

COL DANIEL J. SHANAHAN
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COL Daniel J. Shanahan was born and raised in Michigan. He entered the United States Military Academy July 1978 and graduated as a lieutenant of armor in May 1982. Following the Armor Basic Course and rotary wing helicopter training, he was assigned to Fort Lewis, Wash., where he served as the company executive officer, flight platoon leader, and company operations officer. Following the aviation advanced course in 1986, he served as an aviation observer/controller at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Chaffee, Ark., for two years. Shanahan commanded two aviation companies and served as the battalion S3 at Fort Drum, N.Y., 1989-1992. He attended the Army Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., 1992-1993. The next two years were spent at Fort McPherson, Ga., in a joint assignment as a counterdrug specialist for the Department of Defense.



In 1995 he deployed to Europe where he served as battalion executive officer and battalion S3. In 1996 he served as an aide-de-camp to the commander, U.S. Army Forces in Europe, both in Germany and Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina. He served his last year in Germany as the chief of current operations branch, G3, U.S. Army Europe. Shanahan commanded a Combat Assault Aviation Battalion at Fort Hood, Texas, July 1998-July 2000. He served as the senior aviation trainer at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, La., 2000-2001. He attended the United States Army War College in Carlisle, Penn., graduating in 2002. Shanahan served as chief, Leadership Division, Human Resources Directorate, on the Army Staff, 2002-2003.

He returned to Fort Hood in 2003 as the rear detachment commander for the 4th Infantry Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom and deployed with III Corps to Iraq as the MNC-I C3 Air in 2004. Shanahan assumed command of the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division May 2005. The brigade was deployed August-September 2005 to support hurricane relief efforts in Louisiana and Texas, and in September 2006, he was deployed to Iraq and returned in January 2008. Shanahan left brigade command in April 2008 and served as the director, Army Leader Development Office at Fort Leavenworth through April 2009. He became the director for the Center for Army Leadership in April 2009. COL Shanahan became Chief of Staff of USASMDC/ARSTRAT in July 2010.

He has a master's degree in public administration from Central Michigan University and a master's degree in strategy from the US Army War College, while participating in the Army Strategic Arts Program (ASAP).

His military awards include the Legion of Merit, two Bronze Star Medals, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and Army Achievement Medal. His decorations include the Master Aviator Badge and Parachutist Badge.

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