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Colonel William Lyons enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve in the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) in 1989. He was commissioned in the Army Reserve in Military Intelligence (MI) from the Army ROTC Program at Norwich University, the Military College of Vermont, in 1990. After completion of the Military Intelligence Officer Basic Course in 1991, he was assigned to the 372nd Military Intelligence Company (Technical Intelligence)(Echelons Above Corps) where he served as a Technical Intelligence Team Leader and then as the Company Executive Officer. In 1996, he was selected to serve as the Aide-de-Camp of Brigadier General John J. Green, Deputy Commanding General of the 94th Army Reserve Command.

Upon completion of his assignment as a general's aide, he was selected to command the 372nd Military Intelligence Company. He remained in company command for almost three years. Upon completion of his company command, he transferred to 3437th Military Intelligence Detachment where he served as a Counterterrorism Analyst supporting the Defense Intelligence Agency.

In September 2001, Colonel Lyons deployed with the 29th Infantry Division (Light) as part of Multi-National Division (North) to Bosnia-Herzegovina as part of NATO's Stabilization Forces (SFOR). Landing in Bosnia on September 11, 2001, he served for seven months as the Requirements Manager in the Division's Analysis and Control Element (ACE). He returned to the United States in April 2002 and completed an assignment as the S3 of the 6th Battalion (MI), 98th Division (IT) before deploying in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) from February 2003 to January 2004. Initially participating in the ground invasion as the Assistant S3 (Plans) of the 325th Military Intelligence Battalion, he subsequently served at the headquarters of Combined Joint Task Force 7 as the Human Intelligence (HUMINT) Operations Officer for the Iraqi Theatre of Operations (ITO), where he was responsible for theater-wide interrogation and source operations requirements. Upon his release from active duty, he rejoined the 6th Battalion (MI) and served as the S3, the Executive Officer, and the Battalion Commander. Upon completion of his command tenure, he was assigned as the Operations Officer of Detachment 2, 3300th Military Intelligence Group, responsible for reserve operations in the Boston Field Office of the Defense Intelligence Agency.

From 2008-2012, he was assigned to Detachment 8, U.S. Army Reserve Element, Joint Analysis Center, European Command. He served first as the Branch Chief, Intelligence Engagements, directly supporting the EUCOM J2. Then he served as the Deputy Director of the Joint Reserve Intelligence Support Element, coordinating the activities of the joint staff. Upon completion of his assignment with EUCOM, he was assigned to the Regional Emergency Preparedness Liaison Office (REPLO), FEMA Region 1, where he served as the Assistant Chief coordinating the joint staff responsible for Defense Support to Civil Authorities (DSCA) throughout New England until his selection to Colonel and command of the 2500th MI Group.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with two Campaign Stars, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals, Southwest Asia Service Medal, NATO Medal (Bosnia), Combat Action Badge, and the Parachutist Badge.

Colonel Lyons holds a Juris Doctor (JD) from Suffolk University Law School, a Master of Strategic Studies (MSS) from the US Army War College, a Master of Transportation and Urban Systems (MTUS) from North Dakota State University, a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering (BSEE) from Norwich University, and an Associate of Applied Science in Intelligence Operations from Cochise College. He is licensed as a Professional Engineer (in ten states) and a Professional Planner in New Jersey. He is licensed to practice law in Massachusetts and is also a licensed Real Estate Broker.

His military education includes the Airborne Course, Military Intelligence Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Combined Arms Services Staff School, Command and General Staff College, Defense Strategic Debriefing Course, Joint Forces Staff College, and the Army War College.