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Lt. Col John T. O'Connell is the incoming commander of the New York Military Entrance Processing Station, which supports the USMEPCOM mission of evaluating applicants by applying Department of War standards in processing and determining eligibility for military service.

He was commissioned in 2007 through the U.S. Army Reserve Officer Training Corps program at James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia.

His previous assignments include maintenance control officer, later executive officer, Company F (Forward Support Company), 2-12 Infantry Battalion, 4th Infantry Division (Forward); S4, 704th Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Infantry Division; operations officer, 147th Brigade Support Battalion, 169th Field Artillery Brigade; commander, Company B (Field Maintenance Company), 147th Brigade Support Battalion, 169th Field Artillery Brigade; secretary of the general staff, Colorado Army National Guard; assistant chief of staff-G4, 4th Infantry Division Mission Command Element (Forward); deputy chief of plans, assistant chief of staff-G5, 36th Infantry Division, task force spartan (forward); plans branch chief, Army National Guard G3/5/7; security cooperation branch chief, directorate for strategy, plans & policy, Joint Staff J5; and homeland defense & civil support plans branch chief, National Guard Bureau J5.

His military education includes the Ordnance Officer Basic Course, Combined Logistics Captain's Career Course, Command and General Staff Officer Course, Advanced Military Studies Program, and Joint Combined Warfighting School. He holds a Bachelor of Science in media arts & design from James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia, a Master of Science in public communication & technology from Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado and a Master of Arts in military operations from the U.S. Army School of Advanced Military Studies, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal (1 OLC), Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (2 Campaign Stars), Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Combat Action Badge, Basic Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge and various service, unit and personal medals and ribbons.