



# Colonel Thomas A. Pugh

## *Signal School Commandant*



Colonel Thomas A. Pugh is from Signal Mountain, Tennessee. He graduated from the Virginia Military Institute in 1990 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the US Army Signal Corps.

Upon completion of the Signal Officer Basic Course at Ft Gordon, Georgia in November 1990, Colonel Pugh was assigned to the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division (Light Infantry) at Ft Drum, New York. He first served as the Battalion Signal Officer for 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment. He was then assigned to 10<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion, where he served as a platoon leader in Bravo Company and then as the Assistant S3. While assigned to Fort Drum, he participated in the Hurricane Andrew Relief Effort, and Operations Restore Hope and Uphold Democracy.

After graduating the Signal Officer Advance Course at Fort Gordon in October 1995, he was assigned as the Plans Officer for 7<sup>th</sup> Signal Brigade in Mannheim, Germany. In June 1997, he took command of Alpha Company, 44<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Signal Brigade.

Colonel Pugh returned to Fort Gordon in January 1999 and served as a Small Group Leader for the Signal Captain's Career Course until 2001.

After graduating the Command and General Staff College in 2002, Colonel Pugh was assigned as the Operations Officer for the 35<sup>th</sup> Signal Brigade (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He became the S3 for the 35<sup>th</sup> Signal Brigade (Airborne) in May 2003, where he served during the Brigade's deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III. In the summer of 2006, he became the Director of Plans and Operations for the XVIII Airborne Corps G6.

Colonel Pugh took command of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Communications Squadron, Joint Communications Support Element (Airborne) at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida in May 2007. While in command, he deployed the Squadron on three separate occasions to various locations throughout Southwest Asia and the Horn of Africa.



Colonel Pugh left command of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Communications Squadron in June 2010 and moved back to Fort Gordon in August 2010 and worked as the Special Assistant to the Commanding General, Signal Center of Excellence. In January 2011, he assumed duties as the Deputy Commander of the 35<sup>th</sup> Signal Brigade (Theater) (Tactical) at Fort Gordon. Colonel Pugh then commanded the 35<sup>th</sup> Signal Brigade (Theater) (Tactical) from April 2011 until June 2013. Colonel Pugh graduated the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama in May 2014. In August 2014, he became the 37<sup>th</sup> Chief of Signal and the Commandant of the US Army Signal School at Fort Gordon, Georgia.

Colonel Pugh's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLCs), Army Commendation Medal (1 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (1 OLC), Joint Meritorious Unit Award (1 OLC), Meritorious Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal (1 service star), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (1 service star), Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service ribbon (2), the Parachutist badge and the Air Assault Badge. Colonel Pugh is authorized to wear the German Parachutist Badge.

Colonel Pugh holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from the Virginia Military Institute, a Master Degree in Telecommunications Management from Webster University, and a Master Degree in Strategic Studies from the Air War College.

Colonel Pugh is married to the former Cynthia Lynn Wall of Chattanooga, Tennessee. They have two sons, Alexander and Zachary.