

Colonel Richard D. Heyward

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Colonel Richard D. Heyward graduated from Southern Methodist University in 1987 and received his commission as an Infantry Officer after attending Officer Candidate School in 1989. His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms Staff School, the Command and General Staff College, the Joint and Combined Warfighting School and the Army War College.

His company grade assignments include serving as a Rifle Platoon Leader, Anti-Tank Platoon Leader, Support Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer 1-14th Infantry, 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Battalion Assistant S3 and Charlie Company Commander, 1-505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division and Brigade S4, 3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Panama; Platoon and Battalion Tactical Operations Center Observer Controller, Operations Group, Joint Readiness Training Center; Delta Troop commander, 1st Battalion, 509th Parachute Infantry Battalion Opposing Forces (OPFOR); and Operations Team Chief, Plans

Exercise, Maneuver and Control (P/EMC), Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, Louisiana.

Following Command and General Staff College he served as Battalion S3 and Battalion Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry, 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light); and Brigade S3, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii and Iraq; Operations Officer and Task Force Ramadi Chief of Operations, Core Element Bravo, Standing Joint Force Headquarters, United States Joint Forces Command, Norfolk, Virginia and Iraq; and Squadron Commander, 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry, 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Washington and Iraq.

His principle staff assignments include Special Assistant to the Director, Army Staff, Executive Communications and Control; Special Assistant to the Army Chief of Staff, Chiefs Planning Group; 18th Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Transition Team; Special Assistant to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Chairman's Action Group, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia; Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, United States Army Japan; and I Corps Forward and Deputy Commander, United States Army Japan, Camp Zama, Japan. He currently serves as the Chief of Staff for Center for Initial Military Training, Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Eustis, Virginia.

Colonel Heyward's awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters and Army Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster. He is also authorized to wear the Joint Meritorious Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters, the Valorous Unit Award with oak leaf cluster, the Meritorious Unit Citation, Combat and Expert Infantry Badges, Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge and Joints Chief of Staff Identification Badge.

Colonel Heyward holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physiology from Southern Methodist University and a Master of Strategic Studies from Army War College.