



LTC Thomas J. (T.J.) Siebold Commander, 2-54th Infantry Battalion

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas J “T.J.” Siebold is a native of Nashville, TN and enlisted in the U.S. Army in August 1987 upon graduating High School. He graduated from Infantry Advanced Individual Training in October 1987 and Airborne School in November 1987. Upon completion of training he was assigned to 3-47th IN, 9th Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Washington from 1987 to 1990. Upon completion of his initial term of service he ETS’d and enrolled in University.

LTC Siebold was commissioned as an Infantry Officer in 1996 following graduation from the Tennessee Technological University. His first assignment was with the 3-327th IN, 101st Air Assault Division, Fort Campbell, KY from 1997 to 2000.

There he served as a Rifle Platoon Leader, an Anti-Tank Platoon Leader, and Battalion S3 Air Officer. Following graduation from the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, LTC Siebold served as a Platoon Trainer in A Company, 2-11th IN, Infantry Officer Basic Course (IOBC), Fort Benning, Georgia from 2000 to 2003.

Upon completion of his service in 2-11th IN he served as an Assistant S3, A Company Commander, and HHC Commander in 1-5th IN, 1st Brigade (Stryker), 25th Infantry Division in Fort Lewis, WA from 2003 to 2006. During his tour the Brigade deployed to Iraq from 2005 to 2006. During the deployment he served as an Assistant S3 for three months and then took command of A Company for the rest of the tour and redeployment. After returning from Iraq LTC Siebold took command of HHC and moved the entire company with the rest of the brigade to Vilseck, Germany where the brigade reflagged to 2nd Cavalry (Stryker) Regiment.

He was promoted to the rank of Major while in Vilseck, Germany, and was assigned as the Squadron Operations Officer for 3rd Squadron, 2nd Cavalry (Stryker) Regiment from 2007 to 2009. During his tour the Regiment deployed to Iraq from 2007 to 2008. Upon completion of this tour LTC Siebold was awarded the U.S. Army Intermediate-Level Education Interagency Fellowship, where he served in the U.S. State Department’s Office of Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization from 2009 to 2010.

After completing the Interagency Fellowship and Intermediate-Level Education in Fort Belvoir, Virginia, LTC Siebold served as a J35 Future Operations Planner for U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) from 2011-2014. He then served as the Executive Officer to the Chief of Staff, USSOCOM from 2014-2015. Upon completion of this tour he was assigned to the U.S. Infantry School (USAIS), and is currently serving as the USAIS Chief of Strategic Initiatives at Fort Benning, Georgia.

LTC Siebold’s military training and education includes the Basic Airborne Course, Air Assault School, Pathfinder School, Ranger School, the Infantry Officer Basic and Captains’ Career Courses, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Intermediate-Level Education, and Joint and Combined Warfighting School.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (2 OLC), Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Ranger Tab, Expert Infantryman Badge, and Combat Infantryman Badge.

Key Assignments

- XO to the Chief of Staff, USSOCOM
- SQDN S3 3-2 SCR, Vilseck, Germany
- Company Commander, A Company and HHC Company, 1-5 IN, Fort Lewis, Washington

Education

2009 – U.S. Army Intermediate-Level Education Interagency Fellowship
2009 – Army Intermediate-Level Education
2000 – Infantry Captains' Career Course
1997 – Ranger School
1997 – Infantry Officer Basic Course
1996 – BA, Tennessee Technological University

Current Position

Chief, Strategic Initiatives, Office of Chief of Infantry

Serves as the executive agent for the Chief of Infantry on all Strategic initiatives and communication relating to USA Infantry force, entities that support the warfighter, adjacent Center of Excellence Commandant's offices, and allied country counterpart Infantry Schools across the world. Develops and implements the USA Infantry Branch & School Strategic Synchronization Plan that targets strategic communication, messaging, and vision to the operational forces, targeting Commanders/Command Sergeant Majors, distinguished visitors visiting the MCOE, official visits with allied counterpart Infantry Schools, and official visits to industry and acquisitions centers. Synchronizes the chief of Infantry initiatives into the annual training guidance that outlines the instructional priorities of the Infantry branch. Serves as the primary link between the Maneuver Center of Excellence's (MCOE) Capabilities Development and Integration Directorate (CDID) for collaboration, coordination, and synchronization.