

Brigadier General Gary S. Patton



Brigadier General Gary S. Patton currently serves as the Deputy Commander General-Army, NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan and Commander, Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan.

DCOM-A is responsible for training the Afghan National Army with defence of their country, transitioning them to train their own army while building an enduring institution with combat support and combat service support capabilities.

Brigadier General Patton's prior deployments and assignments include Director, J-1 for the Joint Staff at Washington, DC; Chief of Staff for the 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq, and the 7th Infantry Division, later redesignated Training Support Division (West), First United States Army, Fort Carson, Colorado. During his first deployment to OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq, he served as commander, 2d Brigade, 2d Infantry Division, Eighth United States Army, Korea, and later at Fort Carson, Colorado. Other assignments include being the Senior Light Task Force Trainer, later Deputy Commander, Operations Group, National Training Center; Commander, 3d Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82d Airborne Division; Public Affairs Assignment Officer, later Executive Officer to the Director, Office Personnel Management Directorate, United States Total Army Personnel Command; Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry, later S-3 (Operations), 2d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light); Public Affairs Plans Officer, United States Pacific Command; Commander, A Company, 1st Battalion, 325th Infantry (Airborne), 82d Airborne Division, Team Chief, Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise Division, XVIII Airborne Corps; Assistant S-3 (Air), 1st Battalion, 23d Infantry, 2d Infantry Division; Rifle Platoon Leader, later Executive Officer, C Company, later Support Platoon Leader, later Battalion Motor Officer, 2d Battalion, 503d Infantry, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

He also served as commander for 3d Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Commander, A Company, 1st Battalion, 325th Infantry (Airborne), 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Brigadier General Patton's decorations include the Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with 7 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge and Ranger Tab.

Brigadier General Patton graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1979. He earned Masters Degrees from the University of Kansas in journalism and from the United States Army War College in strategic studies.