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Colonel (Ret.) Brian R. Page was born in Potsdam, New York. In his junior year of high school, he decided to join the military because he wanted to serve his country and provide for his family. After completing basic training in Fort Sill, Oklahoma in 1982, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in Field Artillery at Clarkson University in May 1987. His military education includes the Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Airborne, Air Assault and Ranger schools, and Command and General Staff School.

Colonel Page's first assignment was in Korea from 1982 to 1984. For many years throughout his career, he was stationed between Korea and the United States. He is the former Director 8th Army Operational Fires Directorate, USFK Chief of Fires and CFC Deputy Chief of Fires from Aug 09-2012. Prior to retiring, his assignments included Brigade Military Transition Team Leader in Taji, Iraq, Battalion Commander of 2nd Battalion, 289th Field Artillery in Fort Riley, Kansas and Professor of Military Science at Cornell University.

Colonel Page received many awards and decorations including the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart medal, Defense and Army Meritorious Service Medals, Joint and Army Commendation Medals, Army Achievement Medals, the Combat Action Badge, the Airborne and Air Assault Badge and the Ranger Tab.

One of Colonel Page's most memorable and rewarding experiences during his service was training the 1st Brigade, 9th Division of the new Iraqi Army which resulted in two US Bns returning to the United States. He is a lifetime member of the DAV, VFW, and AMVETS and enjoys volunteering in his community in Puerto Rico.

Colonel Page is married to his loving wife, Sonyo, whom he met during his first assignment in Korea. They have two adult children, Susan and Lee, who have both graduated from college and recently married Javier and Katelyn. He and Sonyo are looking forward to having grandchildren.