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COLONEL AARON MARTIN

CHIEF OF STAFF



COL Aaron Martin assumed duty as the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command Chief of Staff in August 2022.

COL Martin graduated from the Florida Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1998. He was a ROTC distinguished military graduate, originally branched Air Defense Artillery, transferred to Aviation in 2001. He is a native of Ozark, Missouri.

COL Martin's tactical and operational assignments include leadership and staff positions from platoon leader to brigade commander, with service in 2nd Battalion (Air Assault), 44th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, Fort Campbell, Kentucky; 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Republic of Korea; Charlie Troop, 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, Fort Campbell, Kentucky; 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Campbell, Kentucky; 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii; and 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, Republic of Korea.

COL Martin's combat deployments include Operation Iraqi Freedom, 2004-2005; and Operation Enduring Freedom, 2010-2011. He is rated and has flown combat missions in the OH-58D Kiowa Warrior and the AH-64 Apache helicopters.

His strategic and joint experience includes Aide-de-camp to the Army Aviation Branch Command General, Fort Rucker, Alabama (known as Fort Novosel since 2023); Joint Staff Action Officer in the Deputy J5 (Strategies, Plans and Policies) - Middle East Directorate, the Pentagon; Primary Staff member for U.S. Army Pacific; and as Director of Operations for the Department of Strategic Wargaming at the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. While assigned to the Joint Staff J5, COL Martin was selected as the 2014 Joint Staff Action Officer of the Year.

COL Martin holds a master's degree in education from Kentucky State University. His military education includes Air Defense Officer Basic Course, Aviation Captain's Career Course, Command & General Staff College, and U.S. Army War College Fellowship.

COL Martin's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, two Bronze Star Medals, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, five Meritorious Service Medals, five Air Medals, three Army Commendation Medals, five Army Achievement Medals, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation Award, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Combat Action Badge, Master Aviator Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Joint Staff Identification Badge, Order of Saint George, Order of Saint Barbara, and Order of St. Michael (Silver).

COL Martin is married to the former Elizabeth Bonsignore of Rochester, New York. COL Liz Martin is assigned to Army Future Vertical Lift - Cross Functional Team. The Martins have two children.

