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Colonel Jay Macklin was commissioned in June 1988 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Mercer University in Macon, Georgia, where he was a Distinguished Military Graduate. He has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from Mercer, a Master of Science Degree in International Relations from Troy University and a Master of Strategic Studies Degree from the United States Army War College.

Colonel Macklin served in company grade officer positions as a Section Leader, Executive Officer, Battalion Adjutant, Battalion Assistant Operations Officer, Company Commander, Assault Company Observer/ Controller and Operations Observer/ Controller. As a Field Grade Officer, Colonel Macklin served as Company Commander, Student at the Command and General Staff College, Battalion Operations Officer of 3-158 Assault Helicopter Battalion as well as the 12<sup>th</sup> Brigade, V Corps, Operations Officer during Operation Iraqi Freedom 1. He then served at the Infantry Center, Fort Benning, Georgia where he was Chief of the Stryker Brigade Combat Team, SBCT, Transformation Cell. Colonel Macklin took command of 3-158<sup>th</sup> Assault Helicopter Battalion in June 2006 and relinquished command in December of 2008 after returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom 07-09. He is a recent graduate of the United States Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

Colonel Macklin's past assignments include the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky; 2d Infantry Division, Korea; 3d Infantry Division, Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia; National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California; Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; 12<sup>th</sup> Aviation Brigade, Giebelstadt, Germany; Infantry Center, Fort Benning Georgia, 12<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Katterbach, Germany and United States Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

He is a veteran of Desert Shield/Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom 1 and 07-09. Colonel Macklin's awards and decorations include the three Bronze Star medals, two Air Medals, four Meritorious Service Medals, three Army Commendation Medals, four Army Achievement Medals, two National Defense Service Medals, two Southwest Asia Service medals, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service and Expeditionary Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Combat Action Badge, Master Army Aviator Badge, Airborne Badge and Air Assault Badge.