



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES ARMY

Colonel KENT PARK

**Joint Base Garrison Commander
Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington**

Colonel Kent W. Park is the commander of Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington. As the commander, Colonel Park ensures mission essential support and services to units, service members, families, civilian employees, contractors and retirees -- which totals more than 290,000 people within 414,000 acres -- to ensure the resilience of our Service members and their families.



A graduate of the United States Military Academy, Colonel Park was commissioned as an Infantry Officer in 1999 and served in various leadership and broadening assignments over the past 24 years.

His overseas and deployment experiences include: Republic of Korea as an Infantry and Scout Platoon Leader with 2-9 Infantry, 2nd Infantry Division, Civil Affairs Operations Officer with 8th Army, and Chief of Current Operations with the Combined Forces Command/U.S. Forces Korea; Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) as a Company Commander with C/2-1 Infantry, 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team; Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) as Battalion Operations Officer with 1-23 Infantry, 2nd Infantry Division; and Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR) as Squadron Commander of 3rd Squadron, 3rd Cavalry Regiment.

Other assignments include: Associate Professor at the United States Military Academy teaching American Politics, Civil-Military Relationship, and American Foreign Policy in the Department of Social Sciences; Researcher for talent management initiatives at the Office of Economics and Manpower Analysis (OEMA); and Director of Commander's Action Group and Speechwriter for the Commanding General of U.S. Army Pacific.

COL Park's previous experience at Joint Base Lewis-McChord include: Battalion Operations and Executive Officer with 1-23 Infantry Battalion, Brigade S3 with the former 3-2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team, and Chief of Current Operations with 7th Infantry Division.

Most recently, COL Park was a member of the Carlisle Scholars Program at the U.S. Army War College where he researched modernization efforts for the Selective Service System and mass-mobilization challenges in a large-scale combat operations. His other research interests include Civil-Military Relationship, Talent Management, and the U.S. Pacific Strategy.

COL Park earned a Bachelor of Science in International Relations from the United States Military Academy, Master in Public Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, and a Master in National Security Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

COL Kent Park is married to the former Dr. Jae Rin Suh. They have three children: Wesley, Nathan, and Joshua. All are thrilled to be back in the Pacific Northwest and looking forward to enjoying delicious seafood and an epic winter sports season!