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### **COLONEL JASON M. KNIFFEN** **Program Manager** **United States Army Military Assistance Group**

Colonel Jason M. Kniffen assumed the position of Program Manager for the U.S. Army Military Assistance Group (USAMAG) in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia in June 2022. He comes to USAMAG from Fort Hood, Texas, where he served as the Director, Maneuver Test Directorate, Operational Test Command.

He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry in August 1997 upon graduation from Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

Colonel Kniffen's military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Bradley Leaders Course, Infantry Mortar Leaders Course, Infantry Captains Career Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, and Intermediate Level Education at the Command and General Staff College.



His assignments include Mechanized Infantry Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt Germany; OSUT Company Commander and Battalion Operations Officer, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, Infantry Training Brigade, Fort Benning, Georgia; Assistant S-3, 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood; Commander, B Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment, re-designated A Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment; Brigade Rear Detachment Commander, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, during OIF 06-08; Independent Brigade Advisor to Kuwait's 25th Commando Brigade as part of the Office of Military Cooperation-Kuwait; Squadron Operations Officer, 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment and Battalion Executive Officer, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood; Aide de Camp to the ACSIM/IMCOM Commanding General; Senior Brigade Advisor, Office of the Program Manager, Saudi Arabian National Guard, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Battalion Commander, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, Fort Bliss, Texas; military professor, Navy War College, Newport, Rhode Island.

Colonel Kniffen deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II in 2004 as a Battalion S-5 and in support of Operation New Dawn from 2010-2011 as a Squadron Operations Officer and Battalion Executive Officer. His most recent deployment was to Kuwait in support of Operation Spartan Shield from 2017-2018 as a Battalion Commander.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (8 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Combat Infantryman's Badge, Ranger Tab, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Parachutist Badge, Army Staff Identification Badge, Iraqi Campaign Medal, NATO Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, National Defense Service Ribbon, and the Army Service Ribbon.

Colonel Kniffen is married and has one son.