



95TH CIVIL AFFAIRS BRIGADE (AIRBORNE)

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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Colonel James C. Brown **Commander**

Assumed Command on June 22, 2012

Before assuming command of the 95th Civil Affairs Brigade (Airborne) Col. James C. Brown served as commander of the COMISAF Advisory and Assistance Team that supported the Commander of the International Security Assistance Force (COMISAF), providing tactical through strategic level input to directly inform General Allen's decision-making and planning processes.

Brown's military experience prior to becoming a Civil Affairs officer includes: platoon leader in Korea; aide-de-camp and company command with U.S. Army Recruiting Command; and combat experience on General H. Norman Schwarzkopf's personal staff in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.



As a Civil Affairs officer, Brown served as a team leader, operations officer, theater plans officer and commander of C Company, 96th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne). He led his company to provide Civil Affairs support into Afghanistan as part of Joint Special Operations Task Force – Dagger, during the initial phase of Operation Enduring Freedom from October 2001 through April 2002.

He was then assigned to Third U.S. Army as the chief of plans for the civil and international military operations directorate—contributing to the plan for comprehensive operations in Iraq. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, Brown advised the Kuwaiti government in running their Humanitarian Operations Center that coordinated the international humanitarian community's response and limited the effects of combat operations on the people of Iraq. He was then assigned to the U.S. Army's Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute where he contributed to U.S. Government strategic and interagency stability operations planning initiatives.

Brown then commanded the 97th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne) where he focused Special Operation's Civil Affairs support to mitigate and prevent conflict within U.S. Pacific Command. He then served as the Deputy Commander of the 95th Civil Affairs Brigade (Airborne).

Brown's formal education includes a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Management from Lynchburg College and a Master of Science Degree in International Relations from Troy State University. Brown also served as the Senior Service College Military Fellow at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.

His military decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, and Meritorious Service Medal with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters.

As of Oct. 23, 2012