

# General Robert B. Abrams

## Commanding General



An Armored Cavalryman, General Abrams earned his commission from the United States Military Academy in 1982. Following the Armor officer basic course, he spent his formative years in a Division Cavalry Squadron with a mission on the East-West German border. He has commanded at every level from Company through Division, and led units in combat operations in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan. General Abrams has extensive combined arms and joint experience. Duty with warfighting units include: 3rd Armored Division; 1st Cavalry Division (three tours); 3rd Infantry Division; and the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. He also commanded the Army's National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California. His joint experience includes serving as a strategic war planner for the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff and as the Director of the Joint Center of Excellence for Improvised Explosive Device Defeat. General Abrams also served as the Senior Military Assistant to the 24<sup>th</sup> Secretary of Defense.

He most recently served as the 22nd Commander of United States Army Forces Command, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, from Aug 2015 until October 2018. As Commander of the United States Army's largest organization, he commanded 229,000 active duty Soldiers, and provided training and readiness oversight of U.S. Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve units. In total, the Forces Command team included 776,000 Soldiers and 96,000 Civilians.

General Abrams holds a Bachelor of Science from the United States Military Academy, a Master of Science from Central Michigan University, a Master of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College, and has attended a wide variety of military schools.

Happily married, he and his wife are proud parents of two children and grandparents to two grandchildren. His canine companion is "Ace," a retired military bomb dog. General Abrams is a functional fitness enthusiast who also enjoys golf, follows college basketball closely, and gets March Madness annually. He remains an ever-optimistic fan of the Washington Redskins and the Army football team.