



MG John Thomas, Commander, US Army Intelligence & Security Command

Major General John D. Thomas Jr., a native of Plymouth, Pennsylvania, enlisted in the United States Army in 1968 and was commissioned following his graduation as a Distinguished Graduate from the Field Artillery Officer's Candidate School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. His initial assignments were command and staff positions in the 7th and 2nd Infantry Divisions. He then commanded an AIT Company at Fort Bliss, Texas. Following completion of the Army Basic Cryptologic and Electronic Warfare Officers' Course and Military Intelligence Officer Advance Course, he was assigned to Field Station Augsburg, Germany. His duties included operations, aviation, and company command. Following his return from Germany and service as Executive Officer, 1st Army Security Agency Aviation Company, Major General Thomas commanded C Company (GUARDRAIL), 15th MI Bn (Aerial Exploitation), 504th MI Bde. Following attendance at the Armed Forces Staff College, he served in intelligence and electronic warfare staff positions at the Combined Forces Command/US Forces Korea and on the Department of the Army Staff.

Major General Thomas was then selected to command the 3d MI Bn (Aerial Exploitation), 501st MI Bde at Camp Humphreys, Korea. He graduated from the National War College following his assignment in Korea and was assigned as Deputy Chief for Intelligence, Special Technical Operations Division, J-3, The Joint Staff, Washington, DC. Major General Thomas then assumed command of the 111th MI Bde at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. Following Brigade Command, Major General Thomas served as Deputy Commanding General/Assistant Commandant of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca. Major General Thomas' most recent assignment was Associate Deputy Director for Operations (Military Support) at the National Security Agency and Deputy Chief, Central Security Service. Major General Thomas assumed command of the United States Army Intelligence and Security Command on August 23, 1996.

Major General Thomas has been awarded the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Achievement Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. He is also authorized to wear the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

Major General Thomas is a Master Army Aviator rated in both fixed wing and rotary aircraft and is a fixed wing instructor pilot. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from Wilkes College, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania and a Masters of Arts Degree in International Relations from the University of Southern California.