

## **LIEUTENANT COLONEL SHANNON BEEBE**

Lieutenant Colonel Shannon Beebe recently returned from Angola where he served as the Assistant Army Attaché, US Mission Angola. Previously, his assignment was as the Senior Africa Analyst, Office of United States Army Deputy Chief of Staff, Washington, DC. As one of the most recognized authorities on Africa within the Department of Defense, Lieutenant Colonel Beebe played an instrumental role in the development of the newly formed unified command for Africa, AFRICOM. He is one of the leading thinkers on 21<sup>st</sup> Century security architectures within the United States and the foremost authority on Human Security. As such, his work has been groundbreaking reaching out across traditional bureaucratic boundaries to open dialogues on African security through leveraging this concept. He is also recognized as one of the thought leaders on climate change and environmental security on the African continent. He is co-author with Mary Kaldor of a much anticipated book released in May 2010 entitled *The Ultimate Weapon is No Weapon: Human Security and the New Laws of War and Peace*.

A 1991 graduate of the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY, he has served in numerous duty positions within the United States and internationally including assignments with the 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fulda, Germany; the Third Infantry Division, Bamberg, Germany; Battlefield Coordination Detachment, XVIII Airborne Corps; Commander Battery A, 3-27 Field Artillery Regiment (MLRS); Headquarters Battery 18<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade (Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and assignment to 172d Stryker Brigade, Fort Wainwright, Alaska. He has served in combat and stability deployments to the Balkans, commanded during Operation Desert Fox in 1998, and prepared another unit for deployment to Kosovo in 1999. His unit was awarded the elite Army Superior Unit Award for their actions under his command during Operation Desert Fox.

Lieutenant Colonel Beebe received a Master of Arts from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He was selected to become a United States Army Foreign Area Officer and has served as the Army Attaché to Kosovo (2005-2006).

LTC Beebe is a frequent guest lecturer on Africa and human security at the Joint Special Operations University, Hurlburt Airfield, Florida; the United States Foreign Service Institute; National Defense University; Royal United Services Institute, Frontline Club, London, UK; London School of Economics; the Woodrow Wilson Center; and numerous other organizations. His work in environmental security was featured in a National Geographic special on environmental conflict. His work has also appeared on NBC Nightly News. LTC Beebe has been widely published including chapters in books such as *US Strategy in Africa: AFRICOM, Terrorism and Security Challenges* and *Crossroads Africa: Perspectives on U.S.-China-Africa Security Affairs* and editorials for the Washington Post.

LTC Beebe is an avid aviator and bush pilot having logged over 500 hours of backcountry flying in Alaska and on two other continents including Africa. He holds an FAA Commercial Pilot rating. He was recognized in 2009 as the Commonwealth of Virginia's Aviation Ambassador after successfully completing a circuit of visiting 66 general aviation airports across the state in a record six days. He has flown across the Arctic Circle and across the Equator in a Cessna Skyhawk. His long term aviation goals are to negotiate the Atlantic Ocean in a small aircraft, fly across the Antarctic Circle, and visit every country on the African continent by general aviation.