

Lieutenant General Thomas F. Metz United States Army, Retired



Lieutenant General (Ret.) Thomas F. Metz enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1966, launching a military career that took him from his birthplace of Elkin, NC, to his current role as a mentor, advisor, and consultant for a broad range of international activities with the Strategic Advisory Group of A-T Solutions. LTG Metz served as combat commander who led more than 120,000 coalition troops belonging to Multi-National Corps-Iraq, during Operation Iraqi Freedom (2004 to 2005), and had almost 40 years of commissioned service in the U.S. Army.

LTG Metz was commissioned as an infantry officer following his graduation from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY, in 1971. He served in a series of positions of increased responsibility throughout a distinguished career as a leader and trainer of soldiers from Europe, to Korea, Iraq, and the United States. From his start as a platoon leader in the 1st Battalion, 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Mainz, Germany, LTG Metz has commanded at every level, from a rifle company up to III Corps and Fort Hood, TX. After more than 3 years as the III Corps Commander, he served as the U.S. Army's Training and Doctrine Command's Deputy Commanding General. LTG Metz's final assignment was the Director of the Joint IED Defeat Organization, where the mission was to defeat the IED as a weapon of strategic influence in support of all the U.S. Combatant Commands, with an annual Congressional budget of \$4 billion. LTG Metz retired in 2010.

LTG Metz was a key player in laying the groundwork for the U.S. Army's ongoing transformation as the Director of the 4th Infantry Division's Experimental Force, 1995 to 1997, then as the Assistant Division Commander for the same command the following year. From 1998 to 2001, LTG Metz served in two key billets for prioritizing and allocating resources for our Armed Forces as a Deputy and Vice Director in the Joint Staff Force Structure, Resources, and Assessment Directorate, J-8. Prior to the initiation of Operation Iraqi Freedom, he served as the Central Command's Chief of Staff.

LTG Metz earned a master's degree in mechanical engineering from North Carolina State University and taught thermodynamics and fluid mechanics at West Point. He also holds a Professional Engineer's License for the Commonwealth of Virginia. He is a graduate of the Army's Command and General Staff and War Colleges.