

**COLONEL STEVEN J. ADAMS**  
**CHIEF OF STAFF**  
**UNITED STATES ARMY NORTH (FIFTH ARMY)**



COL Steve Adams, an Ohio native, began his career at the United States Military Academy at West Point graduating in 1994. He was commissioned an Armor officer and served his first assignment in 1st Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment at Fort Carson as a Tank Platoon Leader, Mortar Platoon Leader, and Tank Company Executive Officer. After completion of the Armor Officer Advanced Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky, he moved to Hohenfels, Germany, becoming a member of the World Class OPFOR, 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, at the Combat Maneuver Training Center where he served as an Assistant Battalion Operations Officer, Rifle Company Commander and Tank Company Commander from 1999 to 2003.

Upon completion of company command, COL Adams was selected for the Army G3 Strategist program. After serving a one-year utilization tour in the Army G3 Strategic War Plans Division, COL Adams joined the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, in June 2007, where he served as the Battalion XO for the 1st Special Troops Battalion and the Squadron S3 for 7th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment. In June 2009 COL Adams moved with the Raider Brigade to Fort Carson, Colorado.

COL Adams assumed command of the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment at Fort Carson, Colorado, in September 2011. In early 2014 COL Adams assumed duties as the G3 of the National Training Center and Fort Irwin, California. COL Adams commanded the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, at Fort Hood, Texas from June 2016 to June 2018. In that time, the Black Jack Brigade conducted a nine month rotation to the Republic of Korea from June 2017 to March 2018. COL Adams then served as the 8th Army G-3/5/7 and 8th Army Chief of Staff from June 2018 to June 2020 at Camp Humphreys, Korea.

His military and civilian education includes: A Master's Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University, a Master's in Military Studies after attending the Marine Corps Command and Staff College in Quantico, Virginia, as well as a Master's degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

COL Adams deployed twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom Iraq as part of Multi-National Force-Iraq in Baghdad (2005–2006) and again to southern Baghdad (2008-2009). He also deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (2010–2011) to Kandahar, Afghanistan, serving as the Brigade S3 and Deputy Brigade Commander. He also deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Spartan Shield in 2013.

His awards and decorations include: Legion of Merit (2 OLC), Bronze Star Medal (2 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (1 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq and Afghanistan Campaign Medals, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, NATO Medal, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Parachutist's Badge, Ranger Tab, and the Army Staff Identification Badge. COL Adams is a recipient of the Order of Saint George Silver Medallion, the Order of Saint Maurice, and the Order of Saint Barbara.

He has been married to his wife Valarie for over 26 years and they have three adult age children.



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