



# Joint Enabling Capabilities Command



## Joint Enabling Capabilities Command Joint Communications Support Element Commander Colonel Wade Johnston United States Army



Colonel Wade Johnston received his commission as a 2nd Lt. from the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of South Dakota in 1993. His first assignment was in the 304th Signal Battalion, Camp Red Cloud, South Korea where he served as a Nodal Platoon Leader. From there he was assigned to the 18th Field Artillery Brigade (ABN) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, as a Communications Platoon Leader and battery Executive Officer. He then served as the Battalion Signal Officer for the 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82d Airborne Division. Johnston then commanded the Regimental Signal Detachment in the 75th Ranger Regiment followed by HHC, 82d Signal Battalion. His next assignment was the Operations Officer (S3) for the Mission Support Squadron. Returning to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Johnston commanded the Tactical Communications Troop in the 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment – Delta. Johnston then commanded the Mission Support Squadron before being the J6 Chief of Operations for the Joint Special Operations Command. Johnston’s last assignment was the commander of the Joint Communications Unit at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

He is a graduate of the Signal Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Command and General Staff College, Army War College, Basic Airborne School, Ranger School, Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape School, Military Freefall and Jumpmaster School.

Johnston’s awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Valorous Unit Award, and the Meritorious Unit Citation.

Johnston has been married to his wife, the former Ms. Ann Hauk, for 18 years and they have one son, Nathan.

