

Major General John C. Thomson III



Major General J.T. Thomson hails from Tyler, Texas and earned his commission as a Second Lieutenant of Field Artillery on May 28, 1986. He assumed duties as the III Corps Deputy Commanding General in October 2017. His initial assignment was with the 6th Battalion, 41st Field Artillery in Germany with the 3rd Infantry Division from 1987 to 1990 including duty as Cannon Platoon Leader, Battery Executive Officer and Support Platoon Leader.

From 1991 to 1992, he served in staff assignments with the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment in Nuremburg, Germany, then later with the 1st Armored Division Artillery in Baumholder, Germany. MG Thomson commanded Bravo Battery, 4th Battalion, 29th Field Artillery in the 1st Armored Division from 1992 to 1994, then served as a Tactical Officer in the U.S. Corps of Cadets at West Point, New York until 1997.

From 1998 to 2003, MG Thomson served in staff positions in the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas including Assistant Fire Support Coordinator, Battalion Executive Officer, Brigade S-3, Brigade Executive Officer and Division Deputy Chief of Staff.

MG Thomson commanded the 2nd Battalion, 4th Field Artillery at Fort Sill, Oklahoma from 2003 to 2005. Following battalion command, he served on the Joint Staff in the Pentagon, extensively interacting with the U.S. Department of State on national security affairs. From May 2007 to February 2008, he served as Executive Officer to the Commanding General of Multi-National Corps in Baghdad, Iraq. He later headed the Commander's Initiatives Group for Multi-National Forces-Iraq from October 2008 to January 2009, and then served as Executive Officer to the MNF-I Commanding General from April 2009 to July 2009.

MG Thomson commanded the 41st Fires Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas from 2009 to 2011. Following brigade command, he became the Director of the Chief's Coordination Group (CCG) for the 38th Chief of Staff of the Army until March 2013. From April 2013 to July 2014, he served as Deputy Commanding General for the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colorado. He then served as the Commandant of Cadets for the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York from August 2014 to December 2015. From January 2016 to October 2017, MG Thomson commanded the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas.

MG Thomson earned a Bachelor of Science from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York in 1986 and a Master of Science from Long Island University in 1995. His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge, and Ranger Tab.