



**BRIGADIER GENERAL DAVID J. FRANCIS**  
**Commanding General,**  
**U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center and**  
**Director of Army Safety**

Brigadier General David J. Francis is a native of Pennsylvania and received his commission from Gannon University, Erie, Pennsylvania.

BG Francis has served in a series of command and staff positions. After graduation from AVOBC and flight school, he served as an Assault Helicopter Platoon Leader and Infantry Liaison Officer in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion (Assault), 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, Camp Stanley, Korea from 1990 to 1991. He then completed the Aviation Officer Advanced Course and proceeded to Ft. Bragg, N.C. From 1992 to 1996, he served as an Assault Helicopter Platoon Leader, Battalion Flight Operations Officer, Battalion Adjutant and Assault Helicopter Company Commander in 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion (Assault), 82<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Brigade, Ft. Bragg, N.C.

After company command, he moved to the National Training Center, Ft. Irwin, Calif. From 1996 to 1998, he served as an Assault Helicopter Company Trainer and S3 Trainer. From 1998 to 2001, he served as a Small Group Instructor, Aviation Captain's Career Course and Battalion S3, 1-145<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Ft. Rucker, Ala. From 2002 to 2004, he served as a Battalion Executive Officer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion (Assault), 25<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii and Task Force S3, Task Force Diamondhead, Kandahar, Afghanistan. BG Francis assumed duties as the Joint Task Force Wings (25<sup>th</sup> Aviation Brigade) S3 in October 2004 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. From June 2005 to 2007, he served as the Chief of Joint Task Force Certification, J7, United States Pacific Command at Camp Smith, Hawaii. From December 2007 to October 2010, BG Francis commanded 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment (Task Force Diamond Head) and completed a combat deployment in support of OIF 09-11. From October 2010 until June 2011, he served as the Chief of Staff, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Rear at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. BG Francis attended the U.S. Army War College from July 2011 to June 2012. BG Francis commanded the 10<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade from July 2012 to May 2014 and deployed the Brigade to Regional Command East, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He then served as the Deputy Commander for the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence at Fort Rucker, Ala. from May 2014 to June 2016. BG Francis most recently served as the Deputy Commanding General (Support), 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, Republic of Korea.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Gannon University, a Masters of Business Administration from Touro University and a Masters in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. He is a graduate of the Aviation Officer Basic Course, the Initial Entry Rotary Wing course, the Jumpmaster Course, the Aviation Officer Advanced Course, the United States Army Command and General Staff College and the United States Army War College.

His military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal with Numeral 2, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Meritorious Unit Citation with one oak leaf cluster, the Army Superior Unit Award, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals, the Korean Defense Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal and the Armed Forces Service Medal. He has also earned the Combat Action Badge, the Master Army Aviator Badge the Parachutist Badge and the Air Assault Badge.

BG Francis is married and has seven children.