



Colonel (R) John C. Race

A native of Rockford, Illinois, Colonel (R) John C. Race, Jr. was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Transportation Corps after graduating as a Distinguished Military Graduate from the University of Iowa in 1972, with a B.A. Degree in Education. He also holds a M.S. Degree in Transportation Management from the Florida Institute of Technology (1977) and a M.A Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College (1991). As a company grade officer, COL Race served in numerous command and staff transportation positions in the United States and multiple overseas locations.

COL Race attended the Logistics Executive Development Course at Fort Lee, followed by Training With Industry in Walnut Creek, CA, with Pacific Intermountain Express. Following this assignment, COL Race served as the Freight Transportation Plans Officer, Directorate of Inland Traffic, HQ, Military Traffic Management Command. Transferring to the Federal Republic of Germany in June 1983, COL Race was the Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General, 21st Support Command, until May 1985. At which time, he assumed duties as the Material and Services Officer of the 66th Maintenance Battalion, Kaiserslautern, FRG.

After graduating from the Naval Command and Staff College in Newport, RI in 1987, he was the Executive Officer, 11th Transportation Battalion, Fort Story, VA. He held this position for two years before being reassigned to Fort Eustis as the S-2/S3 Officer, 7th Transportation Group in July 1989. He assumed command of the 330th Transportation Center (MCC) on 20 November 1990, while deployed to Saudi Arabia in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. After command he attended the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, PA. Following graduation in June 1994, COL Race served as the Chief of Logistics Plans and Analysis Division, Logistics Evaluation Agency (LEA), New Cumberland, PA. During his assignment at LEA, COL Race was deployed to HQ, U.S. Army Europe for Operation Support Hope and to Brunsum, the Netherlands, to assist NATO planning efforts for the withdrawal of UN forces from the former Republic of Yugoslavia.

He was promoted to Colonel on 1 December 1994. COL Race assumed command of the 1302nd Major Port Command, Oakland, CA on 28 June 1995. Shortly after assuming command, COL Race once again deployed to Europe in support of planning efforts for Operation Joint Endeavor. Planning continued until late November when COL Race deployed to Zagreb, Croatia, for the deployment of NATO forces. COL Race served as Chief of Staff, 1st Corps Support Command from July 1997 to July 1999 and as the Chief of Staff of USA Transportation Center and Fort Eustis from August 1999 to November 2001. He retired from active service on 21 January, 2002. After retirement Mr. Race served as the Chief of Staff of the, SDDC Transportation Engineering Agency, Newport News, VA; as the Assistant Commandant, US Army Transportation School, at Ft. Eustis and as the Deputy Director, TRADOC Logistics Directorate, Ft. Monroe, VA (now Ft. Eustis, VA). He is a Distinguished Member of the Transportation Regiment and a member of the Transportation Corps Hall of Fame (2008). He is a former President of the Transportation Corps Regimental Association/Honorary Colonel of the Regiment and is currently President of the Army Transportation Museum Foundation.