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Lieutenant Colonel Rodney D. Jackson Chief of Staff

Lieutenant Colonel Rodney Jackson assumed the role of Chief of Staff for the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI) in March 2026. In this capacity, he is responsible for the effective operation, management, and direction of the Operations, Personnel Student Services, and Resource Management departments. He supports the Commandant by aligning departmental priorities with command intent, managing staff duties, and coordinating closely with the Deputy Commandant, Senior Enlisted Advisor, and executive directors to ensure seamless execution of institutional requirements.



A native of Killeen, Texas, Lieutenant Colonel Jackson enlisted in the Army as an Engineer, completing Basic Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. In 2005, he completed the Reserve Officers' Training Corps program at Tarleton State University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Political Science, and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant.

Upon completion of the Infantry Officer Basic Course, where he earned his Airborne certification and the coveted Ranger Tab, Lieutenant Colonel Jackson was assigned to 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington. As an Infantry Platoon Leader, he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, honing his leadership skills in a complex and challenging combat environment.

In 2008, Lieutenant Colonel Jackson transitioned to the Adjutant General Corps. After completing the Adjutant General Captains Career Course, he took on the critical responsibility of molding new soldiers as the Commander of Alpha Company, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. In his subsequent assignment he served as the Battalion Adjutant for the 4th Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, deploying in support of Operation New Dawn in 2010, and later as the J-1 for the Joint Special Operations Task Force – Gulf Cooperation Council in Bahrain in 2014.

Lieutenant Colonel Jackson was selected to serve as an instructor in the Department of Behavioral Science and Leadership at the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he helped shape the next generation of Army leaders. His follow-on assignments included serving as Group S-1 for the 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Eglin Air Force Base, the

Assistant Professor of Military Science at South Carolina State University, and the Battalion Commander for the 1st Infantry Division Special Troops Battalion.

Lieutenant Colonel Jackson's awards and decorations include the Soldier's Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (5th Award), the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal with Valor device, the Joint Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Combat Infantry Badge, the Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and the Ranger Tab.

In addition to his undergraduate degree, Lieutenant Colonel Jackson holds a Graduate Certificate in Leadership from Central Michigan University and a Master of Science in Human Resource Management from Webster University.

Lieutenant Colonel Jackson is married and has two daughters.