

Brett G. Sylvia
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Colonel Brett G. Sylvia currently serves as the Chief of Staff of III Corps and Fort Hood. He most recently served as the 60th Chief of Staff of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and Chief of Staff, United States Forces – Afghanistan.

COL Sylvia's prior combat assignments and operational deployments include Commander of Task Force STRIKE and 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) (Operation Inherent Resolve) 2016-17 and the 19th Colonel of the 502nd Infantry Regiment; Commander of Task Force SAW and 307th Engineer Battalion (Operation Enduring Freedom) 2013; Executive Officer to Commander, NATO Training Mission - Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom) 2010-11; Operations Officer for 5th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Squadron and Executive Officer for 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division (Operation Iraqi Freedom) 2006-07; Operations Officer to the Deputy of the Coalition Provisional Authority (Operation Iraqi Freedom) 2003-04; and Platoon Leader, 23rd Engineer Battalion, and Assistant S3, 16th Engineer Battalion in Bosnia (Operation Joint Endeavor) 1996-97. His CONUS joint assignments include serving as the Iraq Political-Military Planner; Executive Assistant to the Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Staff; and Junior Military Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense.

His military awards and decorations include three Legions of Merit, six Bronze Star Medals including one for Valor, Purple Heart, three Defense Meritorious Service Medals, four Meritorious Service Medals, Joint Service Commendation Medal, and four Army Commendation Medals including one for Valor. He also served as a member of units that have earned the Presidential Unit Citation, two Joint Meritorious Unit Awards, three Meritorious Unit Citations, and an Army Superior Unit Award.

He wears the Office of the Secretary of Defense Identification Badge, Army Staff Identification Badge, Joint Chief of Staff Identification Badge, Combat Action Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and Ranger Tab.

COL Sylvia earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Engineering from the United States Military Academy in 1994, a Master of Science in Engineering Management from the Missouri University of Science and Technology, and a Master of Military Arts and Sciences from the Advanced Military Studies Program (SAMS). He was also a Senior Service College Fellow at the U.S. Institute of Peace.

He and his wife Lori have five children: Benjamin, Gavin, Noah, Caroline, and Samuel.