

BG Stephen J. Townsend
Short Bio



Stephen “Steve” J. Townsend, Brigadier General, United States Army. A native of Georgia, BG Townsend graduated from North Georgia College in May 1982 and was commissioned in the Infantry. He has commanded Infantry units at the Company, Battalion and Brigade levels, and has served in the 82d Airborne Division, 7th Light Infantry Division, 75th Ranger Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, 2d Infantry Division, and 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). He participated in Operation Urgent Fury, Grenada; Operation Just Cause, Panama; Operation Uphold Democracy, Haiti; Operation Iraqi Freedom, Iraq; and three tours in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. His most recent operational assignment was as Deputy Commander - Operations, 101st Airborne Division/Combined Joint Task Force-101, in Regional Command East, Afghanistan. He has also served in a variety of Joint and Army Staff positions to include Special Assistant to the Commander, United States Pacific Command; Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 (Operations), 10th Mountain Division; Director of Operations (J3), CJTF-180, Afghanistan; and Executive Officer to the Commander, United States Central Command. BG Townsend assumed his current duties as Director of the Pakistan Afghanistan Coordination Cell on 15 July 2011. He and his wife, Melissa, live in the Northern Virginia area.