

SENIOR LEADER BIOGRAPHY

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Colonel Welton Chase Jr.

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Col. Welton Chase Jr. received his commission in May 1987 through the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps program at Widener University in Chester, Penn. He was designated a distinguished military graduate and began his career as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Signal Corps.

Col. Chase holds a Master of Science degree in Telecommunications from the University of Colorado-Boulder; a Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University's Industrial College; and a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Widener University.

His previous assignments include: instrumentation engineer at the Test and Experimentation Command (TEXCOM); platoon leader and battalion maintenance officer for 67th Signal Battalion (Bn); S-4 of the 25th Signal Bn; assistant S-3 of the 327th Signal Bn (Airborne); company commander of D Company, 327th Signal Bn (Airborne); and the operations officer at U.S. Army Space Command, Europe.

From 1998-2001, Col. Chase was assigned to the First Digitized Division, the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Fort Hood, Texas. During this assignment he served as the S-3 for the 124th Signal Bn and subsequently as the assistant division signal officer (ADSO). In 2001, he was assigned to U.S. Strategic Command at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., where he served in the J3 as a command post engineer and subsequently in the headquarters as the aide-de-camp to the combatant commander.

Col. Chase assumed command of the 501st Signal Bn, 101st Airborne Division in Mosul, Iraq, during Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) in 2003. He subsequently assumed command of the 101st Airborne Division's newly transformed Special Troops Battalion and led the unit on its first combat deployment during OIF IV.

He served as the commander of the 1st Signal Brigade Yongsan, Korea, from 2008 to 2010. In this position, he served as the DAA/CIO and was responsible for communications across the peninsula that supported 8th U.S. Army and the United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/U.S. Forces Command (UNC/CFC/USFK). From 2010 to 2011, he served as the executive officer to the Commander UNC/CFC/USFK.

From 2011 to 2014 he served in the Pentagon with the Joint Staff as a division chief in the J8, J6, and as an executive assistant to the Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Col. Chase's schools include the Ranger Course; 7th Special Forces Airborne School; 82nd Airborne Division's Jumpmaster Course; Joint Space Fundamentals Course; the Signal Officer's Basic and Advanced Courses; the Combined Arms Services Staff School; the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the National Defense University's Industrial College.

His awards and decorations include: Defense Superior Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster; Legion of Merit; Bronze Star Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters; Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters; the Army Commendation Medal; and a variety of unit and campaign awards.

Col. Chase is a Master Parachutist; Air Assault qualified; Ranger qualified; and was awarded the Combat Action Badge during OIF.

