

Major General Dana J.H. Pittard
Commanding General
1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss, Texas



Major General Dana J.H. Pittard is the Commanding General of the 1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss, Texas.

His prior assignments include serving as the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7 United States Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) at Fort Monroe, Virginia. Commanding General, National Training Center and Fort Irwin; Commanding General of the Iraqi Assistance Group during OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM; Assistant Division Commander (Maneuver) of the 24th Infantry Division; Commander of 3d Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division and Deputy Commander for Maneuver, Multi-National Brigade (East) during OPERATION JOINT GUARDIAN, Kosovo and later during OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM; and Commander, 1st Battalion, 32d Armor and later 1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, both as part of the 3d Brigade Combat Team, 2d Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington. He also commanded three units at the company level, including a combat deployment during OPERATION DESERT STORM, Iraq. His previous staff assignments include Chief of Plans and Exercises for 2d Armored Division and S-3 (Operations) for both 1st Battalion, 67th Armor and 2d Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, all at Fort Hood, Texas. He also served as the Military Aide to the President of the United States.

Major General Pittard was commissioned as a second lieutenant from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1981, with a Bachelor of Science degree in History. He later earned a Master's Degree from the School for Advanced Military Studies at the United States Army Command and General Staff College. Major General Pittard also attended the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University as a Senior Service College Fellow.

Major General Pittard's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device, Bronze Star Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Ranger Tab, and Presidential Service Identification Badge.

Major General Pittard is originally from El Paso, Texas.