



## U.S. ARMY SPECIAL OPERATIONS AVIATION COMMAND BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

### COLONEL PHILIP J. RYAN

Commanding Officer

Assumed Command June 26, 2020



Colonel Phil Ryan is a 1992 graduate of the United States Military Academy. He holds Master's degrees in Management from Webster University and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. Colonel Ryan served in the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and with the Second Infantry Division, Camp Page and Camp Red Cloud, Republic of Korea, prior to joining the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) in 1999.

As a Night Stalker, he served as a Task Force S1, AH-6 Attack Platoon Leader, Operations Officer, Company Commander, and Battalion Executive Officer in TF 1-160. From June 2010 to June 2012 he commanded 2nd Battalion, 160th SOAR, from July 2013 to June 2015 he commanded Task Force 1-160, and from July 2016 to July 2018 he commanded the 160th SOAR, all at Fort Campbell.

Colonel Ryan also served at the Army Human Resources Command in Alexandria, Virginia, as the Chief of the Special Management Division and as the Executive Officer to the Commanding General, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. In 2018, he was assigned to the Pentagon as the Deputy Director for Army Aviation in the Headquarters, Department of the Army G-3/5/7. In 2019, he was selected to be the Executive Officer for the Secretary of the Army.

Colonel Ryan's awards and decorations include: the Legion of Merit (2 OLC), the Distinguished Flying Cross (2 OLC), the Bronze Star Medal (3 OLC), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal with V device, the Presidential Unit Citation (3 OLC) and the Valorous Unit Award, among others.

Colonel Ryan and his wife have three children.