

# **COL MARK A. BERTOLINI**

**Chief of Staff**

**United States Army North (Fifth Army)**



Colonel Mark Bertolini assumed duties as the Chief of Staff of United States Army North (Fifth Army) on 20 July, 2015, after serving as the Chief of Staff, Joint Force Headquarters-National Capital Region and the U.S. Army Military District of Washington.

Prior to that he served as the Deputy Commander, Regional Command West, International Security Assistance Force, Herat, Afghanistan, and before that he commanded the 162d Infantry "Tiger" Brigade at Fort Polk, Louisiana, with the mission of training combat advisors for Iraq, Afghanistan, and other contingency missions.

Colonel Bertolini hails from Bellerose, New York, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Armor from Washington & Lee University in 1986 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. His military education includes the Armor Basic and Advanced Courses, the French Army L'École de Guerre (CGSC), and the National War College, where he earned a Master of Science degree in National Security Strategy. He also holds a Master of Arts from Indiana University in Foreign Area Studies.

Additional assignments include platoon leader and company executive officer positions with 1st Battalion, 68th Armored Regt., 8th Inf. Div. (Mech.), Wildflecken, Germany; battalion adjutant and company commander with 3rd Battalion, 67th Armored Regt., 1st Cav. Div./2d Armored Div., Fort Hood, Texas; foreign area officer/attaché in training, US Embassy and NATO Headquarters, Brussels, Belgium; operations officer and later executive officer for 1st Battalion, 66th Armored Regt., and then Division Training Chief for 4th Inf. Div. (Mech.), Fort Hood, Texas; senior operations officer for Operations Team 1 at the J3/National Military Command Center, Washington, D.C.; Commander, 3rd Battalion, 67th Armored Regiment, 4th Inf. Div. (Mech.), Fort Hood, Texas and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM; and Armor Branch Chief at Human Resources Command, Alexandria, Virginia.

Colonel Bertolini's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (with one Oak Leaf Cluster), Bronze Star Medal (with one Oak Leaf Cluster), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with three Oak Leaf Clusters), Combat Action Badge, Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge, as well as a number of other personal and unit awards.



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