



Colonel John Wilcox Garrison Commander Fort Liberty, NC

Colonel John Wilcox is a graduate of The Virginia Military Institute and earned his commission in the Military Police Corps in 1999. During his time in the MP Corps, he served in numerous leadership roles including Platoon Leader, Special Reaction Team Leader Company Commander, and Iraqi 1st Mechanized National Police Transition Team Military Police Advisor Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Colonel Wilcox volunteered to join Special Operations Civil Affairs in 2007. As a tactical Civil Affairs Soldier, Colonel Wilcox served as Team Leader, Civil Affairs Team 714 Company Operations Officer A Company, 97th Civil Affairs Battalion (A)(SO), and Commander A Company, 97th Civil Affairs Battalion (A)(SO).

He deployed twice to the southern Philippines in support of Operation Enduring Freedom Philippines where he synchronized and integrated Civil Affairs operations throughout the Mindanao region. Colonel Wilcox returned as Company Commander providing CA forces across Mindanao Province and advising the 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne) and JSOTF-P Commander. Colonel Wilcox worked closely with the Philippines Civil Military Operations School to professionalize their CA doctrine and to establish standing Civil Affairs units.

Colonel Wilcox assumed command of 3rd Battalion, 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne) in 2017. The Battalion is responsible for the evaluation, training, and qualification U.S. Army, Sister Service, and Allied Civil Affairs Soldiers to provide DoD the capability to conduct worldwide Civil Affairs in support of the General Purpose and Special Operations Forces in ambiguous and complex environments.

Colonel Wilcox's other CA assignments include Chief of Plans 95th CA Brigade (A)(SO), CA advisor USFOR-A, Assistant Chief of Staff G9, 2nd Infantry Division. Colonel Wilcox deployed to Afghanistan as part of NATO Special Operations Component Command-Afghanistan as the Director of the Afghan Local Police Special Operations Advisory Cell, where he was responsible for shutting down the \$60 million program consisting of approximately 30,000 Afghan Guardians across the entire country.

Colonel Wilcox's most recent assignment was Deputy Chief of Staff G5 for USASOC in 2021. During his tenure at USASOC, he helped develop the emerging USASOC strategy for 2040 and ran the force optimization OPT, which helped set the course for the USASOC enterprise over the next 10-15 years. He assumed Command of USAG Fort Liberty in 2022.

Colonel Wilcox holds masters degrees from the Naval Postgraduate School and the Army War College. He is married to the former Nellie Cho, they have three children.