



LTG Sean MacFarland
Commanding General, Combined Joint Task Force – Operation
Inherent Resolve
Baghdad, Iraq

and

Commanding General, III Corps and Fort Hood
Fort Hood, Texas

LTG Sean MacFarland is the second Commanding General of the Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve, the operational headquarters of a military coalition of 65 nations committed to degrading and militarily defeating the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, or ISIL, in an operating area spanning two countries and supporting 58 million Iraqi and Syrian citizens. He is also the Commanding General of III Armored Corps and Fort Hood, Texas, commanding four combat divisions, a sustainment command, a cavalry regiment, a fires brigade, and multiple enabler units that equate to more than 100,000 Soldiers on five installations across five states.

LTG MacFarland was commissioned in 1981 and has served in Armor and Cavalry units throughout his career. He was a cavalry platoon leader and troop executive officer in 2nd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment at Ft. Bliss, Texas, the Squadron S4 and the commander of A Troop, 3rd Squadron, 12th Cavalry in Buedingen, Germany, S3 and XO of 3rd and 1st Squadrons, respectively, of the 4th Cavalry in Schweinfurt, Germany and in Bosnia. He commanded 2nd Battalion, 63rd Armor in Macedonia and Vilseck, Germany. He also commanded 1st Brigade Combat Team (Ready First), 1st Armored Division in Friedberg, Germany and in Iraq, where the Ready First fought in Tal Afar, Sinjar, Hit and Ramadi. Most recently, he was Commanding General of Fort Bliss, Texas and the 45th Commanding General of the 1st Armored Division (Old Ironsides).

Other assignments included: US Army's lead action officer for combat development of National Missile Defense interceptors at Ft. Bliss, Deputy Regimental S3 of 3rd ACR during Desert Shield/Storm, Deputy G3, 1st Infantry Division in Wuerzburg, Germany; Chief of the 3rd Army Commander's Initiative Group at Ft. McPherson, Georgia and in Kuwait during Operation Desert Thunder; Aide de Camp for the US Army Europe CG in Heidelberg and

Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina; Chief of Future Operations for Combined/Joint Task Force 7 in Baghdad, Iraq; G3 of V Corps in Heidelberg, Germany; Chief of the Joint Staff J5's Iraq Division in Washington, DC; Commanding General of Joint Task Force North at Ft. Bliss, Deputy Commanding General for Leader Development and Education and the Deputy Commandant of the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and was dual-hatted as Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations for the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan and the Deputy Commanding General for Operations for US Forces Afghanistan.

LTG MacFarland is a graduate of the United States Military Academy, the Command and General Staff College, the School of Advanced Military Studies, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He also earned a Master of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering at Georgia Tech. His awards include the Combat Action Badge, Distinguished Service Medal, 3 Defense Superior Service Medals, 2 Legions of Merit, 3 Bronze Stars, 6 Meritorious Service Medals, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, 2 Army Commendation Medals, 5 Army Achievement Medals, the Joint Staff Identification Badge, the Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.

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