a Master of Strategic Studies from the US Army War College. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4), Army Commendation Medal (2), Iraqi Campaign Medal (2 Campaign Stars), Korea Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with 10 and “M” Device), Overseas Service Ribbon (2), NATO Medal, Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge, and Air Assault Badge. He is married to his USMA classmate Charina (Oro) Navratil and has two children, Aiza (11), and Calvin (7). They plan to reside in Pinehurst, NC upon returning to Fort Bragg.