

MR. ROBERT NAETHING
Deputy to the Commanding General,
United States Army North (Fifth Army)



Mr. Robert Naething assumed the position of the Deputy to the Commanding General of United States Army North (Fifth Army), Fort Sam Houston, Texas, in June 2013. He previously served as the Director of the Mission Command Capabilities Development Integration Directorate at the Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he led the development of future capabilities required for commanding and leading formations in the U.S.

Army. He was charged with reviewing the projected future environment for the Army and the Nation, and developing the doctrine, organizational structures, training requirements, material solutions, leadership education, personnel systems, and facilities to ensure the Army is prepared for those future challenges.

Mr. Naething served as the Deputy to the Commanding General, US Army Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth from December 2011 until September 2012. He joined the Senior Executive Service in July 2011 as the Director, Mission Command Capabilities Development Integration Directorate. Prior to joining the SES, Mr. Naething designed, organized, obtained approval and resourcing for, and stood up the Mission Command Center of Excellence and then served as its first Director.

Prior to his assignment at the MCCoE, Mr. Naething served as the Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff for the Combined Arms Center's Leader Development & Education Center from August 2009 to February 2010. In that position, he led an extensive review of the organization's missions, tasks, structure, and resourcing. He served as the Chief of Staff of the Joint Advisory Training Team, MNSTC-I, while deployed in Iraq from June 2008 to August 2009, where he led the efforts to stand up the Iraqi military from tactical formations to the Ministerial Capability, to include managing a multi-billion dollar budget.

Mr. Naething's prior deployments and assignments include Brigade Commander of the 16th Cavalry Regiment; Commander, Operations Group Bravo and Operations Group Delta of the Battle Command Training Program, during which time he also deployed to Iraq in support of the 1st Cavalry Division and later Multi-National Corps – Iraq; Chief, Stryker Futures Division, TRADOC; Commander, 2nd Battalion, 72nd Armor, 2nd Infantry Division, South Korea; Chief, Initiatives Group, Third U.S. Army; Aide-de-Camp to Lieutenant General, then General Tommy Franks from 1998 to 2000, including deployments during OPERATIONS DESERT THUNDER, DESERT THUNDER II, and DESERT FOX; Assistant Professor of History at the United States Military Academy; multiple cavalry troop commands with the 1st Cavalry Regiment of the 2nd Armored Division; and command and staff assignments with the 3rd Armored Division, 2nd Armored Division and 4th Infantry Division.

Mr. Naething graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State University with a degree in Biological Sciences. He later earned a Master's Degree in History at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies at Carlisle, Pa. He is a graduate of the Command & General Staff College and the Army War College.

Mr. Naething and his late wife, Chris, raised three children, and he has a granddaughter and grandson. He is now married to Mrs. Cindy Naething of Kansas City, Missouri.



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