

BIOGRAPHY

Major General Theodore D. Martin



Major General Theodore D. Martin is the Commanding General, National Training Center and Fort Irwin, California; the Director, Joint Center of Excellence, Fort Irwin, and the Deputy Director for Training at the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization.

Major General Martin serves as the training lead for JIEDDO, maintaining and managing a distributed Joint Center of Excellence that facilitates individual, collective and unit counter-IED training. He is also responsible for enabling the development and propagation of new operational techniques and tactical procedures and provides a venue for training and support for the experimentation and testing of emerging counter-IED equipment and concepts.

In 1983, he was commissioned an armor officer upon graduation from the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York. In 1987, he completed the Infantry Officer Advance Course after serving his initial company grade assignments at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He was then stationed at Schweinfurt, Germany, where he was the commander of Charlie Company, and later, assistant S3 (Air), 2d Battalion, 64th Armor, 3d Infantry Division (Mechanized).

Major General Martin served three years as a staff officer in the U.S. Army Combined Arms Command, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He then spent two years as a senior military advisor for the Saudi Arabian National Guard Modernization Program, Saudi Arabia.

He has served in a number of other command assignments including commander of 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Hood, Texas, and Operation Iraqi Freedom, Iraq; commander, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, and Operation Iraqi Freedom, Iraq; commander, Operations Group, National Training Center, Fort Irwin; Commandant and 45th Chief of Armor, U.S. Army Armor School, Fort Benning, Georgia. Prior to his current assignment, he served as the 73rd Commandant of Cadets, U.S. Military Academy.

His other assignments include serving as the G3 for the 4th Infantry Division and Task Force IRONHORSE in Iraq; the Iraq field team leader for the Joint IED Defeat Task Force in Baghdad, Iraq, and as the chief of the Armor Branch Division, and later, as chief of the Combat Arms Division, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, Arlington, Virginia.

Major General Martin holds a master's degree in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College, a master's degree in strategic studies from the Army War College, a master's degree in business from Webster University and a bachelor's degree from the U.S. Military Academy.

His awards, decorations and badges include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (two oak leaf clusters), Bronze Star Medal (with "V" device), Bronze Star Medal (oak leaf cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (six oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal (oak leaf cluster), Army Achievement Medal (five oak leaf clusters), the Combat Action Badge and Parachutist Badge.