



U.S. ARMY NETWORK ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY COMMAND

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Colonel Robert H. Topper Jr. (Bob) serves as the Chief of Staff (CoS) for the U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command. As the NETCOM CoS, COL Topper is responsible for the organization and effective operation of NETCOM Headquarters, subject to the CG's guidance and direction, while maintaining situational awareness of Department of Defense (DoD), Headquarters Department of the Army (HQDA), Army Cyber Command (ARCYBER) and NETCOM's ongoing strategic level effects.

Prior to his current assignment he served as the Battalion Commander of the 2nd NATO Signal Battalion in Naples, Italy. It was composed of 467 Multinational Army, Air Force,

Navy and NATO International Civilians from nine nations and geographically dispersed in three European countries (Italy, Bulgaria, & Romania). COL Topper served as the Chief Information Officer/RS6 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Moore, Georgia. He also participated in industry training with Verizon Enterprise Security, Ashburn, Virginia. COL Topper served as the Executive Office and S2/3 Operations Officer for 30th Signal Battalion, 516th Signal Brigade, Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii. Served as the Operations Battle Major and Aide-De-Camp to the CG for 311th Theater Signal Command at Fort Shafter, Hawaii. He also served as the Executive Information Management Officer (IMO) to the United States Forces, Iraq Commander, Iraq, and the Executive IMO to XVII Airborne Corps Commander at Fort Liberty. Prior to that, he served as the Commander for the 586th Network Support Company, 525 Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, Fort Liberty, North Carolina. Additionally, he has served in various leadership positions with experience in both tactical and strategic communications operations. He was deployed for 34 months to Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, and Operation Freedom Sentinel.

COL Topper was born in Hanover, Pennsylvania. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Clarion University of Pennsylvania in Clarion, Pennsylvania 2001. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army and served in the Transportation Corps. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army through the Officer Candidate School at Fort Moore, Georgia, in September 2004. He is currently a year group 2002 U.S. Army Signal Corps Officer. In 2023, he earned a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. He is currently attending Webster University pursuing a dual master's degree in information technology management and a Master of Business Administration with six credits remaining.

COL Topper's military awards and decoration include the Bronze Star Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster); Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Cluster); Joint Service Commendation Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster and C Device); Army Commendation Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters); Joint Service Achievement Medal; Army Achievement Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster); Afghanistan Campaign Medal (with 1 Combat Service Star); Iraq Campaign Medal (with 4 Combat Service Stars); Korea Defense Service Medal; Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal; NATO Medal; Ranger Tab; Parachutist Badge; Bronze Order of Mercury, SACEUR Recognition Award.

COL Topper and Angela Topper have three children: Mason, Layla, and Seth.

