



Director, Force Development

Major General Thomas W. O'Connor

Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8



Major General Thomas O'Connor assumed duties as the Director of Force Development for the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8 on 15 July 2024.

He hails from Massapequa Park, New York, graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, and commissioned as a second lieutenant in Army Aviation in 1994.

Major General O'Connor previously served as the Commander of United States Army Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM) from 2022 to 2024.

His operational assignments include serving in leadership and staff positions from platoon leader to deputy commanding general with service in the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), 1st Armored Division, and the 1st Infantry Division. Prior to taking command of AMCOM, he served as the Deputy Commanding General – Operations of 8th Army, Korea. His experience includes multiple deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Atlantic Resolve.

Major General O'Connor's assignments outside of the operational force include service at the National Training Center, deputy director of the Department of the Army G-3/5/7 Aviation, and as the Aviation Division Chief for the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8. Additionally, he served as the deputy commander of the United States Army Aviation Center of Excellence.

Major General O'Connor holds a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Management from the U.S. Army Military Academy, a Master's of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College, and a Master's of Science in National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University's Eisenhower School.

His awards and decorations include four Legions of Merit, three Bronze Star Medals, four Meritorious Service Medals, Air Medal with valor, two Air Medals, three Army Commendation Medals, three Army Achievement Medals, the Valorous Unit Award, three Meritorious Unit Awards, the Combat Action Badge, the Master Aviator Badge, the Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and the Army Staff Badge.

