

Colonel Michael A. Scarpulla
Commander, Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade

Colonel Michael A. Scarpulla enlisted into military service as an Infantryman at Fort Benning, Georgia in 1985. He served in numerous Infantry leadership positions from Fire Team Leader to Infantry Platoon Sergeant prior to OCS Commissioning as a 2nd Lieutenant of Infantry in 1996. He first served in the 1st Cavalry Division as a Bradley Platoon Leader, Charlie Company Executive Officer, and HHC Executive Officer in 1st Battalion, 9th US Cavalry Regiment.

After the Captain's Career Course and the Command and Staff Service School, he was assigned to the Ranger Training Brigade as the Brigade Assistant Operations Officer. He next served in the 3rd Infantry Division's Sledgehammer Brigade where he was the Battalion Assistant Operations Officer, Alpha Company Commander, and Headquarters and Headquarters Company Commander in the 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment. Following the initial invasion of Iraq and OIF III, he served as the Brigade Deputy Operations Officer for the Brigade's Reorganization on Kelley Hill.

Following the Command and General Staff College, he was assigned as a MiTT Team Chief for 15 months of an Afghanistan Kandak in Helmand and Farah Province. After his assignment in Afghanistan, then Major Scarpulla served as the Battalion Executive Officer for 4th Ranger Training Battalion and the Brigade Operations Officer of the Ranger Training Brigade. He was then selected to serve at the United States Special Operations Command as an Operational Planner. Colonel Scarpulla next commanded the 5th Ranger Training Battalion of the Ranger Training Brigade. Following Battalion Command, he served in the 25th Infantry Division as the Division Deputy Chief of Staff at Schofield Barracks and as the Chief of Training for the United States Army Pacific at Fort Shafter before attending the Naval War College.

Some of his awards and decorations include the Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Military Freefall Badge, Pathfinder Badge, the Expert Infantryman's Badge, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Bronze Star with two oak-leaf clusters, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with five oak-leaf clusters and the NATO Meritorious Service Medal.