

**Colonel Peter A. Newell**  
**Brigade Commander**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division**

Col. Peter A. Newell assumed command of the 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division at Fort Bliss, Texas on June 24, 2008. His brigade is deploying to Iraq in May 2009 and will operate in the role of an Advisory and Assistance Brigade—a new concept between the U.S. Army, State Department, and other government agencies.

He enlisted as an armor crewman in the 635th Armor Battalion, Kansas Army National Guard in December 1980. He served in a variety of positions within the battalion before being commissioned as an Armor Officer in December 1985. Upon graduation from Kansas State University in May 1986, he entered active duty as an Infantry Officer. Col. Newell's initial assignment was with the 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., where he served as a Rifle Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer and Battalion S1 in the 4th Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment. While assigned to the division he participated in the airborne assault on Torrijos-Tocumen Airport and subsequent combat operations supporting *Operation Just Cause* in December 1989.

In 1991, Col. Newell assumed command of Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry (Mechanized), 3rd Infantry Division, Vilseck, Germany in June 1992. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Benning, Ga., where he served from February 1994-June 1996. Following the Command and General Staff College in 1996-1997, he was reassigned as the Battalion S3, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry (Mechanized), 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colo. In May 1999, he became the S3 for the 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division. In June 2000, he was reassigned to the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Pentagon, where he served as a Senior Operations Officer in the National Military Command Center.

In June 2003, Col. Newell assumed command of the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division in Kosovo. He redeployed the battalion to Vilseck Germany in July 2003, and then deployed the battalion to Iraq in February 2004 in support of *Operation Iraqi Freedom II*. Upon return from OIF II, Col. Newell relinquished command of the battalion and was reassigned to Hohenfels, Germany as the Senior Infantry Maneuver Observer Controller and subsequently as the Senior Brigade Observer Controller at the Joint Multi-national Readiness Center (JMRC). He is a graduate of the Joint Advanced Warfighter School in Norfolk, Va.

His awards include the Combat Infantryman's Badge (2nd Award), Expert Infantryman's Badge, the Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge with Bronze Star Device, and the Pathfinder Badge.

His awards include: Silver Star Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (three Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (four Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Service Achievement Medal, and Army Achievement Medal (four Oak Leaf Clusters).

He was part of the National Military Command Center when they were awarded the Joint Meritorious Unit Citation for their actions during the Global War on Terrorism. His former unit, Task Force 2-2, was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for their actions during Operation Phantom Fury in Fallujah, Iraq in November 2004.

Col. Newell and his wife Vianne have two sons Ian and Tanner.