



## **COLONEL PATRICK J. WEMPE**

Colonel (COL) Patrick J. Wempe is a native of Little River, Kansas. He joined the Army in 1991 and received his commission through the U.S. Army Officer Candidate School, Fort Benning, Georgia, in 1992.

COL Wempe's first assignment was as the Battalion Chemical Officer for 2-27 Infantry Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Light) at Fort Ord, CA. After the inactivation of 7th ID, COL Wempe joined the 9th Infantry Regiment (Light) at Fort Lewis, WA, serving in 2-9 Infantry as the Battalion Chemical Officer, Rifle Platoon Leader, Rifle Company Executive Officer, Battalion Support Platoon Leader, and Battalion S-4.

Following the Military Intelligence (MI) Officer Transition and Advanced Courses, COL Wempe was assigned to the 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC. There he served in 1st Battalion as the Battalion S-2 and as the Battalion MI Detachment Commander, and at Group level as the 7th Special Forces Group MI Company Commander.

After departing Fort Bragg, COL Wempe assumed command of the U.S. Army Fort Worth Recruiting Company. After completing command, he was assigned as a Nuclear Operations Officer with the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) in Alexandria, VA, departing DTRA to attend the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC) at Fort Leavenworth, KS. Following CGSC graduation in 2004, COL Wempe was assigned to the U.S. Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, NC, where he served as an Intelligence Officer.

COL Wempe assumed command of the 741st MI Battalion at Fort Meade, MD, in 2009. Following command, he served as the Director of Intelligence/J2 for the Joint Interagency Task Force – National Capital Region, in Arlington, Virginia, from 2011-2013. Prior to brigade command, he completed an Army War College Fellowship at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. COL Wempe commanded the 500th Military Intelligence Brigade (Theater), Schofield Barracks, HI, from 2014-2016. He assumed duties as the DCS, G2, U.S. Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, NC, in 2016, serving at USASOC until September 2019. He assumed duties as the FORSCOM Command Inspector General in October 2019.

COL Wempe is a graduate of the U.S. Army Officer Candidate School; Chemical Officer Basic Course; Ranger School; Airborne School; Military Intelligence Officer Transition and Advanced Courses; Combined Arms and Services Staff School; Recruiting Company Commander's Course; U.S. Army Command and General Staff College; United States Army War College Fellowship Program; Joint Planner Course; Joint Combined Warfighting School; CSA Senior Leader Seminar; Inspector General Basic Course; and both Army and Air Force Survive, Evade, Resist, Escape (SERE) courses. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology/Chemistry from Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas, and a Master of Science degree in Administration from Central Michigan University.

COL Wempe and his wife Julie have three daughters, Chloe (20), Hayden (18), and Sophie (12).