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Commanding General



Lt. Gen. Donald M. Campbell Jr. is the Commanding General of U.S. Army Europe and Seventh U.S. Army, headquartered in Heidelberg and Wiesbaden, Germany.

He grew up on Army posts throughout the United States and is a Distinguished Military Graduate of Kansas State University, where he was commissioned as an armor officer in May 1978. Lt. Gen. Campbell's first duty assignment was with the 1st Battalion, 63d Armor at Fort Riley, Kan., where he served as a Tank Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, Battalion S1/Adjutant and Company Commander. In June 1984, he was assigned as a G1 (Personnel) Staff Officer at the 8th Infantry Division in Bad Kreuznach, Germany. In 1985, he was reassigned as the S3/Operations Officer for 4th Battalion, 69th Armor in Mainz, Germany. He was then selected as the Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General, 8th Infantry Division in Bad Kreuznach.

In June 1987, Lt. Gen. Campbell was reassigned to Armor Branch, U.S. Army Military Personnel Center in Alexandria, Va., later renamed U.S. Army Personnel Command, where he served as the Captains' and later the Majors' Assignment Officer of the Armor Branch, Combat Arms Division.

Following graduation from the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth in June 1991, he was assigned as the G3 (Operations) Chief of Plans Officer for 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kan. He was then assigned as Executive Officer for the 4th Battalion, 37th Armor, and later 2nd Brigade S3/Operations Officer. In June 1994, he was selected to serve as Executive Officer to the Commanding General, PERSCOM.

After he was selected for battalion command, Lt. Gen. Campbell served as the G3 (Operations) Assistant Training Officer for I Corps at Fort Lewis, Wash. In January 1996, he assumed command of 1st Battalion, 33d Armor, a part of 3rd Brigade, 2d Infantry Division at Fort Lewis. Lt. Gen. Campbell next served as the Deputy Brigade Commander of 3d Brigade, 2d Infantry Division. His following assignment was as the Deputy Director of Staff Operations for the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe in Mons, Belgium.

He assumed command of the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, in June 2001. The "Raider Brigade" was a key element in Task Force Ironhorse operations during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Following brigade command, he served as the Chief of Staff for 4th Infantry Division until June 2004. Lt. Gen. Campbell then served as Deputy Commanding General-West for U.S. Army Recruiting Command from July 2004 through May 2005. In June 2005, he was selected to serve as the Chief of Staff, V Corps, then based in Heidelberg, Germany, with duty as the Multi-National Corps-Iraq Chief of Staff from January through December 2006. In July 2007, he assumed duties as the Deputy Commanding General, I Corps and then served as the Commanding General, U.S. Army Armor Center and Fort Knox from January 2008 to May 2009. Then, from May 2009 until March 2011, he was the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Recruiting Command. His most recent assignment was as the Commanding General, III Corps and Fort Hood from April 2011 until November 2012.

Lt. Gen. Campbell is a graduate of the Armor Officer Basic Course, Infantry Officer Advanced Course, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College. He holds a Master's Degree in Administration from Central Michigan University.

His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Legion of Merit with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star Medal with "V" device, Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with silver Oak Leaf Cluster, Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge and Recruiter Badge.

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