



### **Brigadier General James M. Richardson**

Brigadier General James M. Richardson is currently serving as the Deputy Commanding General of III Corps and Fort Hood, the Army's premier installation for Heavy Forces.

He is a native of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and a graduate of the University of South Carolina. After being commissioned he graduated from the Armor Officer Basic Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky and the Rotary Wing Aviator Officer Basic Course at Fort Rucker, Alabama. Brigadier General Richardson's first duty assignment was with 2d Battalion, 10th Air Cavalry Squadron at Fort Ord, California where he served as Reconnaissance Section Leader and Assistant S3.

After graduating the Aviation Officer Advanced Course Brigadier General Richardson served as instructor at the United States Army Aviation Center at Fort Rucker, Alabama. Following that assignment he was assigned to 4th Battalion, 501st Aviation at Eighth United States Army, Korea. There he served as Company Commander and later Battalion Operations Officer.

Following his overseas assignment in Korea, Brigadier General Richardson was reassigned to the 6th Cavalry Brigade, III Corps at Fort Hood, TX. He served as Brigade Plans Officer, and later Squadron Executive Officer and Operations Officer. After his assignments at Fort Hood, Brigadier General Richardson was selected to attend the Command Staff Course and the School of Advanced Military Studies at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Brigadier General Richardson was then assigned to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) in Fort Campbell, Kentucky where he served as the Deputy Chief of Plans, G3, and Operations Officer for 159th Aviation Brigade. He was selected to serve as

Strategic Planner in the Army Initiatives Group for the Deputy Chief of Staff Operations and Plans in Washington, DC. Once he completed that assignment he was selected for Command of 3d Battalion, 101st Aviation Brigade in Fort Campbell, Kentucky. While in Command, Brigadier General Richardson deployed in support of both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. His following assignment was Chief of the Initiatives Group for the Deputy Chief of Staff in Washington, DC.

He graduated from the National War College and assumed command of the 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). The "Destiny Brigade" provided essential lift and attack aviation support to coalition forces in Regional Command East during Operation Enduring Freedom. After successful Brigade Command, Brigadier General Richardson was selected to serve as Military Assistant, and later Executive Officer, to the Army Vice Chief of Staff. Most recently he served as the Deputy Commanding General - Support of "America's First Team" at Fort Hood, Texas.

Brigadier General Richardson is a graduate of the United States Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; the School of Advanced Military Studies at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and the National War College in Washington D.C. He earned a Master of Science degree in National Security and Strategic Studies and a Masters of Advanced Military Studies.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf clusters), the Meritorious Service Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters), two Air Medals with Valor, two Air Medals, the Army Commendation Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Combat Action Badge, the Master Aviator Badge, the Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and the Army Staff Badge.