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## **BG WILLAM B. MASON III** **Deputy Commanding General** **Director, Institute for** **Military Support to Governance**

Brigadier General William B. Mason III received his commission in the Infantry through the Reserve Officer's Training Corps curriculum at Ohio University in 1985.

He started his career at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where he served as a rifle and anti-armor platoon leader, company executive officer and battalion S1 with the 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). He then served as aide-de-camp to the assistant division commander for operations.

Following completion of the Infantry and Field Artillery Officer Advanced Courses, he was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, where he served as the battalion S1 and as a company commander. He then attended the Public Affairs Officer Course and was subsequently assigned as a team leader with the 22nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Brigadier General Mason left active duty in 1995 and was assigned to the Individual Ready Reserve.

In 2001, Brigadier General Mason joined the Army Reserve's 431st Civil Affairs Battalion in North Little Rock, Arkansas where he served as a civil affairs team leader, detachment commander and battalion executive officer. He commanded Bravo Detachment during Operation Iraqi Freedom I in support of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). He commanded the 489th Civil Affairs Battalion in Knoxville, Tennessee and then the 402nd Civil Affairs Battalion in Iraq during OIF IV.

Brigadier General Mason served in a number of assignments in the 360th Civil Affairs Brigade (Airborne) at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, to include brigade command. After command, he served as the Chief of Civil Military Operations for Third Army/USARCENT and as a functional specialty team chief in the 352nd Civil Affairs Command at Fort Meade, Maryland. His most recent assignment was the Commander, 350th Civil Affairs Command, in Pensacola, Florida.

Brigadier General Mason has deployed to numerous countries on multiple combat, contingency and training operations including Egypt, Kuwait, Iraq, Jordan, Honduras, Panama, Suriname, El Salvador and Brazil.



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