



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES ARMY

COLONEL FREDERIC L. BORCH III

Colonel Frederic L. Borch III is the Department of Defense (DoD) Office of Military Commissions (OMC) acting Chief Prosecutor. He is responsible for directing the overall prosecution efforts of the United States in military commissions. His duties include supervising all Military Commission Prosecutors and Assistant Prosecutors, as well as advising the DoD General Counsel on matters relating to military commission prosecution activities.

A career Army lawyer, Fred Borch was commissioned after graduating from Davidson College with an A.B. (History) in 1976. He then attended law school at the Univ. of North Carolina, receiving his J.D. in 1979. Col. Borch then took an additional educational delay to study at the Univ. of Brussels, Belgium, graduating magna cum laude with an LL.M. in 1980 (International and Comparative Law).

Since entering on active duty in 1980, Col. Borch has served in a variety of judge advocate assignments in the U.S. and overseas. He prosecuted courts-martial, and served as a legal assistance and administrative law attorney at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga., and the 325th Airborne Regiment Combat Team in Vicenza, Italy. Col. Borch also spent two years as a senior defense counsel with the Army's Trial Defense Service in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

Returning to the U.S. in 1987, Col. Borch attended The Judge Advocate General's School in Charlottesville, Va., receiving an LL.M. (Military Law) in 1988. Subsequently assigned to XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and appointed a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, he prosecuted a wide variety of felonies in U.S. District, ranging from murder, rape, and robbery to drugs, larceny, and contract fraud. From 1990 to 1993, Col. Borch was a Professor of Criminal Law at the Judge Advocate General's School, where he specialized in legal issues involving the Fourth Amendment.

After graduating from the Army's Command and General Staff College, Col. Borch served in the Office of the Judge Advocate General in the Pentagon on the Joint Service Committee for Military Justice. In that position, he drafted legislation amending the Uniform Code of Military Justice and proposed changes to the Manual for Courts-Martial.

In 1997, Col. Borch was selected to supervise the high-profile prosecutions of 13 drill sergeants accused of sexual misconduct at Aberdeen Proving Ground. After the successful resolution of these cases, Col. Borch served as the Deputy Chief in the Army's Government Appellate Division.

From 1998 to 2000, Col. Borch was the Staff Judge Advocate (General Counsel) for the U.S. Army Signal Center at Fort Gordon, Ga. In that position, he supervised the delivery of legal services to a military and civilian community of more than 50,000.

Selected to attend the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, Col. Borch graduated first in his class of 188 and received his M.A. (National Security Studies) in 2001. Col. Borch then assumed duties as a Professor of International Law and Deputy Chairman of the International Law Department. His areas of expertise were legal issues involving terrorism, anti-terrorism, counter-terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Col. Borch is the author of a number of books and articles on legal and non-legal topics, including Judge Advocates in Combat: Army Lawyers in Military Operations from Vietnam to Haiti (2001) and The Silver Star: A History of America's Third Highest Award for Valor (2002). His latest manuscript, Judge Advocates in Vietnam, a history of Army lawyers in Southeast Asia from 1959 to 1975, will soon be published by Combat Studies Institute, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

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