



# BIOGRAPHY

**UNITED STATES ARMY**

## COLONEL RICK ROUSSEAU



Colonel Rousseau enlisted in the Army in 1988 as a Private First Class and served 17 months when commissioned in the Judge Advocate General's Corps. Upon completion of the Judge Advocate General's Office Basic Course in 1989, Colonel Rousseau was assigned to the U.S. Army Missile Command at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. While assigned at Redstone Arsenal, Colonel Rousseau served in a series of positions to include Chief of Legal Assistance; Chief of Criminal Law; Special Assistant U.S. Attorney; Chief of Administrative Law; and Chief of Claims. In 1992, Colonel Rousseau was assigned to III Corps and Fort Hood where he served as the Officer-in-Charge of the Fort Hood Tax Assistance Center and Chief of Legal Assistance. In 1994, Colonel Rousseau was assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Division / 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division where he served as the Senior Defense Counsel of the Trial Defense Service Field Office. Colonel Rousseau completed the Combined Armed Services Staff School (CAS3) in 1996 and the Judge Advocate General Graduate Course in 1997. Upon completion of the course, he was assigned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division at Camp Casey, Korea, as the Senior Defense Counsel of the Trial Defense Service Field Office. From 1998 to 2001, Colonel Rousseau was a Professor at the Judge Advocate General's School in Charlottesville, Virginia, and taught Federal Income Taxation, Military Estate Planning, and Military Survivor Benefits. While serving as a Professor, Colonel Rousseau published numerous articles, to include articles on combat zone tax issues and military estate planning. Following completion of resident Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Colonel Rousseau was assigned as the Regional Defense Counsel for the Southwest Region of the Trial Defense Service from 2002 to 2004 in charge of Army Trial Defense services in Arizona, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Texas. In 2004, Colonel Rousseau was assigned as the Command Judge Advocate for Area Support Group Kuwait at Camp Arifjan. In 2005, Colonel Rousseau returned to Fort Hood to serve as the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate for III Corps and Fort Hood. Upon the deployment of III Corps, Colonel Rousseau served as the Staff Judge Advocate for Fort Hood from November 2006 to April 2008. From May 2008 to June 2009, Colonel Rousseau served as the Staff Judge Advocate for the First U.S. Army at Fort Gillem, Georgia. He has served as the Staff Judge Advocate & Legal Advisor for CSTC-A/NTM-A since July 2009. COL Rousseau will attend the Naval War College in August 2010.

Colonel Rousseau's recent individual volunteer service has focused on two primary areas. He recently completed a three-year appointment by the Secretary of the Treasury on a Federal Advisory Panel to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP). Colonel Rousseau

served as the Chairman of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Committee, working closely with the IRS on the expanding a broader offering of taxpayer services and partner collaboration strategies relating to the IRS Tax Assistance Blueprint. Colonel Rousseau received the President's Gold Volunteer Service Award for his service on TAP. In addition, Colonel Rousseau served as a Council Member on the State Bar of Texas, Military Law Section, which is composed of attorneys from active duty, reserve components, and retired judge advocates of all branches of the military, as well as civilian lawyers who have an interest in issues affecting the military.

Colonel Rousseau has six children: Christian (23), Eric (21), Miriam (17), Jacob (17), Rachel (15), and Ryan (15). Christian and Eric are currently students at the University of Texas at Austin.

## **EDUCATION**

- 1982 B.S. in Education - The Univ. of Texas - Austin
- 1987 Doctor of Jurisprudence - South Texas College of Law – Houston
- 1992 Master of Laws in Taxation from Univ. of Alabama- Tuscaloosa
- 1997 Master of Laws in Military Law (with specialty in Administrative & Civil Law) - The Judge Advocate General's School, U.S. Army

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Legion of Merit  
Meritorious Service Medal (8)  
Army Achievement Medal (2)  
Meritorious Unit Citation  
Army Superior Unit Award  
National Defense Service Medal (2)  
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Korean Defense Service Medal  
Army Service Ribbon  
Overseas Service Ribbon