

**LIEUTENANT GENERAL JOHN F. KIMMONS**  
**US Army, Retired**



LTG Kimmons was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Armor following graduation from The Citadel in 1974. He served more than 36 years in the Army with assignments as an intelligence leader at all levels, either as a Commander or S-2/G-2/J-2.

LTG Kimmons started his intelligence career in October 1975 as the S-2 for the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 77<sup>th</sup> Armor, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. He then became the Assistant S-2, then S-2, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. Upon graduation from the Postgraduate Intelligence Course at the Defense Intelligence School, he was assigned to the Joint Intelligence Center Pacific at Camp Smith, Hawaii, for three years. Returning to the Army in 1982, he served as an Electronic Warfare Officer/G-3 with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. From 1983-

1984, he commanded B Company, 313<sup>th</sup> MI Battalion, in combat during Operation URGENT FURY and then served as the 313<sup>th</sup> MI Battalion's S-3 through mid-1985.

In June 1985, LTG Kimmons moved into Special Operations, where he was assigned as the Assistant Intelligence Officer and then Intelligence Officer for 1<sup>st</sup> Special Forces Operational Detachment-DELTA (Airborne). Following attendance at the Command and General Staff College, he became the Deputy G-2 for the 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in Germany and was then selected to command the 519<sup>th</sup> MI Battalion (Airborne) at Fort Bragg. He then served as Director of Operations for the United States Army Security Coordination Detachment.

After attending the Army War College, LTG Kimmons returned to Special Operations as the J-2 for Joint Special Operations Command. He then commanded the US Army Security Coordination Detachment. He worked as the Deputy Director for Operations in the National Military Command Center and then was the Deputy Director for the Joint Staff Administration Transition Team for the transition between President Bill Clinton and President George Bush.

In February 2001, LTG Kimmons was assigned as the US Central Command J-2 where he planned and orchestrated theater-level intelligence in support of post-9/11 planning and Operations ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF) and IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF). His focus was on enhancing all-source fusion analysis, site exploitation, hard target collection, and integrated targeting.

LTG Kimmons then commanded the US Army Intelligence and Security Command from July 2003 to July 2005. Becoming the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2 for the US Army in August 2005, LTG Kimmons tackled the sensitive issue of interrogations and techniques following the scandals during the early part of OIF. He led the way to develop doctrine that became the standard across the US Government, not just the Department of Defense. He further led the development of the FOUNDRY program to ensure that MI Soldiers were able to train and prepare for deployments while in garrison. In February 2009, he assumed his final position as the Director of the Intelligence Staff for the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

LTG Kimmons retired in December 2010 after a 36-year military career. His military awards and badges include the Distinguished Service Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Defense Superior Service Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Master Parachutist Badge, Joint Chief of Staff Identification Badge, and Army Staff Identification Badge.

LTG Kimmons was placed in the Hall of Fame in 2017.