



## **Colonel Jerel (JD) Evans** **Chief, United States Training Mission (USMTM)** **Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**



Colonel JD Evans was commissioned as an Armor Officer from the United States Military Academy on 2 June 2001.

After completing the United States Army's Basic Airborne Course at Fort Benning, Georgia, COL Evans attended the Armor Officer Basic Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky. COL Evans was subsequently assigned to the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Polk, Louisiana and served as a scout platoon leader for I Troop and K Troop. He also served as the Headquarters and Headquarters Troop Executive Officer and served in all three positions during his 15 month deployment to Iraq. After redeployment, COL Evans served as the Headquarters and Headquarters Executive Officer for 2nd Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division. As an advisor, COL Evans served on a Border Transition Team in Tal Afar, Iraq for 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment and a Military Transition Team in Samarra, Iraq in support of 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division. COL Evans commanded two companies while assigned to 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division; he commanded Echo Company, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armored Regiment and C Company, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment. Upon completion of command, COL Evans was assigned to work in the Office of the Chief of Armor at the Maneuver Center of Excellence in Fort Benning, Georgia. COL Evans next assumed command of A Company,

1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment where he participated in the Army's Ground Combat Vehicle project. In 2013, COL Evans was assigned to 1st Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division as the 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment Executive Officer for 22 months. COL Evans next duty assignment was as a Department of the Army Accident Investigator for the Combat Readiness Center at Fort Rucker, Alabama. COL Evans then served as the Executive Officer for United States Army Garrison at Fort Bragg, North Carolina before subsequently serving as the Secretary of the General Staff for XVIII Airborne Corps. Next, COL Evans became the Secretary of the Joint Staff for Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve for nine months prior to assuming command of 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment. After completing Battalion Command, COL Evans assumed the role of the executive officer for the Commanding General, Combined Arms Center.

Colonel Evans is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Maneuver Captain Career Course at Fort Benning, GA, Air Command and Staff College (ACSC) at Maxwell, Air Force Base, and the National War College at Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.

Colonel Evans' awards and decorations include the Bronze Star w/1OLC, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal w/5OLC, Armed Forces Service Medal, Ranger Tab, Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and Army Commendation Medal. He has served three combat and various operational tours.

He is married to the former Tori Evans of Knob Noster, Missouri, and has two children: Rihanna (16) and Emma Rose (11).