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Commissioned a chemical officer in 1982 through the ROTC program at the University of California, Davis, O'Keefe's initial military assignment was at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, as battalion chemical officer for 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 35<sup>th</sup> Infantry and later as Commander, 48<sup>th</sup> Chemical Detachment (JA) and Commandant, WESTCOM Area NBC Defense School.

In 1986, O'Keefe was assigned to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., as the assistant S3 for the U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit. He later served as company commander and still later as battalion operations officer.

Other assignments include instructor of general chemistry, and later as assistant professor and course director for biochemistry at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.; deputy division chemical officer and later division chemical officer, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Commander, 2<sup>d</sup> Chemical Battalion, 13<sup>th</sup> Corps Support Command, III Corps, Fort Hood, Texas; Materiel Requirements Branch chief, Joint Requirements Office for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear Defense, under the J8 of the Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.; and Director of Requirements and Operations Integration and Chief of Staff for the Special Assistant for Chemical and Biological Defense and Chemical Demilitarization Programs, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

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