



United States Combined Arms Center
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COL Trent Upton

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Chief of Staff



COL Upton was commissioned as an Infantry Officer upon graduation from The Ohio State University in 1996. He is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic, Maneuver Captains Career Course, the Command and General Staff College, and the US Army War College. COL Upton holds a Master of Strategic Studies Degree from the US Army War College and a Master of Arts Degree in International Relations from Webster University.

COL Upton has held numerous positions from Rifle Platoon Leader to Brigade Combat Team Commander. He has served in various staff positions at the Battalion, Brigade, and Division level. COL Upton also served as the US Army Training and Doctrine Command Liaison Officer to the Australian, Indonesian, and New Zealand Armies, with duty in Sydney, Australia.

COL Upton's operational deployments include five deployments to Iraq, three in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, one in support of Operation New Dawn, and one in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. He also completed one deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel/Resolute Support. He most recently deployed to the Korean Peninsula to support the Korean Regionally Aligned Forces Rotation.

COL Upton's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (2 OLC), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (1 OLC), the National Defense Service Ribbon, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Iraq Campaign Service Medal (6th Campaign Star), the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals, the Korean Defense Service Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Parachutist Badge, and the Ranger Tab.