

Colonel Jason C. Townsend



Colonel Jason C. Townsend was commissioned as an Air Defense Artillery officer and entered active-duty service upon graduation from Central Missouri State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science, in the field of Criminal Justice, in 2000. He later earned a Master of Science from Central Missouri State University in 2009.

COL Townsend currently serves as the Deputy Commanding Officer of the 32d AAMDC where he previously served as the Chief of Staff from August of 2021-June 2023. Prior to arrival in the 32d AAMDC, Colonel Townsend served on the Combined Forces Command and U.S. Forces Korea staff as the C/J-38 (Theater Missile Defense Division Chief) from July 2019 to July 2021, the Army Staff, within the G-3/5/7 Force Management Directorate, as an Organizational Integrator from July 2017 to July 2018. Additionally, he served as the Battalion Commander for the 1st Battalion 7th Air Defense Artillery Regiment (Patriot), headquartered at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, from June 2015 to June 2017. Colonel Townsend has held a variety of other positions, such as, Chief of Plans for the Fires Center of Excellence at Fort Sill, Oklahoma from August 2014 to June 2015; Patriot advisor to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Air Defense forces while assigned to the U.S. Military Training Mission from July 2013 to July 2014; Brigade Operations Officer for the 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade (Patriot/Avenger) at Osan Air Base, South Korea from June 2011 to July 2013; and Battalion Operations Officer for the 2nd Battalion 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment (Patriot) at Camp Carroll, South Korea from June 2010 to June 2011.

Colonel Townsend's military education includes, Army War College, How the Army Runs Course, Command and General Staff College, Joint Planners Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Infantry Captain's Career Course, and the Air Defense Artillery Officer Basic Course.

Colonel Townsend's military awards and decorations include the, Defense Superior Service Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (six oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with oak leaf cluster), Joint Meritorious Unit Award (with oak leaf cluster), Meritorious Unit Citation, Army Staff Badge, Space Badge, Parachutist Badge, and Air Assault Badge.

Colonel Townsend has been married for 17 years to his wife Richel.