

COLONEL ROBERT H. WALTER JR.

Chief of Staff, Oklahoma National Guard



Colonel Robert H. Walter Jr. is the Chief of Staff, Oklahoma National Guard. He serves as the primary assistant to The Adjutant General with overall responsibility and oversight of more than 1,000 full-time employees of the Oklahoma Army National Guard and directly supervises the Staff Directors and the five major brigade-size subordinate command full-time officers in charge. Colonel Walter provides The Adjutant General with pertinent data, information and insight from the Staff with timely and solid guidance. He ensures The Adjutant General is informed at all times on critical and pertinent issues and events that effect his decision-making. Colonel Walter is also responsible for the execution of the federal and state budgets and the oversight of the Recruiting and Retention Program for the Oklahoma National Guard.

Colonel Walter commissioned in 1993 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Central Oklahoma. In prior assignments, he has served as the Joint Task Force Commander, Oklahoma National Guard; Deputy Commander, 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team; Squadron Commander, 1st Squadron, 180th Cavalry Regiment; and Command Group Executive Officer, Joint Force Headquarters. Prior to receiving his commission, Colonel Walter served three years as an enlisted member of the Oklahoma Army National Guard.

COMMISSIONING SOURCE:

ROTC

EDUCATIONAL DEGREES:

1993, University of Central Oklahoma, Bachelor of General Studies, Edmond, Oklahoma

2013, United States Army War College, Master of Strategic Studies, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania

MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED:

2013, United States Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania

2009, Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

1997, Infantry Officer Advanced Course, Fort Benning, Georgia

1993, Infantry Officer Basic Course, Fort Benning, Georgia

1992, Airborne, Fort Benning, Georgia

FOREIGN LANGUAGE(S):

None Recorded

PROMOTIONS

Second Lieutenant	7	May	1993
First Lieutenant	28	May	1996
Captain	16	October	1998
Major	30	August	2005
Lieutenant Colonel	09	August	2010
Colonel	09	May	2016

DATE OF APPOINTMENT**ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. January 2022 – Chief of Staff, Joint Force Headquarters, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
2. March 2018 – December 2021, Joint Task Force Commander, Joint Force Headquarters, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
3. February 2016 – February 2018, Deputy Commander, Headquarters, 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Norman, Oklahoma
4. July 2013 – February 2016, Squadron Commander, 1st Squadron, 180th Cavalry Regiment, Durant, Oklahoma
5. August 2012 – June 2013, Student Officer, United States Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania
6. March 2012 – July 2012, Brigade S3, Headquarters, 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Norman, Oklahoma
7. June 2011– March 2012, Brigade S3, Headquarters, 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Norman, Oklahoma and OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Forward Operating Base Gamberi, Afghanistan
8. March 2010 – June 2011, Brigade S3, Headquarters, 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Norman, Oklahoma
9. June 2009 – March 2010, Assistant Professor of Military Science, Headquarters, 5th Brigade, United States Army Cadet Command, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma
10. October 2008 – June 2009, Battalion Executive Officer, Headquarters, 5th Brigade, United States Army Cadet Command, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma
11. January 2008 – October 2008, Battalion S3, Headquarters, 1st Battalion 179th Infantry Regiment, Stillwater, Oklahoma and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Camp Bucca, Iraq
12. July 2005 – January 2008, Battalion S3, Headquarters, 1st Battalion 179th Infantry Regiment, Stillwater, Oklahoma
13. August 2004 – June 2005, Assistant S2/S3 (Air), Headquarters, 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

14. November 2003 – August 2004, Embedded Trainer, 1st Embedded Training Team, Coalition Joint Task Force Phoenix, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Forward Operating Base Phoenix, Afghanistan

15. July 2002 – November 2003, Assistant S3 (Air), Headquarters, 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

16. November 1999 – June 2002, Commander, Company C, 1st Battalion, 279th Infantry Regiment, Sapulpa, Oklahoma

17. June 1999 – October 1999, S3 (Air), Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 279th Infantry Regiment, Tulsa, Oklahoma

18. June 1998 – May 1999, S2, Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 279th Infantry Regiment, Tulsa, Oklahoma

19. October 1996 – May 1998, Rifle Platoon Leader, Company C, 1st Battalion, 279th Infantry Regiment, Tulsa, Oklahoma

20. October 1993 – September 1996, Rifle Platoon Leader, Company A, 1st Battalion, 279th Infantry Regiment, Tulsa, Oklahoma

21. June 1993 – September 1993, Student Officer, Infantry Officer Basic Course, Fort Benning, Georgia

22. May 1993 – September 1993, Unassigned Officer Awaiting Initial Training, United States Army Reserve Control Group (Annual Training), St. Louis, Missouri

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS:

March 2018 – December 2021, Joint Task Force Commander, Joint Force Headquarters, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS:

June 2011– March 2012, Brigade S3, Headquarters, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Forward Operating Base Gamberi, Afghanistan

January 2008 – October 2008, Battalion S3, Headquarters, 1st Battalion 179th Infantry Regiment, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Camp Bucca, Iraq

November 2003 – August 2004, Embedded Trainer, 1st Embedded Training Team, Coalition Joint Task Force Phoenix, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Forward Operating Base Phoenix, Afghanistan

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Bronze Star Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)

Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Army Commendation Medal (with Valor Device and 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Army Achievement Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Meritorious Unit Commendation (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)

Army Superior Unit Award
Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal
National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star)
Afghanistan Campaign Medal (with 2 Bronze Campaign Stars)
Iraq Campaign Medal (with 1 Bronze Campaign Star)
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Gold Hourglass Device and "M" Device)
Army Service Ribbon
Overseas Service Ribbon (with Numeral 3)
Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon
North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal
Oklahoma State Active Duty Service Medal (with Numeral 3)
Oklahoma Long Service Ribbon (30 Years)
Oklahoma Good Conduct Ribbon (with Numeral 2)
Louisiana Emergency Service Medal
Combat Infantryman Badge
Parachutist Badge
Oklahoma General Staff Identification Badge

As of 18 February 2022