



**Colonel John W. Reynolds III**  
**Chief of Staff, III Corps and Fort Hood**  
**Fort Hood, Texas**

Colonel John W. Reynolds III was born in Germany in 1967 to SFC John and Rita Reynolds. He attended DOD Schools from Kindergarten to High School and upon graduation in 1985, he attended the United States Military Academy. Colonel Reynolds graduated in 1989 and was commissioned infantry: he attended the Infantry Basic and Bradley Commander's Course, and Ranger and Airborne School. His first assignment was with 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 18<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment as platoon leader during Operation Desert Storm.

After the war, Colonel Reynolds became Company Executive Officer for TF 2-14 during combat operations in Somalia. After graduating from the Infantry Advance

Course in Fort Benning, Colonel Reynolds assumed command of C/1-18 and HHC/118, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 1ID for operations in Bosnia. After company command, Colonel Reynolds assumed duties as Company and Battalion Observer Controller at the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC). He graduated CGSC and SAMS in 2003 and became the 1ID Maneuver Planner during Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF II).

Colonel Reynolds later became the TF 2-2 S3 in 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, 1ID and fought in both An Najaf and Fallujah in the spring and fall of 2004. Upon return from OIF II, Colonel Reynolds became the Executive Officer for TF 1-26, then later the Chief of Plans of 1ID and redeployed the Division to Fort Riley, Kansas. He then stayed with the Dagger Brigade in Germany and deployed as the Brigade XO for OIF 06-08. During the deployment, Colonel Reynolds took command of TF 1-26, Blue Spaders, in Eastern Baghdad. Upon return to Germany, Colonel Reynolds remained in command as the unit reflagged to TF 2-28, Black Lions, and then commanded that unit in Karbala and Babil from 2008-2009. Upon Colonel Reynolds return to Germany, he was reassigned to Fort Polk, Louisiana, and became the Task Force One Senior Observer Controller at JRTC. He then went to Rhode Island to attend the Navy War College, which he completed in 2012.

Upon completion at the Navy War College COL Reynolds was selected to serve as a Military professor of the National Security Affairs and Strategy and Policy department at the college for a year. Once he departed that position in June 2013, he returned for another tour at Fort Riley, Kansas. He became the Brigade Commander for 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1ID, while in command he deployed his unit to Camp Buehring, Kuwait for nine months in support of OEF. After returning to Fort Riley, he remained in command until he was reassigned to Fort Hood, Texas in July 2015. He is currently assigned as the Task Force Phantom Chief of Staff for III Corps.

Colonel Reynolds has been awarded the Legion of Merit with two clusters, the Bronze Star Medal with five clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal with four clusters, and Army Commendation Medal with 3 clusters. He has been awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Citation with one cluster, Valorous Unit Award, Joint

Meritorious Unit Citation and the Navy Unit Commendation Medal. He was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge second award, the Expert Infantryman Badge and the Ranger and Airborne Tabs.

Colonel Reynolds has Masters Degrees in System's Administration, History, Military Science, and National Security Strategies.