LTC Robert L. Sketch

Incoming Commander, HHBN, 4th Infantry Division

Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Sketch enlisted in January 1993 and attended Basic Training and Military Police Advanced Individual Training at Fort McClellan, Alabama. As an enlisted Soldier he deployed to Mogadishu, Somalia from August to December 1993 and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba from January to July 1995. In 1998 he graduated from Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, GA and was commissioned as an Adjutant General Officer. After attending the Adjutant General Officer Basic Course at Fort Jackson, South Carolina he served as the 18th Soldier Support Group S1 and XVIII Airborne Corps Readiness Officer at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Prior to departing to attend the Adjutant General Officer Advanced Course, he served as the Aide-de-Camp to the XVIII Airborne Corps Chief of Staff from June 2001 to July 2002 and deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom.

From 2003 to 2008, he was selected to serve in the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. His positions included the 1st Battalion S1, Commander of HHC, 4th Battalion and the Regiment S1. While assigned to the 160th SOAR (A) he served three short deployments to Operation Iraqi Freedom. He returned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina in July 2008 after he was selected to serve as the Adjutant and HHT Commander for the 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment – Delta and served there until June 2010.

Upon completion of the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base in 2011, he returned to 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment - Delta at Fort Bragg for another year before selection as the CJ-1 Director for the NATO, Special Operations Component Command and United States Special Operations Joint Task Force - Afghanistan from June 2012 to June 2013. Following that deployment he was assigned as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G1 for the United States Army Special Operations Aviation Command (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

LTC Sketch is a graduate of the Adjutant General Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, and the Air Command and Staff College where he earned a Master of Military Operational Art and Science degree.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (1 OLC), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (5 OLC), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Army Superior Unit Award, Good Conduct Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, the Senior Parachutist Badge, German Jump Wings, the MG Aubrey “Red” Newman Award and is a member of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.

LTC Sketch and his wife Karla have two children: Ashleigh (23) and Robby (17).