

COLONEL RICKY A. STORY

COLONEL Ricky A. Story is currently the Chief of Staff of the United States Military Training Mission (USMTM) to Saudi Arabia.

The USMTM is a joint training mission and a direct reporting unit to Headquarters, United States Central Command (USCENTCOM). USMTM trains, advises and assists the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Defense through security cooperation efforts in developing and sustaining capable deterrent and self-defense forces in order to facilitate regional security.

He has responsibility to assist the Chief of USMTM, a two star Air Force General, with all support matters pertaining to USMTM. He acts on the behalf of the Chief on any command support issues in his absence. The Chief of Staff coordinates with the USMTM military division Chiefs, Department of State officials, host nation senior officials and oversees the joint USMTM staff to ensure the efficient and economical progression of the organization. He is responsible for detailed staff coordination and operations which ensure that the Chief USMTM is continually prepared with necessary facts and information that is required.



COL Ricky Story enlisted in the US Army in 1983 and later, in 1987, was commissioned an officer through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Wisconsin – Madison. Upon graduating in 1989 with his baccalaureate in Industrial Engineering, he served on active duty with the 1st Cavalry Division stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. Assigned to the 8th Engineer Battalion, he served as a Platoon Leader in Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm, and was assigned as Company Executive Officer upon redeployment.

COL Story joined the Texas Army National Guard in 1992 where he served in numerous Company, Battalion, and Brigade positions to include Company Executive Officer, Company Commander, Brigade Operations Officer, Brigade Plans Officer, Battalion Logistics Officer, and Battalion S-3 Operations officer. In 2001, COL Story joined the US Army Reserve as a Civil Affairs officer and immediately went on active duty to Washington D.C. in support of a major software acquisition program for the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. He then returned to the 451st Civil Affairs Battalion serving as Executive Officer and later as Company Commander during deployment in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. In 2006, COL Story joined the 308th Civil Affairs Brigade where he served as the Assistant Chief of Staff G1 and Deputy Brigade Commander. He then went on to command the 415th Civil Affairs Battalion in 2009 followed by a 2011 deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM as Chief, Civil Military Support Team - Kabul. Upon redeployment, COL Story served as the Operations Officer for the 351st Civil Affairs Command following by a 2013 active duty tour to U.S. Pacific Command as Director, Joint Operations Center.

COL Story is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and Staff Services School, the Department of Defense Professional Military Comptroller School, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Advanced Joint Professional Military Education, and the U.S. Army War College's Master of Strategic Studies program.

COL Story has received numerous awards and decorations including three Bronze Stars, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, and Army Superior Unit Award.