

Brigadier General Michael Scholes, USA
County Manager, Sedgwick County, Kansas

Work History:

2014 – 2015	Chief of Staff Kosovo Forces, North Atlantic Treaty Organization -- Pristina, Kosovo
2013-2014	Director of Operations, Training, Readiness and Exercises Joint Task Force – Civil Support, United State Northern Command -- Fort Eustis, VA
2000-2013	Georgia Army National Guard – Marietta, Winder and Dobbins ARB, GA
2010-2013	Brigade Commander, 78 th Troop Command
2008-2010	Director of Operations, Joint Force Headquarters
2004-2008	Counterdrug Coordinator, Georgia Counterdrug Task Force
2005-2006	Battalion Commander, 1/121 st Infantry
2000-2004	Plans Officer, Director of Military Support
1988-2000	Various Leadership Positions in United States Army

Specific Experiences:

- Executive coordinating officer of a large, multi-national headquarters in Kosovo, with a staff drawn from 31 nations, and \$18.5 million operating budget and \$7 million troop contributing nation personal expense management.
- Conducted key leader engagements and coordination with international stakeholders, to include US Ambassador, European Union, NATO Headquarters, NATA Support and Procurement, United Nations Interim Administration Mission.
- In role of Director of Operations, Training, Readiness and Exercises Task Force, responsible for Secretary of Defense's only standing operational task force for planning and executing a national level Chemical, Biological, Radiological or Nuclear response.
- Brigade Commander of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region IV Homeland Response Force, with a force of 3,450 soldiers and airmen. Responsible to assure the readiness of the Force to operate in a chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear environment.
- Responsible for development and implementation of strategic and operational plans to accomplish readiness missions with oversight of \$5 million operating budget.
- Developed a financial accountability program that resulted in \$7 million reduction in overall financial responsibility, with \$380,000 lost equipment being found in one investigation.

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- Coordinated and directed responses to several natural disasters. Organized response for Georgia's historic flooding events, Haiti earthquake response efforts, and led a hand-selected command and control team to respond to New Orleans at the Hurricane Katrina emergency relief operations center – and moved the Joint Operations Center from the New Orleans Superdome to Camp Gillis Long.
- Served as Plans Office responsible for the military support and performing as a liaison to the United States Secret Service to the G8 Economic Summit in Georgia.
- Participated in several national domestic response exercises, including Vigilant Guard and Patriot Shield, which were focused on homeland security.
- Served as the Counterdrug Coordinator and Commander of the Counterdrug Task Force, working with local, state and federal government agencies.
- Served as Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection Officer responsible for physical security assessments, contingency planning, critical infrastructure and key asset identification and protection in the event of a terrorist attack.
- Maintenance Officer for the United States Army Armor Center, with a 278 personnel organization, responsible for 373 vehicles and related equipment, overseeing a \$1.8 million budget.
- Platoon Leader during Operation Desert Shield/Storm, for combat operations deep into Iraq; and Battalion Commander of a 450-man infantry battalion, preparing units to deploy to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom.
- Experience as firefighter, EMS and in law enforcement.

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Awards & Honors:

- Defense Superior Service Medal
- Legion of Merit
- Bronze Star Medal
- Meritorious Service Medal, with one silver and two oak leaf clusters
- Joint Commendation Medal
- Army Commendation Medal
- Air Force Commendation Medal
- Army Achievement Medal
- Air Force Achievement Medal, with oak leaf cluster
- Armed Forces Reserve Component Achievement Medal
- And numerous other decorations and awards

Education

- 2010 Master of Strategic Studies (MSS), National Security Policy, US Army War College
Carlisle, PA
- 1998 Master of Public Administration (MPA), Georgia College and State University
Milledgeville, GA
- 1988 Bachelor's in Business Administration (BBA), North Georgia College
Dahlonega, GA