Major Robert C. McBride

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MAJ Robert (Bobby) McBride is an Aviation Officer with 11 years of SOF experience. Upon commissioning from the University of Notre Dame in 2004, Bobby’s first assignment was in Fort Hood, TX in support of the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, where he deployed to Islamabad, Pakistan and Taji, Iraq. Following his Iraq deployment, Bobby assessed favorably for the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) and was assigned to 4-160th SOAR(Abn) in JBLM, WA, where he completed two Company Commands and culminated as the Battalion Executive Officer. MAJ McBride’s aircraft ratings include the CH-47D and MH-47G Chinook. He has deployed over a dozen times in support of OIF, OEF, RSM/OFS, and the INDOPACOM AOR while supporting Joint SOF on a variety of both surgical strike and special warfare mission sets. MAJ McBride has a keen interest in strategy, and his focus over the last year has been on how to influence behavior change from our adversaries in the competition space while at the same time avoiding escalation. He also holds a Master of Science in Adult and Occupational Education from Kansas State University.

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MAJ Thomas Doherty has a Master of Arts in Military History and a Project Management Graduate Certificate. His military experience includes time served in the enlisted and officer ranks of both the National Guard and active duty Army. He received his first commission through the Arkansas National Guard OCS program. He was later re-commissioned via a direct commission. He has served in multiple military occupational specialties spanning the aviation, medical, Infantry and SOF fields. His enlisted time includes service in the Massachusetts and Arkansas National Guards, 3rd Ranger Battalion, and 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne). His commissioned service time includes Platoon Leader of both anti-armor and long range surveillance (LRS) platoons, OC/T at JRTC, MFF ODA Commander, ARSOF CCC Instructor Team Lead, along with other staff positions. He has deployed to Colombia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Tajikistan, Botswana, and Germany. He is currently serving as a Special Forces officer.