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Lieutenant General James E. Rainey graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice in 1987 and commissioned as an Infantry Officer. His education includes a Master's Degree in Advanced Military Arts and Science from the School of Advanced Military Studies, and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Troy University. He was also a Senior Service Fellow from the Korbel School of International Relations, University of Denver.

LTG Rainey served in a variety of command and leadership positions from platoon level to division. As a Lieutenant, he served as a Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer in 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division and later as a Rifle Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer in the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. Following the Infantry Advanced Course, he commanded the Long Range Surveillance Detachment in the First Cavalry Division and later served in Hotel Company, 3rd United States Infantry (The Old Guard). During OIF I, he was a G-3 Operations Officer in the V Corps Assault Command Post. Following that assignment he served as the Executive Officer of 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division. LTG Rainey assumed battalion command of 2d Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment (Mechanized), 1st Cavalry Division which later deployed as Task Force 2/7 CAV during OIF II.

LTG Rainey assumed brigade command in May of 2009 of 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, CO which also deployed in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. Following Brigade Command, LTG Rainey assumed responsibility as the Director of the Mission Command Center of Excellence (MCCoE) at Fort Leavenworth, KS. He returned to Colorado to become the Deputy Commanding General of 4th Infantry Division with a deployment in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. After returning home, he was assigned to Fort Benning, GA to serve as the Infantry School Commandant and Chief of Infantry at the Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCoE). LTG Rainey went on to become the 3rd Infantry Division Commanding General in July of 2015 and served as Deputy Commanding General-Support United States Forces – Afghanistan, Commander Bagram Airfield, and Commander, Joint Task Force-3 in support of OPERATION FREEDOM SENTINEL. His most recent assignment was Commanding General, Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (CSTC-A) and Deputy Chief of Staff Security Assistance (DCOS SA), Headquarters RESOLUTE SUPPORT.

LTG Rainey also served in key staff assignments to include: Joint Chiefs of Staff Internship program in Washington, D.C.; Chief of Plans for the 2nd Infantry Division and Operations Officer for 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment; Executive Officer to the III Corps Commander; Chief of War on Terror Plans for U.S. European Command; G-3 of the 4th Infantry Division and the Multi-National Division-Baghdad in support of OIF; Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, Headquarters Department of the Army. LTG Rainey's awards and decorations include: the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (3-OLC), Bronze Star (6-OLC), Defense Superior Service Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3-OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal (1-OLC), Presidential Unit Citation, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab, and Joint Chief of Staff Identification Badge.