

BIOGRAPHY

Brigadier General Robert P. Walters Jr.



Brigadier General Robert P. Walters Jr., is Deputy Director for Operations/Intelligence Integration, Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization. He is responsible for supporting the combatant commanders with rapidly fused operational information, intelligence and technology to enable the defeat of threat networks.

Brigadier General Walters enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1981 and served as a Russian voice intercept operator with duty in Augsburg, Germany. In December 1985, he was commissioned as a military intelligence officer and assigned to Fort Huachuca, Ariz. After serving as a platoon leader and a company executive officer, Brigadier General Walters attended the MI Officer Advance course with a follow-on assignment to the Republic of Korea. In the 2d Infantry Division, he served first as the division's electronic warfare officer, then as Battalion S2 for the Crusaders of 2d Tank, 2-72d Armor.

Brigadier General Walters has served in a number of command assignments including commander of Charlie Company, 519th MI Battalion (Airborne); detachment commander, Office of Military Support, Washington, D.C.; and then later as squadron commander where he served in Operation Enduring Freedom. He also served as an intelligence officer for the Night Stalkers of Task Force 160, 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, supporting several special operations contingencies including efforts in Somalia and Haiti.

His joint and operational experience includes more than four years deployed during seven separate tours. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, he commanded the 165th Military Intelligence Battalion. Other deployed positions included commanding the 504th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade in Iraq and serving as Director of Intelligence, J-2, Joint Operations Command during two tours in Afghanistan. He also served in Operation Joint Endeavor in Bosnia and Operation Desert Shield/Storm in Saudi Arabia.

Other staff assignments include service as the chief, observer and controller for the Battle Command Training Program at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and aide-de-camp to the commanding general, U.S. Army Combined Arms Center. His military training includes Army Command and General Staff College, Army War College and British Higher Command and Staff College.

Brigadier General Walters holds a bachelor's degree in Russian area studies from the University of Maryland, a master's in management from Golden Gate University, a master's in telecommunications management from Webster University and a master's in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College.

His decorations and badges include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (oak leaf cluster), Bronze Star Medal (four oak leaf clusters), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (three oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal (three oak leaf clusters), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (four oak leaf clusters), Combat Action Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Army Aviation Badge and Ranger Tab.