



**Col. Joseph M. Martin**  
**Commander**  
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Col. Joseph M. Martin graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1986 and was commissioned as an Armor officer. Col. Martin has served in a variety of troop assignments. From 1987 to 1990, he served as a Tank Platoon Leader, Scout Platoon Leader, and Company Executive Officer in the 1st Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment in the 1st Armored Division. Upon graduation from the Armor Officer Advanced Course, he was assigned to 4th Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment in the 1st Infantry Division where he commanded Company B during Operation Desert Storm and at Fort Riley, Kansas. Martin then commanded the 1st Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, 4th Infantry Division during Operation Freedom in Ba'Qubah, Iraq, and at Fort Hood, Texas. Most recently, Martin commanded the 2d Brigade, 1st Infantry Division from Fort Riley, Kansas, and deployed with that command to serve in northwest Baghdad, Iraq.

Martin's non-troop assignments include: Observer Controller, Fort Irwin, California, Instructor/Writer and Aide to Commanding General, U.S. Armor Center at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Martin also served as a Battalion Operations Officer, Aide to the III Corps Commanding General and Brigade Operations Officer at Fort Hood, Texas. Additionally, Martin served as the Armor Branch Chief and Chief of the Maneuver, Fires and Effects Division at the U.S. Army Human Resources Command in Alexandria, Virginia. He also served as the Initiatives Group Director for the Commander, U.S. Forces Iraq and U.S. Joint Forces Command. Most recently, Martin served as the III Corps Chief of Staff at Fort Hood, Texas.

Martin holds a Master in Education from the University of Louisville. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the United States Army War College.

Martin's awards and decorations include: the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal with "V" device. He also earned the Combat Action Badge and the Parachutist Badge.