



U.S. Army Training
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Lieutenant General David J. Francis assumed duties as the Deputy Commanding General, United States Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) / Commanding General, United States Army Center for Initial Military Training (CIMT), on August 1, 2024. Prior to his assignment as the TRADOC Deputy Commanding General and CIMT Commanding General, he served as the Chief of Staff, United States Africa Command located in Germany.

He received his Regular Army commission in 1989 as a graduate of the Gannon University Reserve Officer Training Corps program in Erie, Pennsylvania and assigned to the Aviation Branch. His professional military education includes the Rotary Wing Officer Basic Course, Aviation Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Air Command and Staff College, United States Army Command and General Staff College, and the United States Army War College where he received a Master of Military Studies. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and a Master of Business Administration from Touro University International.

He served in a variety of command and staff assignments at every level including Director of Operations, U.S. Africa Command; Commanding General, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence at Fort Novosel, Alabama; Director, Army Aviation, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G 3/5/7; Commanding General of the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center / Director of Army Safety at Fort Novosel, Alabama; Deputy Commanding General (Support), 2nd Infantry Division (Combined), Eighth Army, Republic of Korea; Deputy Commander, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence, Fort Novosel, Alabama; Commander, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Light), Fort Drum, New York; Commander, 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He has deployed to both Afghanistan and Iraq.

His awards and decorations include the Army Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Bronze Star Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster), Air Medal (with numeral 2), Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Master Army Aviator Badge, and the Army Staff Identification Badge.