

United States Army
Brigade Commander
Brandon S. Robbins

Colonel
177th Armored Brigade
First Army Division East
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Col. Brandon S. Robbins is a 1990 Distinguished Military Graduate from New Mexico Military Institute and has earned a B.S. in Physical Education from Texas Tech University, an M.A. in Management from Webster University and an M.S. in National Resource Strategy from the Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy.

As a lieutenant, he served as a rifle platoon leader and detachment commander in 2nd Battalion, 142nd Infantry (Mechanized) 49th Armor Division, Texas Army National Guard from October 1990 to September 1994. Col. Robbins entered active-duty service in 1994 and was assigned to 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, where he served as a Company Executive Officer in Delta Company and Battalion S4 from March 1995 to March 1997. In 1996, he deployed with 1/9 CAV as the Battalion S4 to Operation Intrinsic Action in Kuwait from August to December 1996.

Following the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, Col. Robbins served one year as the Assistant S3, Plans for 3rd Brigade, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment and then commanded Company D, 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment from January 1998 to December 2000. He then served as the Aide-de-Camp for the 82nd Airborne Division Commanding General until May 2002.

From the summer of 2002 to the summer of 2004, Col. Robbins served at the National Training Center on the Tarantula Team at Fort Irwin, California, and as Deputy Chief of Operations for Combined Task Force 82 and as an Assistant S3 for Task Force Devil in support of OEF.

After completing the Command and General Staff College in 2005, he served in XVIII Airborne Corps and Multi-National Corps-Iraq (MNC-I) G3 Current Operations in support of OIF. In July 2006, he transitioned to the 82nd Airborne Division where he served as the Executive Officer for 2nd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment and then deployed in support of OIF as the BCT S3 and later the Executive Officer for 1st BCT, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment from May 2007 to January 2009. Col. Robbins assumed the duties of the 82nd Airborne Division Deputy G3 and later the Rear Detachment G3 from January to July 2009.

From August 2009 to June 2012, Col. Robbins served as the Deputy Commanding Officer and then Commander of 1st Battalion, 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard). In August 2012, he completed his fourth combat deployment as an operational campaign planner in ISAF Joint Command in Kabul, Afghanistan and in July 2013 he reported to Fort McNair and the Eisenhower School.

Previous to his current assignment, from July 2014 to June 2015, Col. Robbins was the Assistant Chief of Staff G3 at the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), where he deployed as the J3 as a part of Joint Forces Command – United Assistance (JFC-UA), supporting U.S. Africa Command (USAFRICOM) and supporting the United States Agency for International Development's (USAID) efforts to contain and eliminate the Ebola Virus Disease in Liberia and West Africa.

Col. Robbins' awards and decorations include two Joint Meritorious Unit Awards, one Army Superior Unit Award, three Bronze Stars, two Defense Meritorious Service Medals, six Meritorious Service Medals, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and the NATO Medal. He has earned the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge and the Ranger Tab.