



Colonel Roger L. Bowman

Army Attaché, U.S. Embassy, Prague, Czech Republic

Colonel Roger L. Bowman assumed duties as the Army Attache in the Czech Republic in August 2017, after most recently serving as the Director, Foreign Area Officer Program Office at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center in Monterey, California.

Colonel Bowman is a native of Woodinville, Washington and a Distinguished Military Graduate of the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Washington State University. He holds Masters' Degrees in Public Policy and International Studies from the University of Washington.

Colonel Bowman began his military career as an infantry officer in 1993, serving in command and staff positions in the 1st Infantry Division and the 82nd Airborne Division. He then transitioned to become a Eurasian Foreign Area Officer in 2003 when he began the Basic Russian Language Course at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California. Colonel Bowman's key assignments include Assistant Army Attaché, U.S. Embassy Kyiv, Ukraine; political-military staff officer in the office of the Deputy Commander for International Security Cooperation, NATO Training Mission- Afghanistan; and Chief of the Office of Defense Cooperation, U.S. Embassy, Riga, Latvia.

Colonel Bowman's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (3 awards), the Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Senior Parachutist Badge, the Ranger Tab, the Ukrainian Parachutist Badge, the German Parachutist Badge, the Latvian Minister of Defense's "Medal of Honorary Recognition," the Polish Armed Forces Bronze Medal, the Latvian Land Forces Medal (2nd Class), and the Latvian Air Force Medal (2nd Class). Colonel Bowman is a Russian linguist who has also studied Ukrainian and Czech.

Colonel Bowman and his wife, Keri, have four sons, two of which currently serve in the U.S. Army. He is a fanatical salmon and steelhead fisherman who also enjoys fly-fishing for trout, weight lifting and running, reading, and participating in scouting and athletics with his sons. Colonel Bowman served as Coach of the Latvian National Baseball Team May 2013-June 2015.