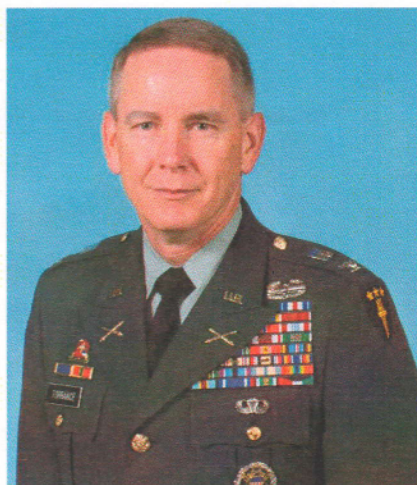


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**Tom Torrance**  
**Colonel, U.S. Army Retired**

Col. Thomas G. Torrance is a native of Milledgeville, Georgia. He was commissioned in the Field Artillery in 1979 after graduating from Georgia College and State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree. Military service is a tradition of the Torrance family. His father is retired from the Army Reserves, his uncle and two brothers are retired Army officers, and his grandfather was an Army veteran who served in Europe during World War II as an Army Chaplain. The family legacy of active service continues with his son in law, Captain Anthony Capozzi, who will soon be stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division.

Col Torrance is a graduate of the Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms and Services Staff

the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College, the U.S. Army War College and the British High Command and Staff Course.

His final assignment on active duty was as the Deputy Commandant, United States Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He was previously assigned to the Pentagon on the Joint Staff in the Directorate for Strategic Plans and Policy for the Middle East.

His other duty stations include Germany; Assistant Professor of Military Science at Georgia Military College; 24th Infantry Division Artillery, Fort Stewart, Georgia; 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California; and the United States Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia.

His Command experience includes Charlie Battery, 2d Battalion, 92d Field Artillery; 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 10<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery; and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division Artillery. His combat assignments include Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Col. Torrance's awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and Army Achievement Medal.

Since retiring from the Army, Col Torrance has lived in Huntsville, AL where he works for the Northrop Grumman Corporation supporting the Counter Rocket Artillery and Mortar Program in Afghanistan. He and his wife Ellen have two daughters and three grandsons.