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Colonel Brad T. Gandy is the Chief United States Military Training Mission to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Prior to serving as Chief USMTM, he served as the Senior Defense official and U.S. Defense Attaché for Sana'a, Yemen from May 2018 to July 2019. COL Gandy was the U.S Defense Attaché in Tunis, Tunisia, from June 2016 - May 2018. COL Gandy's service in North Africa is somewhat singular as he grew up in Tripoli, Libya from 1975-1979 and Tunis from 1979-1981, due to his father's work with Halliburton Oilfield Services Company.

COL Gandy received his commission as a Second Lieutenant of Field Artillery from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service in 1992. He initially served as a Company Fire Support Officer with 1/503d Infantry and 8th Battalion, 8th Field Artillery in South Korea. He served subsequent artillery assignments as a Fire Direction Officer and Platoon Leader at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He returned to Korea in 1998 to serve with 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery where he commanded a Paladin howitzer battery until 2000. Following battery command, COL Gandy became a Middle East Foreign Area Officer (FAO) and was studying Arabic at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California on 9/11. Following completion of Arabic language training, he coordinated JCET training exercises for the Office of Defense Cooperation in Rabat, Morocco in 2002. In 2003 he served on the CFLCC/3rd U.S. Army staff for the invasion of Iraq; where he helped coordinate initial civil-military operations in Baghdad and subsequently the establishment of the Polish-led Multinational-Division South in Southern Iraq.

COL Gandy returned from Iraq in 2004 to pursue a Master's degree in Middle Eastern Studies from the University of Texas at Austin. Upon completion of his civilian studies and subsequent attaché training in 2006, he served in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia as the U.S. Assistant Army Attaché for nearly four years. In 2010 he returned to Washington, D.C. to work as the Senior Middle East Analyst on the Army-G2 staff, where he focused on Iran, the Persian Gulf States, and Syrian issues for the Army G2, Army Chief of Staff, and Secretary of the Army. At the conclusion of his tour in the Pentagon, COL Gandy arrived in Khartoum in October 2013, where he served as the Senior Defense Official and Defense Attaché from October 2013 - December 2015.