

## Colonel James Carpenter's Promotion, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

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Col. James Carpenter

In a cramped Commander's Conference Room on the third floor of the Combined Joint Task Force Headquarters at the Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan, LTC James Carpenter was promoted to Colonel. The ceremony was administered by MG Curtis Scaparrotti, Commanding General of Combined Joint Task Force 82. Also in attendance was BG C. K. K. Chinn.

Gen. Scaparrotti spoke briefly on the meaning of the Eagle that represents the current rank of Colonel. He also touched on the definition and etymology of the word, colonel.

The General and LTC Carpenter faced each other as the appointment order was read. The Gen replaced LTC Carpenter's black oak leaf cluster with the eagle followed by the customary "pinning on", but with a gentle punch. It appeared the COL may have been expecting a harder punch.



Gen Scaparrotti "pinning on" the Colonel's Eagle

COL Carpenter then turned and addressed the crowded room. The guest included Officers and Enlisted from all branches of the services, foreign military, and invited civilians. The COL spoke briefly of his involvement with the Task Force and the personnel under him.

Although a brief ceremony, it was a milestone for the COL. Knowing the COL personally I can say that no individual deserves more. COL Carpenter runs a tight ship, if I may, and the CJ6 staff has a fine leader.



From L to R: BG C. K. Chinn, COL J. Carpenter, MG C. Scaparrotti



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