



**The Judge Advocate General  
U.S. Army  
Lieutenant General  
Dana K. Chipman**



Lieutenant General Dana K. Chipman was born in Inglewood, California and graduated from high school in Houma, Louisiana. He then attended the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, earning a Bachelor of Science degree and a commission in the Infantry in 1980. He later earned a Juris Doctor degree from Stanford Law School in 1986. He also holds a Master of Laws degree from The Judge Advocate General's School and a Master of Strategic Studies degree from the U.S. Army War College.

Lieutenant General Chipman's first assignment was with 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Fort Carson, Colorado, where he served as a Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer until 1983. Upon completion of the Army's Funded Legal Education Program, he was assigned as a Legal Assistance and Claims Attorney, and as a Trial Counsel with the 3d Infantry Division (Mechanized) in Schweinfurt, Germany. In 1991, he was assigned to the U.S. Army Litigation Division in Washington, D.C., as a Litigation Attorney and Senior Litigation Attorney. He later served as the Detachment Judge Advocate, 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment – Delta (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He was next assigned as the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Infantry Center and Fort Benning, Georgia. In 1999, he returned to Fort Bragg to serve as Legal Advisor, Joint Special Operations Command. In 2001 and 2002, he deployed as the legal advisor to a Joint Special Operations Task Force for OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. He served as the Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, and then as Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Central Command. He also served as the Commander and Commandant of The Judge

Advocate General's Legal Center and School in Charlottesville, Virginia. On 1 October 2009, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant General and began serving as The 38<sup>th</sup> Judge Advocate General of the U.S. Army.

Lieutenant General Chipman completed the Infantry Officer Basic Course, the Judge Advocate Officer Basic and Graduate Courses, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College. His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Army Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. He is also entitled to wear the Expert Infantryman Badge and the Parachutist Badge.