Colonel Douglas L. Simon

Military Biography



Colonel Douglas L. Simon began his military career by enlisting in the Minnesota Army National Guard in 1989 as a Cannon Crewmember with the 1/151st Field Artillery. He served in field artillery until February of 2000 when he received his commission into the Judge Advocate General Corps as a First Lieutenant. His assignments include: Academic Officer, The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School from 2026 to present; Staff Judge Advocate Army Reserve Element, United States Strategic Command from 2023 to 2026; Staff Judge Advocate for the State of Minnesota, Joint Force Headquarters from 2015 to 2023; Deputy Staff Judge Advocate for the 34th Infantry Division from 2012-2015; Command Judge Advocate for the 347th Regional Support Group from 2010-2012; Brigade Judge Advocate for the 34th Combat Aviation Brigade from 2006-2009; and Operational Law Attorney for the 34th Infantry Division, which contributed to Operation Joint Forge SFOR 14, a mission operating near Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina. The second deployment occurred with Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2008-2009, where he served as the Brigade Judge Advocate for the 34th Combat Aviation Brigade, located at Joint Base Balad, Iraq.

Colonel Simon's military education includes graduate of the Army War College Fellowship Program in 2020, where he studied at the University of Texas in areas focused on cyber and national security law; a Master's in Law (LL.M) from the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School (with a specialization in Military Law), graduate of the Command General Staff College Intermediate Level Education, and graduate of the Judge Advocate Officer Basic Course. Colonel Simon is also published in the Military Law Review and the Army Lawyer.

His civilian education includes a bachelor's degree (B.A.) in Political Science and History from Southwest Minnesota State University, a master's degree in public administration (M.P.A) from the University of South Dakota, a Juris Doctorate (J.D.) from the University of South Dakota School of Law, and a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) from South Dakota State University. Associated with his civilian education, Colonel Simon is the Dean of the Leadership and Military College and the Commandant of Cadets at Tarleton State University, Texas. Prior to serving as the Dean of the Leadership and Military College, Colonel Simon was a tenured full professor at Southwest Minnesota State University for 23 years teaching in political science and law.

Colonel Simon's military awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Meal, the National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, the Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" Device, and the Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon with Bronze Numeral 2.