

LTC J. David Price
Commander, 1st Space Battalion

LTC J. Dave Price previously commanded the 1st Space Company from May 2004 to May 2006, the Oklahoma City West Recruiting Company from June 2001 to April 2003, and E Troop (Air), 1-7th Cavalry Squadron, 1st Cavalry Division, at Fort Hood, Texas, from June 1997 to July 1998. From 2006-2009, he served as the Chief, Special Technical Operations for Joint Functional Component Command - SPACE, and as the first ever Joint Senior Space Duty Officer at the Joint Space Operations Center, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., for U.S. Strategic Command. He was the first branch transfer from Aviation to Space Operations in 2005.

LTC Price enlisted in the Army in 1985 and served three years as a Huey Crew Chief in Stuttgart, Germany. He was commissioned 2LT, Infantry, SROTC, as a Distinguished Military Graduate in 1990 with an assignment to the 2/180th Infantry (TLAT) in the Oklahoma Army National Guard. Other assignments include serving as an Aero-scout Platoon Leader, S-3 Training Officer and Squadron S-1 with 2-17th Cavalry at Fort Campbell, Ky., from 1993-1996 in the 101st Airborne Division. He later served as the Senior Aviation Operational Reserves Liaison Officer to SFOR Headquarters in Sarajevo, Bosnia and later as the Regimental Air Operations Officer during Operation Iraqi Freedom 1 in the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment 'Brave Rifles' in Iraq.

His military education includes the War College Strategy Course, the Joint Warfighting Staff College, the Greek Command and General Staff College at Thessaloniki, the Armored Officers' Advanced Course, CAS3, the Defense Language Institute (Greek), the Recruiting Company Commander's Course, the Foreign Area Officer's Course, Airborne, and Air Assault Schools. He also attended the Aviation Officer's Basic, the Initial Entry Rotary Wing and the OH-58D Kiowa Warrior Aircraft Qualification Courses at Fort Rucker, Ala. His Space education includes Space 300, Space 200, Space Operations Officer Qualification Course, Space in the Air Operations Center Course, and the Inter-service Space Intelligence Operators Course. He holds a Masters of Public Administration from Murray State University in Kentucky as well as a Bachelor's of Science from University of Central Oklahoma.

His awards include the Bronze Star, the Defense MSM, the Meritorious Service Medal (2d Award), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (2d Award), Army Achievement Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon (2), the NATO Medal, the Army Senior Space Badge, Army Aviator Badge, the Army Recruiter Badge, the Air Assault Badge, the Parachutist Badge, the Hellenic Supreme War College Foreign Badge, Joint Meritorious Unit Award (JSPOC), and the Valorous Unit Award (3d ACR).

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