

BIOGRAPHY FOR COLONEL JOHN A. KARDOS

Colonel John Kardos served as a U.S. Army infantry officer for 31 years before retiring in July 2010. During his career, he served in numerous command and staff positions with airborne, air assault, light infantry, and training units, and various functional headquarters. Colonel Kardos' final assignment was as the Director of the Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute (PKSOI) at the U.S. Army War College. He is currently the Senior Army Instructor for the Junior ROTC program at Cumberland Valley High School.

Other career highlights include serving as the Future Operations Division Chief at U.S. Pacific Command, where he led crisis planning for regional security threats, counterterrorism, and South Asia tsunami relief. Colonel Kardos commanded the 2d Battalion, 47th Infantry at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and trained over 6000 soldiers for Army service. He was the Executive Officer for the U.S. battalion in the Multinational Force and Observers peacekeeping mission in the Sinai, Egypt. He served as a West Point tactical officer and regimental executive officer, responsible for integrating the development of cadets in leadership, academics, and physical fitness. He also commanded Company A (Airborne), 2-187th Infantry in the Republic of Panama.

Colonel Kardos is a Distinguished Graduate of the National War College with a Masters Degree in National Security Strategy. He also has a Masters Degree in Personnel and Employee Relations from the University of South Carolina, and a Bachelor of Science Degree from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

Colonel Kardos' many awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (5th Award), and the Joint Service Commendation Medal. He has earned the Ranger Tab, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Master Parachutist's Badge, German Armed Forces Efficiency Badge, and the Honduran Parachutist Badge.