



Joint Enabling Capabilities Command



Joint Enabling Capabilities Command Joint Planning Support Element Commander Colonel John G. Norris United States Army



Colonel Norris hails from Louisville, Kentucky. He is prior service enlisted from the United States Marine Corps and graduated from the University of Louisville in 1987, as a Distinguished Military Graduate and also a George C. Marshall award winner. Commissioned in the Infantry, he attended the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Airborne, and Ranger Course at Fort Benning, Georgia. His first assignment was with the 101st Airborne (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where he served as a rifle Platoon Leader, anti-armor Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm and Battalion S3 Air.

Following the Armor Officer Advanced Course at Fort Knox in 1992, he was stationed in Mannheim, Germany with the 3rd Brigade 1st Armored Division and served as the Brigade assistant S4 and later as the Brigade S4 during the 3rd Brigade relocation from Europe to Fort Lewis, Washington. Norris then commanded B Company 1- 23rd (M) Infantry at Fort Lewis, Washington.

In 1996, Norris was assigned to Fort Benning, Georgia, and served as a Small Group Instructor and Tactics Team Chief for the Infantry Officer Advance Course. After graduation from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in 1999, he was assigned to the 24th Infantry Division (ID), Fort Riley, Kansas, and served as the G3 Chief of Operations for 24ID. Norris subsequently served as the Battalion Operations Officer and Executive Officer for 1- 41st Infantry and deployed in support of Operation Desert Spring. Following this assignment he was the Secretary of the General Staff for the 24th ID.

In 2003, Norris activated the 4th Battalion 23rd Infantry Regiment of the 172d Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT) located at Fort Richardson, Alaska. He commanded this unit for 41 months, to include 16 months of combat duty in Mosul, Tal Afar and Baghdad during Operation Iraqi Freedom 2003-2006. Following command, he was assigned as an instructor at the School of Command Preparation prior to attending the Advanced Operational Arts Studies Fellowship at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

In August 2008, Norris assumed command of 4-2 SBCT at Fort Lewis, Washington, and led the brigade through a 10-month accelerated deployment to Iraq as the last combat brigade in Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2009-2010.

Following brigade command he served as the Executive Officer for the I Corps Commanding General and deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan as the commander's military assistant for ISAF Joint Command Headquarters from 2011-2012.

Norris served as the Commander Operations Group and Senior Mission Commander of the Hohenfels, Germany-based combat training center, Joint Multinational Readiness Center, from 2012-2014 where he trained U.S., multinational and NATO forces.

Norris has a Master of Military Arts and Science degree from the Command and General Staff College and a master's degree from the Advanced Operational Arts Studies Fellowship. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star (two oak leaf clusters), the Legion of Merit (one oak leaf cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (four oak leaf clusters), Joint Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (four oak leaf clusters), the Army Achievement Medal (two oak leaf clusters), the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and the Valorous, Meritorious and Joint Meritorious Unit Awards. His badges include the Combat Infantryman Badge with second award, Expert Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge and Ranger Tab.

Norris is married to the former Sandra Stevens of Louisville, Kentucky. They have two sons, Nathan and Matthew.

