

United States Army
Brigade Commander
John R. Cook

Colonel
181st Infantry Brigade
First Army Division West



Col. John R. Cook received his commission from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1991. After the Armor Officer Basic Course, his first assignment was with the 4th Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment at Fort Stewart, Georgia, where he served as both a tank platoon leader and scout platoon leader from 1992 to 1995. While assigned to 4-64 AR, 1st Lt. Cook deployed to Egypt in support of Bright Star 1994.

Capt. Cook's next operational assignment was with the 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment at Camp Garryowen, Republic of Korea, from 1996 to 1997. While assigned to 4-7 Cav, he served 10 months as the Assistant S3 and five months as the Squadron S4. In September 1997, he was assigned to 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, where he assumed command of Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment and subsequently commanded Headquarters and Headquarters Company. In February 1999, 1-12 CAV deployed to Bosnia for peace enforcement operations. Following command, Capt. Cook was reassigned to 3rd Squadron, 16th Cavalry Regiment at Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he served as a Small Group Instructor at the Armor Captain Career Course and then as the OIC of the Armor Pre-Command Course.

Upon graduation of Command and General Staff College in June 2004, Maj. Cook returned to the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division as the Brigade S1 in Eastern Baghdad for Operation Iraqi Freedom II. Upon redeployment, he was assigned as the Squadron XO to the 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment where he focused on the transformation, reset and reorganization of a tank battalion to a new Armed Reconnaissance Squadron. In February 2006, Maj. Cook was designated the Brigade S3 for the train-up for OIF 06-08 and subsequent deployment to Northwest Baghdad in October 2006. Lt. Col. Cook later assumed duties as the Brigade XO in January 2007 and subsequently redeployed the BCT in January 2008. Following OIF 06-08, Lt. Col. Cook was reassigned to the Collective Training Directorate in the Combined Arms Center for Training at Fort Leavenworth where he led the Battle Command Training Division.

Lt. Col. Cook assumed command of the 1st Squadron, 10th U.S. Cavalry Squadron in November 2009 at Fort Carson, Colorado, where he led the organization through troop-level lanes in the Decisive Action Training Environment. In the summer of 2010, the squadron

reorganized for combat and subsequently deployed to Kandahar City, Afghanistan, for Operation Enduring Freedom 11-12. Following command, Lt. Col. Cook was assigned to the National Training Center as Cobra 07, the senior reconnaissance squadron trainer.

Upon graduation of the U.S. Army War College in June 2014, Col. Cook was assigned as the TRADOC Capability Manager for Mission Command/Command Posts in the Mission Command Center of Excellence at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.