

Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army

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Mr. Tim Kopra (Colonel, U.S. Army, retired) is CEO of Nanoracks, a Houston-based space company. Previously, he has served as President of OneWeb Technologies and Vice President of Robotics and Space Operations at MDA. He is currently an advisor to several funds and startups. He is active in the Houston community, serving in various capacities with the Greater Houston Partnership, Houston's entrepreneurship ecosystem, and education and veterancentered initiatives.

EDUCATION

MBAs, Columbia Business School and London Business School, 2013; Master of Strategic Studies, U.S. Army War College, 2006; Graduate, U.S. Navy Test Pilot School, 1996; M.S. Aerospace Engineering, Georgia Tech, 1995; B.S., USMA, 1985.

MILITARY SERVICE

Mr. Kopra is a retired Colonel in the United States Army having served 25 years as an aviator, experimental test pilot, and astronaut. Following his graduation from the United States Military Academy, he served in operational and leadership positions in the 101st Airborne Division's Air Cavalry Squadron and the 3rd Armored Division, including deployment to Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and then as the Developmental Test Director for the Comanche helicopter program. After assignment to NASA's Johnson Space Center and selection as an astronaut, he served as a mission specialist and flight engineer on STS-127, STS-128, and International Space Station Expeditions 20 and 46, before commanding ISS Expedition 47. In all, Mr. Kopra completed three spacewalks, took part in several hundred experiments on board the ISS, and logged a total of 244 days in space.

MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER AFFILIATIONS

MILITARY: The Order of Saint Michael - Bronze, Silver, and Gold awards (1999-present); West Point Association of Graduates (1985-present); Army Aviation Association of America (1986-present); Association of the United States Army (2020-present)

CIVIC: Society of Experimental Test Pilots (1996-present); Association of Space Explorers (2011-present); Energy 2.0 and Aerospace Committees, Greater Houston Partnership (2018-present); Board of Directors, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church – Vice Chairman and Chairman (2005-2008); Adult Leader, Boy Scouts of America (2009-2015).

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Kopra has earned numerous awards and decorations to include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Award), Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, NASA Distinguished Service Medal, NASA Space Flight Medal, and Army Achievement Medal. He is also a Fellow of the London Business School.

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT

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