



MG Jim Richardson, Commanding General, AMCOM



Major General Jim Richardson is a native of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and a 1982 graduate of the University of South Carolina. His education includes a Bachelor of Science Degree, a Masters Degree in Advanced Military Studies from the Command and General Staff College, and a Masters Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the National Defense University. He is a graduate of the Armor Officer Basic and Aviation Officer Advanced Courses, the Army's Command and General Staff College, School of Advanced Military Studies, and the National War College.

Major General Richardson's most recent assignments include Deputy Commanding General III Corps and Fort Hood and while deployed he was assigned as the Deputy Commanding General, United States Forces Afghanistan and Commander of the U.S. National Support Element. Throughout his career he has served in Army units in the United States, Republic of South Korea, Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan. Major General Richardson is a Master Army Aviator who has commanded Soldiers in combat on six different occasions both in Afghanistan and Iraq, and has commanded at every level.

Major General Richardson commanded an Attack Helicopter Battalion in the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where he deployed his battalion to both invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq; he commanded the 101st Combat Aviation Brigade in the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and deployed his brigade to Afghanistan in 2009; Deputy Commanding General, 1st Cavalry Division from 2010 to 2011 at Fort Hood, Texas; and Deputy Commanding General, Combined Joint Task Force 1 in Regional Command East, Afghanistan, from 2011 to 2012.

His principal staff assignments include Executive Assistant to the Commander, International Security Force Afghanistan; Executive Officer to the Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Army; Executive Officer, Army G3/5/7; Chief of the Army Initiatives Group; 101st Airborne (Air Assault) Division Plans Officer, Fort Campbell, Kentucky; Brigade Operations Officer, 159th Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Fort Campbell, Kentucky; Squadron Executive Officer, 4th Squadron, 6th U.S. Cavalry, Fort Hood, Texas; Squadron Operations Officer, 1st Squadron, 6th U.S. Cavalry, Fort Hood, Texas; Battalion Operations Officer, 4th Battalion, 501st Attack Helicopter Battalion, Republic of South Korea; and Brigade Adjutant (Personnel Officer), 17th Combat Aviation Brigade, Republic of South Korea.

Major General Richardson is married to MG Laura Richardson and they have one daughter.