

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS REGIMENT



**LIEUTENANT COLONEL
JAMES P. KELLIHER**

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Lieutenant Colonel James P. Kelliher entered the United States Military Academy in 1968 and upon graduation in 1972, he received his Infantry Commission. In 1987, Kelliher began his service to the Psychological Operations Regiment serving until 1995 when he retired from active duty. Lt. Col. Kelliher served with distinction in a wide variety of positions while on active duty, and continued to support and serve the Regiment as a Department of the Army Civilian for an additional 20 years.

While serving as a Psychological Operations Officer, Lt. Col. Kelliher served in a variety of positions. He established the Psychological Operations Dissemination Battalion (Provisional), now known as the 3rd Military Information Support Battalion (Airborne), and served as its first commander. While serving as the battalion commander, he deployed forward to support the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

He also served as the 4th Psychological Operations Group (Airborne) Operations Officer, and deployed in support of Operation Just Cause. He later served as the 4th POG(A) Executive Officer (during which time he served as the Task Force Commander for NEO Planning), and as the Deputy Group Commander. As the 4th POG (A) Deputy Commander, Lt. Col. Kelliher deployed as the Psychological Operations Planner with Task Force Ranger in support of operations in Somalia.

Lt. Col. Kelliher's final assignment while in uniform was with the Joint Special Operations Command where he served as PSYOP Liaison Officer, deploying as the JSOC LNO to CINCSOC for operations in Haiti.

Lt. Col. (Retired) Kelliher continued to serve the Psychological Operations Regiment as a Department of the Army Civilian with the Joint Special Operations Command Information Operations Division. His duties included Deputy Division Chief, Special Technical Operations Chief and the Director of the Special Access Programs Office. While in these positions, Kelliher was responsible for the management and access control of highly sensitive national-level programs, safeguarding and expertly maintaining some of the nation's most coveted and protected technologies and capabilities. He advised numerous JSOC Commanders and key leaders on the integration of Psychological Operations, Information Operations and the administration of STO and SAP programs that led to unsurpassed support to special operations conducted on a global scale.

While serving in uniform Lt. Col. Kelliher earned the Expert Infantryman Badge and is Master Parachutist rated. His awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak-leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal and the Humanitarian Service Medal. While serving as a DA Civilian he was recognized for his outstanding service with the DA Superior Civilian Service Award (second award) and the Combined Joint Chiefs of Staff Joint Meritorious Civilian Service Award.