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Brig. Gen. Christopher K. Haas Commanding General

Brigadier General Christopher K. Haas was commissioned in the Infantry through the Duquesne University ROTC program in 1985. He earned a Master of Science and Administration Degree in General Studies from United States Army Command and General Staff College and a Master of Science Degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

His military education includes the Infantry Officer's Basic and Advanced Courses, Airborne, Ranger, Special Forces Qualification Course, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College.

His command assignments include rifle platoon leader A Company, 3d Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment, 2d Armored Division (Forward), United States Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany; rifle platoon leader and mortar platoon leader, 3d Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment, 2d Armored Division, Fort Hood, TX; commander, Special Forces Detachment – Alpha, A and D Companies, 3d Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY; and commander A Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY. He served as the commander 1st Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY; and deputy commander, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.

Haas served as the commander, 3d Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC; and commander Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan. In addition, he served as the commander, Special Operations Command, United States Africa Command, Kelly Barracks, Germany; and most recently commander, Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command – Afghanistan.

His staff assignments include company executive officer, A Company, 3d Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment, 2d Armored Division, Fort Hood, TX. He served as the battalion operations officer, 3d Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY. He served as a Special Operations Observer/Controller, Operations Group, Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, LA. Haas served as the battalion S-3, 1st Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY; and the operations officer, later chief, Operational Support Branch, Special Operations Division, Operations Directorate, J-3, Joint Staff, Washington, DC. He also served as director of operations, J-3, Special Operations Command Central, United States Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, FL. Finally he served as director, legislative affairs, United States Special Operations Command, MacDill Air Force Base, FL.

His combat tours include OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD/STORM, Saudi Arabia, as a detachment commander and assistant S-3, 3d Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne); He commanded 1st Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan in 2001 and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq. Haas commanded the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan (3d Special Forces Group) in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan. He also commanded the Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command – Afghanistan in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan.

Haas' personal awards include various U.S. and foreign decorations and badges. He is married to the former Elvira (Betty) Santos of Houston, Texas and they have four children: Renee, Joshua, Marshall and Christine.

