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BIOGRAPHY
LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN C. CRAY

LTC John C. Cray was born in New York on 20 February 1951. He received his regular Army commission from the University of Cincinnati in 1973. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science.

From 1974 to 1978, LTC Cray served as rifle and scout platoon leader, Brigade S3 Air, Company Executive Officer, and Company Commander with the 325 Infantry, 82nd Airborne Division. From 1979 to 1982, LTC Cray served as Adjutant, Company Commander, and Assistant Operations Officer with the 2d Battalion (Ranger), 75th Infantry at Fort Lewis. While assigned to USA MILPERCEN from 1982-1985, LTC Cray served in OPMD as Special Distribution Plans Officer and as Chief, Assignments Officer for Infantry Captains. He later served with the 25th Infantry Division (LIGHT) at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, where he worked as Battalion Executive Officer, G3 Air/Edre, Deputy G3, and Brigade S3. LTC Cray's most recent assignment was as the Commander of 2d Battalion (IOBC), 11th Infantry Regiment from February 1991 until February 1993.

LTC Cray's military schooling includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Airborne, Ranger, Jumpmaster Courses, and the Command and General Staff College. He holds a Master's Degree in Business Management from Central Michigan University.

His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with Four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal, the Master Parachutist Badge, the Expert Infantryman's Badge, and the Army Ranger Tab.

LTC Cray and his wife, Kathy, have two children, Cheryl and John Adam.

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