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# ARMY CIO/G-6

## Brigadier General Lawrence F. Thoms

*Military Deputy to the Army Chief Information Officer/G-6*



Brigadier General Lawrence Thoms assumed responsibilities as the Military Deputy to the Chief Information Officer (CIO)/G-6 at the Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA) in August 2019. He assists the CIO/G-6 in the development of strategy, policy, and guidance for the Army's ongoing effort to modernize and secure the network, including overseeing the Theater Engagement Plan, network security improvement, the Army's interaction with the Joint Service Provider at the Pentagon, and the CIO/G-6's COOP capability; and tracking CIO/G-6 key modernization, reform, and readiness metrics.

Prior to joining CIO/G-6, BG Thoms was Commanding General, 311th Signal Command (Theater) and G6 for the U.S. Army Pacific (USARPAC) at Fort Shafter, Hawaii. Previously, BG Thoms served as Commanding General of the 335th Signal Command (Theater) (Provisional) and G6 for the U.S. Army Central (USARCENT) at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. He began his career as a Platoon Leader in D Co, 26th Signal Battalion in Crailsheim, Germany and C Co, 34th Signal Battalion in Ansbach, Germany. He then served in Bamberg, Germany, as a Battalion Signal Officer for the 3-1st Field Artillery (Direct Support) and Brigade Signal Officer for the 3rd "Bulldog" Brigade, 1st Armored Division, including deployments to Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM. BG Thoms commanded the 58th Signal Company (TACSAT), 72nd Signal Battalion, 7th Signal Brigade in Karlsruhe, Germany, before transferring to the Army Reserve.

BG Thoms commanded the 3-80th Signal Battalion in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania and the 1st Brigade, Great Lakes Division of the 75th Training Command (Mission Command) in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Other key positions include service as the Deputy Commanding General of the 311th Signal Command (Theater); Chief of Staff of the 335th Signal Command (Theater) at East Point, Georgia; Chief of Staff of the 335th Signal Command (Theater) (Provisional) in Kuwait; and Deputy Chief of Staff, G-7 for the 311th Signal Command (Theater). He also served as Chief, Plans Branch at the U.S. Army Command and Control Support Agency, HQDA G-3; Chief, Enterprise Systems Branch, Office of the Chief Information Officer, The Joint Staff; and Battalion Executive Officer, 3-334 Basic Training Battalion, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

BG Thoms' military education includes the U.S. Army War College, the Command and General Staff College, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, and the Signal Officer Basic and Advanced Courses. He holds a bachelor's degree from the U.S. Military Academy, a Master of Business Administration from Trident University, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (four Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (three Oak Leaf Clusters) and the Army Achievement Medal (two Oak Leaf Clusters). His qualification badges include the Airborne Badge, the Army Staff Badge, and the Joint Staff Badge.

BG Thoms is married and has one child.

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