

## **Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Philip Kwong**

Born in Hong Kong, LTC Kwong immigrated with his family to the United States in 1972 to San Francisco, California. He graduated from the University of San Francisco Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelors Degree in Government in 1989 and was the Distinguished Military Graduate for his class earning his Regular Army Commission in Armor.

He began his Army career as a tank platoon leader in C Troop, 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, joining his unit as they were deploying for Saudi Arabia in support of OPERATION DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM. Leading his tank platoon in a hasty attack against enemy fortified positions at Ar Rumayllah Southwest Airfield, Iraq, he destroyed several enemy armored vehicles and bunkers before securing the Hammurabi Republican Guard Brigade Command Post until the rest of his Troop arrived to clear up the heavily built up quarry. For his actions, he was awarded the Bronze Star.

Returning with his unit, he went on to serve as a Scout Platoon Leader and Assistant Regimental Intelligence Officer before attending the Military Intelligence Officers Transition and Officers Advance Course in 1994.

He then went on to be the Brigade S2 for the 194<sup>th</sup> Separate Armored Brigade at Ft. Knox, KY. After the 194<sup>th</sup>, he went on to command Delta Company, 2d Battalion, 46<sup>th</sup> Infantry, where his basic training company led his battalion in nearly every measurable area of performance.

After command, he was assigned to 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 75<sup>th</sup> Division (Training), USAR, in Houston, TX, as the Assistant Brigade S2/S3 officer. Following this assignment, he went on to serve as the Assistant Professor of Military Science at California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo, California, as the Recruiting Operations Officer where he taught survival skills, among other subjects. During this assignment, LTC Kwong was selected as a Strategic Intelligence Officer and attended the Post Graduate Intelligence Program at the Joint Military Intelligence College where he graduated in the top 20% of his class and earned his Masters of Science in Strategic Intelligence.

After graduation, he went on to serve on the Army Staff for the Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence. Shortly after joining the Army Staff, our country was attacked on September 11<sup>th</sup> and LTC Kwong was selected to serve on the Crisis Action Team on the Army Operations Center where he served as the focal point in coordinating all intelligence support to the Crisis Action Team. Following this assignment, he attended the US Army Command and General Staff Officers Course at Ft. Leavenworth, KS.

Upon graduation, he left with his family to serve on the United States Forces Korea J2 staff as the Chief of Systems Integration and Technical Support where among his other duties he led the fielding of the Combined Intelligence VSAT Network – Korea that increased capabilities by over 1,000 percent and saved several million dollars per year and has become a critical intelligence and operational capability that transformed how USFK and our coalition allies executed their wartime mission.

Returning to the US, LTC Kwong attended the Joint and Combined Warfighting School earning his JPME-II at Norfolk, VA, before joining the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). At DIA, LTC

Kwong founded the Defense Intelligence VSAT Network (DIVN) where he extended coverage to 80% of the world and immediately improved performance to deployed units worldwide. At its height, LTC Kwong was supporting operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, Korea, Pacific and other locations. By connecting to the tactical edge at the speed of light, LTC Kwong transformed the way that DIA supported our deployed operators, whether that was other Intelligence Community members, military units, or coalition partners.

Retiring in 2009, LTC Kwong joined DIA as a Government Civilian and continued to run DIVN – winning the DIA Director's Annual Agency Team Award for 2009. Later, he was assigned to be the Deputy Program Manager and then the Program Manager for DIA's flag ship service, the Joint Worldwide Intelligence Communications System (JWICS) that is the DoD's Top Secret Intranet.

LTC Kwong left Federal Service in 2015 and joined Intelsat General Corporation – Intelsat is the world's leader in satellite communications and services. As a Satellite Networks Development Manager, LTC Kwong continues to support our national defense as a trusted industry partner.

LTC Kwong is a graduate of the Armor Officers Basic Course, the Junior Officers Maintenance Course, the Scout Platoon Leaders Course, the Infantry Mortar Platoon Officers Course, the Airborne Course, the Military Intelligence Officers Transition and Advanced Course, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, the Post Graduate Intelligence Program, the United States Army Command and General Staff Officers Course, and the Joint Combined Warfighting School. He also has additional skill identifiers as a Strategist, Joint Planner, and Space Operations.

His civilian education includes a Bachelors of Arts in Government, and a Masters of Science in Strategic Intelligence. He was the top distinguished graduate of the Advanced Management Program and holds his Federal Chief Information Officer certification. He also is Level 1 certified in Program Management and Information Technologies from the Defense Acquisition University.

LTC Kwong's awards include: the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Achievement Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the National Defense Service Medal (with 1 bronze star), the Southwest Asia Service Medal (with 2 bronze stars), the Global War on Terrorism Medal, the Korean Defense Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Saudi Kuwait Liberation Medal, the Kuwaiti Liberation Medal, the Basic Parachutist Badge and the Joint Meritorious Unit Award. He is also a Knight in the Order of St. George and the Order of the Spur.

LTC Kwong resides in Colorado Springs with his family.