



COLONEL ROB CHOPPA

COMMANDANT, UNITED STATES ARMY INFANTRY SCHOOL

Colonel Robert Choppa graduated from Siena College earning a Bachelors of Science degree in Management. He enlisted in the Army with his twin brother and commissioned through Officer Candidate School as an Infantry Officer. Upon completion of the Infantry Officer Basic Course and Ranger School, he served as a Platoon Leader and Executive Officer with 1-17 Infantry. Next, he served as a Platoon Leader, Executive Officer, and Personnel Officer of 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment at Fort Benning. From there, he served as Commander of Alpha 3-14 Infantry Rifle Company and the 10th Mountain Long Range Surveillance Detachment at Fort Drum. After field grade staff assignments, he commanded the 5-20th Stryker Infantry Battalion at Fort Lewis, and then the 171st Infantry Brigade at Fort Jackson.

Colonel Choppa has served on several operational and training deployments in Infantry/Maneuver Command and Staff assignments at the Platoon, Detachment, Company, Battalion, Brigade, Division, Corps, and Army level. He has served in various worldwide assignments in Canada, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia, and in the Arctic. He assumed command of the United States Army Infantry School and duties as the Chief of Infantry on 15 November 2013.

Colonel Choppa's continued military education includes the Canadian Land Force Staff Course, USMC Command and Staff College, Army Command and General Staff College, Joint Advanced Warfighting School, and Joint Staff Officer Course. He also earned a degree in Joint Campaign Planning from the National Defense University and completed National Military Strategy Fellowship from Maxwell School of Government, Syracuse University.

Colonel Choppa's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Bronze Star Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with six oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Superior Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Iraqi Campaign Medal with Combat Star, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense

Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Air Assault Badge, Ranger Tab, Expert Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Military Free Fall Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, and the Combat Infantryman Badge.