

**Colonel Tom James**  
COMMANDER  
4th BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM

Colonel Tom James was commissioned in May 1985 from The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina. After attendance at the Armor Officer Basic Course, he was assigned to 3-37 Armor at Fort Riley, Kansas where he served as a tank platoon leader and company executive officer.

COL James attended the Infantry Officer Advanced Course at Fort Benning, Georgia in 1989. Following the advanced course, he was assigned to 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech) in Aschaffenburg, Germany where he served as an Assistant Brigade S3 (Plans Officer).



After participation in Desert Shield and Storm, COL James was assigned as Commander for Alpha Company, 4-66 Armor. He then moved to Baumholder, Germany and took command of Charlie Company, 2-68 Armor. After command, COL James served as the Aide-de-Camp to the 1st Armor Division Commander in Bad Kreuznach, Germany.

COL James attended Command and General Staff College and Advanced Military Studies program from 1996 to 1998 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Following school at Fort Leavenworth, he was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Fort Stewart, where he served as a Division G3 Plans Officer, Battalion Operations Officer in 1-64 Armor, and Brigade Operations Officer in 2nd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division.

COL James then moved to Heidelberg, Germany where he was assigned as the V Corps G3 Plans Chief. He commanded "The Bandit Battalion," 1-37 Armor, in Friedberg, Germany and Southwest Asia, from June 2001 to June 2003. After command, COL James served as the 1st Armored Division G3 in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He is a 2005 graduate of the National War College, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C. He was most recently assigned as the Chief of the Command Planning Group at HQ/TRADOC at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

His civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from the Citadel, a Master's Degree in Military Art and Science from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and a Master's of Science in National Security Strategy from the National Defense University.