

BG Jon Solem



BG Jon Solem was commissioned as an Armor officer in May 1990 from the United States Military Academy, at West Point. He was a tank platoon leader, mortar platoon leader, Kuwaiti Liaison Officer, and Tank Company executive officer while serving in Germany and Kuwait with 3-77 Armor in the 8th Infantry Division and 1st Armored Division. At the 10th Mountain Division he was a troop commander and assistant operations officer for 3/17th Cavalry. Next he was a BDE operations officer for 1st BDE ROTC at Fort Dix, NJ, followed by assignment as an Assistant Professor of Military Science at Temple University in Philadelphia, PA, from 1998-2000.

BG Solem left active duty in 2000, completed his law degree, moved to Seattle, and practiced law. Following 9/11, he joined the Army Reserve and resumed military service. He was assigned to the 104th Division as the 8th BDE S-3, and served as an Assistant Professor of Military Science at the University of Washington. He mobilized with the 104th Division as the Convoy Company Commander (Rough Riders) for MNSTC-I, 2007-2008. When he returned he had various assignments in the 4-414th Bn culminating as 4-414th Bn CDR. After his change of command, he was mobilized for two years as the 104th DIV G-3 and mobilization officer. He took command of 3-414th in 2012, and then accepted Command of the Forward Support Element, LDAC in April 2013. Upon completion of that command, he was selected to interim command the 654th RSG in Tacoma WA. 654th RSG had its own ocean going vessels in a subordinate battalion, so effectively he had his own Navy. Following command of the 654th RSG, he was selected to command the 652nd RSG in Helena, MT. This command included units in Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, and Montana. It was the number one brigade out of 13 in the 79th TSC. From there, BG Solem was selected as the CoS of the 364th ESC in Marysville, WA for 2 years. Next he was Deputy CDR of the 91st Training Division at Fort Hunter Liggett, CA, the premier Army Reserve Training Facility. He was the Chief of Staff of the 84th Training Command at Fort Knox KY from 2019-2021, and is now the Deputy J5 for AFRICOM.

BG Solem's education includes a Bachelor of Science degree in National Security and Public Affairs from the United States Military Academy, Juris Doctor from Rutgers University Law School, a Master's degree in Strategic Studies from the US Army War College, and a certificate as an Emergency Medical Technician from the Elizabethtown Community and Technical College.

His military education includes Ranger School, Airborne School, Air Assault School, as well as the full range of professional military education. His decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and Army Achievement Medal.

He is currently on military leave from his civilian job as the Command Executive Officer for the 79th Theater Sustainment Command. He is mobilized as the Deputy Director for Plans and Strategic Integration at U.S. Africa Command.

He is married to his wife Kim, with five kids, Rebecca, Rachel, Colin, Lauren, and Jacqueline. They call Whitefish, Montana, home.