

COLONEL ROBERT W REDDING



Chief of Staff/Chief Administrative Office, COARNG

COL Robert W. Redding is from Katy, Texas and graduated from Texas A&M University, where he was a member of the Corps of Cadets and the Texas Aggie Band. He earned a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Agriculture from Texas A&M, a Master of Strategic Studies from the US Army War College, as well as a Doctor of Philosophy in International Development from the University of Southern Mississippi.

COL Redding was commissioned in 1990 and entered service in the Texas Army National Guard, serving as Scout Platoon Leader and Assistant S-3 in 1st Squadron, 124th Cavalry. After a civilian job transfer to Colorado in 1995, COL Redding continued his traditional National Guard service in the Colorado Army National Guard with 5th Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne), where he served as Service

Detachment Commander, Battalion Civil Affairs Officer (S-5), and Commander of Support Company.

In 2000, COL Redding was accepted into the Active Guard Reserve program with initial assignment as Assistant Professor of Military Science with the Reserve Officer Training Corps unit at the University of Colorado at Boulder. In 2002, he was recalled to 5th Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) for deployment to Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. COL Redding served as the Battalion Civil Affairs Officer and conducted a multitude of Military Civic Action, Foreign Nation Support and Force Protection activities in support of the battalion's mission of training the Afghan National Army.

Upon returning from Afghanistan in 2003, COL Redding served from as full time Logistics Officer (S-4), then Assistant Operations and Training Officer (AS-3) for 89th Troop Command. As part of the Command & Leadership Tour Program, he served as a traditional National Guardsman as Operations Officer (S-3) for the Colorado Army National Guard Space Support Battalion.

In 2006, COL Redding was selected to be the Colorado National Guard's Bilateral Affairs Officer in the Republic of Slovenia, where he served at the American Embassy in Ljubljana as the Deputy Chief of the Office of Defense Cooperation and oversaw the revitalization and expansion of the State Partnership with Slovenia. Upon returning to Colorado from Slovenia, COL Redding took command of 1st Battalion, 157th Infantry and served full time as Deputy J3 for Colorado's Joint Task Force – Centennial.

In 2014, COL Redding was selected to serve as the National Guard Bureau Liaison Officer to Israel Defense Forces Home Front Command, where he was responsible for the development of strategic engagement between the Israeli Defense Forces Home Front Command, US European Command, the US Agency for International Development Office of Foreign Disaster Relief, US Embassy - Tel Aviv, and the National Guard Bureau.

Upon his return from Israel, COL Redding served as G3 and currently serves as Chief of Staff, Colorado Army National Guard.

COL Redding is a Joint Qualified Officer, and is a graduate of the Armor Officer Advanced Course, the Civil Affairs Officer Course, the Combined Arms Service Staff School, the Command & General Staff Officer Course, the Space Operations Officer Qualification Course, Advanced Joint Professional Military Education and the US Army War College (Distance Learning).