

Colonel Ethan J. Diven

Commander

Operations Group



Colonel Ethan Diven was commissioned as an infantry officer through the early commissioning program at New Mexico Military Institute. He graduated from Texas Tech University and completed the Armor Officer Basic Course. His early roles included tank platoon leader, BN S1, and assistant operations officer with the 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, at Fort Cavazos, Texas.

After the Infantry Captains Career Course, COL Diven served with the 1st Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas, including deployments to Al Anbar Province and Baghdad. He then instructed at Fort Moore, Georgia, and served in the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, with deployments supporting the Global War on Terror.

Following the Command and General Staff College, COL Diven served with the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, including a deployment to Afghanistan. At the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Johnson, Louisiana, he held observer-controller-trainer roles and was chief of the Live Fire Division. He commanded the 1st Squadron, 40th Cavalry Regiment (Airborne) at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, with a deployment to Afghanistan, and served as Division G3 in the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Georgia.

After the Joint Advanced Warfighting School, COL Diven was Chief of Land Operations at the Joint Enabling Capabilities Command (JECC), with deployments to Somalia and Afghanistan in 2021. COL Diven commanded 2nd Brigade, 3ID at Fort Stewart, June 2022 – June 2024, including a deployment to EUCOM in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve. In July 2024, COL Diven assumed command of Operations Group, National Training Center (NTC) at Fort Irwin, California.

COL Diven holds degrees from Texas Tech University, Central Michigan University, the Command and General Staff College, and the Joint Advanced Warfighting School. He and his wife Sabrina are incredibly proud of their children: Jacob who attends USMA and their daughter Kendall.