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BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN R. EVANS, JR.

Commanding General

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Prior to assuming command of the United States Army Special Operations Aviation Command (Airborne) on 12 July 2016, Brigadier General John R. Evans, Jr. served as the Deputy Commanding General – Support for 2nd Infantry Division / Republic of Korea - US Combined Division in the Republic of Korea.

Brigadier General Evans received his Army commission in 1988 as a Distinguished Military Graduate from Appalachian State University. He was assigned to the Aviation Branch and completed flight school in 1990.



He was first assigned as an Attack Platoon Leader in C / 1-82nd Aviation Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC where he continued to serve until 1995. He then served his first of three tours with the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) which included duties as A Company Platoon Leader and Operations Officer, A Company Commander, Battalion Operations Officer, 1st Battalion; Regiment S3, Regiment Operational Assessment Element Commander, Regiment Deputy Commander; and Battalion Commander, 2nd Battalion; Fort Campbell, KY.

Other assignments include Deputy Commanding Officer of the Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command – Afghanistan, Kabul Afghanistan; 160th SOAR Regiment Commander, Fort Campbell, KY; and Chief of Staff of the Army Senior Fellow at The Brookings Institution; Washington, DC.

Brigadier General Evans is a graduate of the Armor Advanced Course, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Naval War College. He holds a Master of Arts in Adult Education from Kansas State University, and a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College.

Brigadier General Evans military awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Bronze Star with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal with V device and numeral 2, Combat Action Badge, Master Aviator Badge, Master Parachutist Badge and Air Assault Badge.