

LTG RICHARD P. FORMICA
Commanding General
USASMDC/ARSTRAT

LTG Richard P. Formica was born and raised in Cheshire, Conn. He was commissioned in 1977 upon completion of ROTC at Providence College and graduation from Bryant College in Smithfield, R.I. He graduated from the Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, and Cannon Battery Officer Course. He is a 1990 graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College, where he earned a Master of Military Arts and Sciences. He graduated from the National War College in 1997 and earned a master's degree in National Security Strategy.



LTG Formica assumed command of the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command and Joint Functional Component Command - Integrated Missile Defense on Dec. 15, 2010. His previous assignment was on the Department of the Army Headquarters staff as special assistant to the chief of staff of the Army where he worked HQDA Air and Missile Defense Task Force and other missile defense related issues.

Prior to that, he served as commanding general, Combined Security Transition Command, Afghanistan. From June 2005 to November 2008, he was director, Force Management, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, HQDA, Washington, D.C. He served as commanding general III (U.S. Army) Corps Artillery from August 2002 to June 2005. While in that position, he deployed to Iraq in January 2004 and served as the commanding general, Force Field Artillery Headquarters and Joint Fires and Effects coordinator for Multi-National Corps-Iraq until February 2005. He also served on the Joint Staff as the assistant, then acting deputy director for Politico-Military Affairs (Europe), J-5, Washington, D.C.

LTG Formica has had numerous other command, fire support, and staff assignments in Germany; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Stewart, Ga.; the United States Military Academy; and Headquarters, Department of the Army.

His awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with oak leaf cluster), Bronze Star (with oak leaf cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (with five oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with oak leaf cluster), the Army Achievement Medal (with two oak leaf clusters), and both the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Army Staff Identification Badges.

He is married to Diane H. Formica. They have four children Jeff, Jon, James, and Michelle; three daughters-in-law, Ashley, Melissa, and Andrea; a son-in-law, USMC Cpl. Stephen Smirnes; and five grandchildren.

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