

## **BG Andrew D. Preston Biography**

Brig. Gen. Andy Preston was commissioned as a Field Artillery officer after graduating from the U.S. Army Officer Candidate School, Class 3-92 on 12 June 1992, Ft. Benning, GA, and then attended the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course at Fort Sill, OK. His first unit assignment was as a Company Fire Support Officer in 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 505<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, Ft Bragg, NC.

Subsequent duty assignments were:

Battery Fire Direction Officer & Battery Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment; Aide de Camp to the CG, XVIII Airborne Corps Artillery, Fort Bragg, NC.

Assistant S3, 214<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade, Ft. Sill, OK, then Battery Commander of both C Battery, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery and Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 214<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade at Ft Sill, OK.

Harvard/DCSOPS Fellow at Cambridge, MA, and then Strategic Plans Officer, DAMO-SSW (War Plans Division), Army G3 at the Pentagon.

Attended the Command and General Staff College, Ft Leavenworth, KS

Next, assigned to the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in Hawaii with 3 operational deployments to Iraq, as the Division Plans Officer (CJTF-76, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM), Battalion Executive Officer in 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, Executive Officer of 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team (OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM), and Contingency Plans Officer in J35, United States Pacific Command; Commander, and as Battalion Commander of 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 11<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM AND NEW DAWN).

Commander, 214<sup>th</sup> Fires Brigade and 4<sup>th</sup> Division Artillery, Fort Sill, OK.

Chief of Staff 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Hawaii.

Director for the Chief of Staff of the Army's Coordination Group, Pentagon.

Deputy Commanding General (Support), 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and then Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, United States Army Pacific and as Chief of Staff, United States Army Pacific.

Currently, 55<sup>th</sup> Commandant of the Field Artillery, Ft Sill, OK.

His civilian and military education include a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Oklahoma, a Master of Public Administration degree from Harvard University, and a Master of Military Arts and Sciences degree from the United States Army Command and General Staff College. He also attended a Senior Service College Fellowship at the Scowcroft Institute, Texas A&M University.

His military awards include: Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with 3 OLC, Bronze Star Medal with 2 OLC, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 3 OLC, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 2 OLC, Army Achievement Medal with 3 OLC, Joint Meritorious Unit Award with 1 OLC, Meritorious Unit Commendation with 1 OLC, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal with 1 OLC, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Army Commendation Medal-Combat, Iraq Campaign Medal-5 Campaigns, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon with Numeral 9, Army Staff Identification Badge, Ranger Tab, Combat Action Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Master Parachute Badge