

1st BATTALION & CHARLIE CO TAC Officer
LIEUTENANT COLONEL JEFF PANTON

United States Army



LTC (Retired) Jefferson R. Pantan served over 25 years in the United States Army as both enlisted soldier and Officer. He enlisted in 1982 and was commissioned from the United State Military Academy, West Point in 1988. He has served in numerous leadership and staff positions as an Infantry and Special Forces officer. His career highlights include Infantry Platoon Leader and Mortar Platoon Leader in 2ID (Korea), Detachment Commander and Company Executive Officer, 1st BN 1st Special Forces Group (Okinawa, Japan). Group Support Company Commander 1st Special Forces Group (FT. Lewis, Washington) and Special Forces Detachment-Korea (SFD-K) Commander. While at the United States Special Operations Command, he served a 6 month tour in Iraq as an Operations Officer in the Iraqi National Counter Terrorism Force-Transition Team, and 2 1/2 years as the USSOCOM Liaison Officer to the Australian Special Operations Command. LTC Pantan is also a Chinese Foreign Area Officer with a Masters Degree from Stanford University in Far East Asian Studies. He served 16 years of his career in overseas assignments primarily in Asia to include: Japan, Korea, Germany, Australia and the Peoples Republic of China. He also had numerous smaller military deployments to Thailand, the Philippines, Cambodia, Bangladesh and Iraq. LTC Pantan retired from active duty service on 1 April 2011. He has a wife, Kimberly and three children: Charles , Savannah and Michael.

His Military Awards include: LOM, DSM (3 OLC), MSM (1 OLC) ARCOM (1 OLC), AAM, AUSA, AGCM, NDSM, GWOT, KDSM and HSM

His military skills and training include: Military Free Fall parachutist, Jumpmaster, Expert Infantrymen Badge, Air Assault Badge, Special Forces, Ranger and Special Forces Advance Reconnaissance, Target Analysis, and Exploitation Course (SFARTEC) graduate. His primary foreign language is Mandarin Chinese with limited proficiency in Korean.