



United States Army

Area Support Group-Poland

COLONEL

JORGE M. FONSECA

Commander

BIOGRAPHY

Colonel Fonseca received his commission as a Medical Service Corps (MSC) Officer from the Illinois Army National Guard Officer Candidate School at the Illinois Military Academy in 1996. Previously, he served as an enlisted Soldier from 1991 to 1995 in the U.S. Army Reserve as a Combat Medic. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army's MSC Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Military Intelligence Officer Transition Course, Advanced Military Intelligence Officer's Course, Command and General Staff College, and the United States Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where he earned a Master of Strategic Studies degree in June, 2019. He also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Technology from Northern Illinois University.

Prior to his arrival at Area Support Group-Poland, Colonel Fonseca served as the Chief of Intelligence Plans and Readiness at the Europe-Eurasia Regional Center (EERC) of the Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington DC. He led the Plans team in advising the EERC Chief on matters involving EERC equities within the Intelligence Community, United States European Command, and other global combatant commands. COL Fonseca is also dual hatted as the Director of Intelligence (J2) with the Illinois National Guard's Joint Staff.



His past command assignments include: Commander, Charlie Company, 341st MI Battalion (Linguist), ILARNG; Commander, Bilateral Embedded Support Team Afghanistan (BEST A-17) and Deputy Commander, Task Force White Eagle, during his second deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Resolute Support in 2016. Most recently, he served as Deputy Brigade Commander, 129th Regional Training Institute, ILARNG.

His previous non-command assignments in the Illinois Army National Guard include being a Laboratory Science Officer, Military Intelligence (MI) Company Platoon Leader and Executive Officer, Brigade Intelligence officer for the 108th Sustainment Brigade, and Tactical Intelligence Officer for the 244th Army Liaison Team (ALT). He served as Senior Liaison Officer, 244th ALT during his deployment to Baghdad, Iraq in 2005 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and as the U.S. Intelligence Officer, Task Force White Eagle (Polish Armed Forces) during his deployment to Ghazni Province, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2012. He has also served in several staff positions in Joint Force Headquarters, ILARNG.

His military awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, a Bronze Star Medal (1 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), and Army Commendation Medal (1 OLC), the Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) Campaign Medals, NATO Medal, and the Combat Action Badge, as well as other Federal and State service awards and decorations.

In his civilian capacity, he is a Sergeant with the Illinois State Police (ISP). His past ISP assignments include, District Chicago Patrol, Governor's Executive Protection Unit, and currently as a Criminal Investigator in Zone 3 with the Division of Criminal Investigation. His ISP awards include a life-saving award and nomination for officer of the year. Additionally, he is a military veteran honoree of the Illinois Governor's Honor 200 Bicentennial recognition.