

## Michael 'Dane' Acord



Dane is an independent military and business management consultant. He intends to begin consulting full time in July 2019.

Colonel Acord recently retired from the U.S. Army where he served for 30 years as an Infantry Soldier in Ranger, Airborne, Light, Mechanized, and Training Organizations. He commanded Soldiers at the Platoon, Company, and Battalion level and served on staffs at the battalion through theater level. Some of his career highlights are: Strategic Planner for Resolute Support, Afghanistan; Chief of Plans and Exercises at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, LA; Battalion Commander for the 6<sup>th</sup> Ranger Training Battalion, Eglin Air Force Base, FL; Brigade Executive Officer, 2<sup>nd</sup> BDE, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division; and Campaign Planner for Multi-National Corps- Iraq.

He is a graduate of Officer Basic Course, Ranger School, Infantry Officers' Advanced Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Command and General Staff College, School for Advanced Military Studies, Air War College, and Jumpmaster. Dane holds a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from North Georgia College, a Masters of Management from Troy University, a Master of Military Arts and Sciences from the Command and General Staff College, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the Air War College.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with silver oak leaf cluster, the National Defense Service Medal with bronze star, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Iraq and Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the NATO Medal with Bronze Star, the Humanitarian Service Medal with Bronze Star, the Expert Infantryman's Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, Irish Parachutist Badge and the Ranger Tab.

### Private Organization Membership:

- Association of the United States Army
- Cascade Hills Baptist Church

He is married to the former Kelli Prather of Good Hope, Georgia. They have two grown children, James (23) and Hunter (20).