



COLONEL RICK FENOLI

US Army, Retired

NDR Hall of Fame Induction: 23 April 2022

Colonel Fenoli, a Distinguished Military Graduate, commissioned in 1986 in the Louisiana Army National Guard. He received an active duty assignment to 1st Battalion, 39th Field Artillery Regiment (Airborne), XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, NC, and served as a Platoon Leader during Operation Desert Shield/Storm, Service Battery Executive Officer, and Adjutant. Later, at Schofield Barracks, HI, he served the 7th Battalion, 8th Field Artillery, 25th Infantry Division (Light), as the Battalion Targeting Officer, S-4, and S-4 for the International Police Monitors, Operation Uphold Democracy, Haiti. Later, he commanded B Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Field Artillery, 25th ID.

Additional assignments include Observer Controller, Fire Support Observer Controller, and Firing Battery Observer Controller, Fort Polk, LA; Assistant Fire Support Coordinator and Plans Chief, XVIII Airborne Corps Fire Support Element; J3 Fires Plans Officer, Corps Joint Task Force, and S3, 1st Battalion, 321st Field Artillery Regiment (Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC; and Special Operations Command, European Theater Fire Support Officer J3 and J5 Chief of the African Division with multiple rotations to Africa and to include Operation Shining Express, Liberia. He commanded 1st Battalion, 321st Field Artillery Regiment (Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC, deploying to Operation Iraqi Freedom while commanding Forward Operating Base Marez and Forward Operating Base Diamondback in Mosul, Iraq.

At the Pentagon, COL Fenoli served as the Joint Lessons Learned Branch Chief, stood up the DoD Joint Lessons Learned Information System, served as a Battle Captain in the National Military Command and Control Center, and Deputy Division Chief of the Training and Exercise Branch on the Chairman's Joint Staff J7. He then deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom as the Director of Recruit Training and Commandant of the Kabul Military Training Center, Afghanistan. Upon return, he served on The Department Defense Joint Staff Integrated Vulnerability Assessment Team and lastly as Chief of the Department of Defense's Red Team at Defense Threat Reduction Agency.

He has been awarded the Bronze Star with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal w/1 OLC, Meritorious Service Medal w/2 OLC, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal w/1 OLC, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal w/1 OLC, National Defense Service Ribbon w/Bronze Star (BS), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal w/2 BS, Afghanistan Campaign Ribbon w/BS, Iraq Campaign Medal w/2 BS, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO ISAF Medal, Saudi Arabia Kuwait Liberation Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award w/2 OLC, Combat Action, Master Parachutist, and Military Free Fall Parachutist Badges, German Parachutist Badge, Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge, and the Ranger Tab.

COL Fenoli and his wife, Cherie, are retired career military patriots.