



BIOGRAPHY

Colonel Peter M. Atkinson

COL Pete Atkinson currently serves as a Senior Policy Advisor with the Office of the Assistant Secretary of War for Space Policy at the Pentagon.

Commissioned as an Infantry Officer, COL Atkinson began his active-duty career serving with the 10th Mountain Division. After completing the Special Forces Qualification Course, he served with the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Special Operations Command - Central, and the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School. Next, he completed the U.S. Army Space Operations Qualification Course and served at U.S. Space Command, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a U.S. Army War College Fellow, and, most recently, the Strategic Operations Directorate Military Deputy and Principal Space Advisor at the Headquarters, Department of the Army.



COL Atkinson is currently a doctoral student at Old Dominion University studying public administration and policy. Previously, he earned a Master of Arts in global and international studies from the University of Kansas and a Bachelor of Arts in history from Florida Atlantic University. He is a graduate of the Senior Service College, the Joint Forces Staff College, and the Command and General Staff College. COL Atkinson completed a non-resident fellowship with the Joint Special Operations University, a resident national security fellowship at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and he is a Certified Higher Education Professional with a concentration in teaching. COL Atkinson is a lifetime member of the Military Officers Association of America, the Association of the United States Army, the Special Forces Association, and the Army Space Professionals Association.

COL Atkinson's training highlights include the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Ranger Course, Air Assault Course, Special Forces Qualification Course, Advanced Special Operations Techniques Course, Military Free-Fall Parachutist Course, Jumpmaster Course, Special Technical Operations Course, Space Operations Officer Qualification Course, Joint Space Planners Course, and the Army Space Senior Leader Seminar. His key awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab, Army Staff Identification Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Military Free-Fall Parachutist Badge, Master Space Badge, Air Assault Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency, and Chilean, German, Italian, Laotian, and Singaporean Parachutist Badges.