

BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN D. KLINE

Commanding General

U.S. Army Center for Initial Military Training

Brigadier General John Kline is the Commanding General for the U.S. Army Center for Initial Military Training, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (USACIMT), and is responsible for annually transforming 130,000 civilian volunteers into Soldiers who are disciplined, fit, grounded in Army Values, and combat ready. He also serves as the Senior Mission Commander of Fort Eustis as part of Joint Base Langley - Eustis.

Brigadier General Kline graduated from Shippensburg University, Pennsylvania in 1992 and was commissioned as a Field Artillery officer where he served three years as a Fire Support Officer and later a MLRS platoon leader before transferring to the Aviation branch until his promotion to Brigadier General. His military education includes the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course, Initial Entry Rotary Wing, Aviation Officer Advanced Course, Army Command and General Staff College and Air War College. He holds a Master's Degree from Central Michigan University in Administration and a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies from the Air War College.



Brigadier General Kline commanded tactical aviation units at the company, battalion, and brigade levels. His aviation command assignments include A Company, 5th Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment in Germany; 5th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment (Task Force Eagle Assault) in Fort Campbell, Kentucky and the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade located at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Georgia.

In combat, Brigadier General Kline served as the Executive Officer for 5th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment in Tikrit, Iraq from 2005-2006; Deputy Brigade Commander for 101st Combat Aviation Brigade in Bagram, Afghanistan in 2008; Battalion Commander of 5th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment at FOB Wolverine near Qalat, Afghanistan from 2010-2011; Commander of Task Force Forge in Helmand, Afghanistan from 2015-2016 and most recently represented the United States to conduct routine communications with the Taliban Political Commission (TPC) in Doha, Qatar in 2021.

Beyond his command and combat assignments, Brigadier General Kline has served in a wide variety of staff and leadership positions to include two years in the Pentagon on the Army Staff. First as the Deputy Director for Army Aviation (DAMO-AV) and later as the Executive Officer for the Headquarters Department of the Army Deputy Chief of Staff G3/5/7. Brigadier General Kline later served as the Deputy Commanding General (Support) for the 7th Infantry Division in Fort Lewis, Washington from 2018-2019 followed by an assignment as Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7 for the Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) at Fort Eustis, VA from 2019-2021.