



Reserve Forces Policy Board

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Colonel (COL) David R. Kogon is a military strategist in the U.S. Army Reserve. He was commissioned as an Infantry Officer in 2004, and later transitioned to Military Intelligence (2008), and Strategic Plans & Policy (2013).

COL Kogon currently serves as the U.S. Army Reserve Senior Policy Advisor to the Chairman of the Reserve Forces Policy Board at the Office of the Secretary of War, Washington, D.C. The Reserve Forces Policy Board serves as an independent adviser to the Secretary of War, providing advice and recommendations to the Secretary on strategies, policies, and practices designed to improve and enhance the capabilities, efficiency and effectiveness of the seven Reserve components.

COL Kogon recently served as the Director of Strategy, Plans and Policy (G-35) for the Office of the Chief of Army Reserve at Ft. Belvoir, VA. His primary role was to anticipate and prepare the Army Reserve to conduct large scale combat operations in a multidomain environment as part of the Total Army and the Joint Force against a global competitor now and in the future. COL Kogon also directed Army Reserve International Affairs activities and managed strategic talent across the Army Reserve.

COL Kogon previously commanded the North Central Army Reserve Intelligence Support Center at Ft. Sheridan, IL. Prior to assuming Command, he was a U.S. Army War College Fellow in residence at the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy, Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University where he taught courses on national security policy and military strategy at the graduate and undergraduate level.

As a military strategist, COL Kogon previously served as a program director with the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy in International Security Affairs; a strategic planner with the Department of the Army in the Strategic Plans & Policy Directorate; a Branch Chief with U.S. Africa Command in the Future Operations Division; and the Deputy Director of the Commander's Initiatives Group at Combined Joint Task Force - Operation INHERENT RESOLVE.

During his time in Military Intelligence, COL Kogon served as a Strategic Intelligence Officer and Counterintelligence Special Agent, and also commanded a Counterintelligence Company. During his time in the Infantry, COL Kogon served as a Rifle Platoon Leader and Executive Officer with the 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Division in Alaska and Iraq. COL Kogon was privileged to lead the exceptional Soldiers of 1st Platoon, Able Company, 3rd Battalion, 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment while deployed in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM in the vicinity of Fallujah from 2006-2007.

COL Kogon is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College, the Basic Strategic Arts Program, the Command and General Staff College, the Military Intelligence Captain's Career Course, the Infantry Officer's Basic Course, Ranger School, Airborne School, and several specialized Military Intelligence courses.

COL Kogon holds a Master of Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, a Master of Science in Strategic Intelligence from the National Intelligence University, and a Bachelor's degree in Government and Psychology from the College of William and Mary. He is also a graduate of the Massachusetts Institutes of Technology's Seminar XXI program.

COL Kogon's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLCs), the Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device, the Valorous Unit Award (1 OLC), the Master Combat Infantryman Badge, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Parachutist Badge, and the Ranger Tab. COL Kogon is a Distinguished Military Graduate from the U.S. Army's ROTC Program, and a recipient of the General Douglass MacArthur Leadership Award for Company Grade Officers.

COL Kogon married Ms. Katie M. Kogon in AUG 2005. They are the proud parents of four extremely energetic children – Lorelai, Colin, Eamon, and Astrid. Also a graduate of the College of William and Mary, Ms. Kogon is an accountant who has held various audit and finance positions in both the private and non-profit sectors. While COL Kogon was deployed in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Ms. Kogon spent countless hours caring for wounded Soldiers and providing support to their families at Walter Reed Army Hospital. COL Kogon serves as a leader in his children's Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troops; Ms. Kogon is an accomplished photographer and artist who volunteers at the local elementary school and as an accountant for the community swim team.

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