

**Brigadier General Stephen L. A. Michael**  
**United States Army Pacific Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7**



BG Steve Michael was born in Guyana, South America in 1964, immigrated to the United States in 1979 and was commissioned into the Infantry in 1988. His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced courses, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. He holds a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the United States Military Academy and completed the Operations Research Systems Analysis (ORSA) Military Applications Course at Fort Lee, Virginia. He was the Senior Service College Fellow to Columbia University for FY11. Prior to serving as the Columbia Fellow, BG Michael was the Regimental Tactical Officer for 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment in the United States Corps of Cadets at West Point.

BG Michael began his career at Fort Drum as a Rifle Platoon Leader, Mortar Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer and then as the Battalion S4 in 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 87<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division. Immediately after the Career Course, he served as the Battalion S3 for the Columbus Recruiting Battalion in Columbus, Ohio. Next, he served as the Battalion S4 and Charlie Company Commander for 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 325<sup>th</sup> Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. He then served as the S3 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 503<sup>rd</sup> Infantry (Airborne), 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade. Later, he commanded 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 12<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment at Fort Carson and 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division (Light) at Fort Drum. Afterwards, BG Michael served as the Deputy Director for the Pakistan Afghanistan and Transregional Threats Coordination Cell on the Joint Staff, J5 (the PACC and T2C2). Most recently, BG Michael served as the Deputy Commanding General Operations, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

BG Michael has a diverse operational background; while at Fort Drum, he took part in Operation Restore Hope in Somalia, as the Battalion Logistics Officer for 2-87 Infantry. As the Commander for Charlie Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 325<sup>th</sup> Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, he deployed as part of Operation Desert Focus to Dhahran, Saudi Arabia to help secure American citizens and forward deployed units in response to the Kobar Towers Bombing. As the Operations Officer for 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 503<sup>rd</sup> Infantry (Airborne), 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade in Vicenza, Italy, he deployed on two back-to-back operational missions; Operation Rapid Guardian in Kosovo and Operation Iraqi Freedom I, where the Battalion conducted a night combat parachute assault onto Bashur Drop Zone in Northern Iraq and helped secure the city of Kirkuk. Next, as a ground planner in the Southern European Task Force's Joint Planning Group with the responsibility for Sub-Saharan Africa, BG Michael deployed to Ghana and Nigeria as part of Joint Task Force Liberia to help the Economic Community of West African States stabilize Liberia as President Charles Taylor was exiled to Nigeria. He then served as the Aide de Camp to Lieutenant General Kip Ward, then the Deputy Commander for United States Army Europe and 7<sup>th</sup> Army; with Lieutenant General Ward, BG Michael deployed to Israel for ten months as part of the Israeli-Palestinian Security Coordinator Mission to help prepare the Palestinian Authority take control of Gaza. As the Commander of 2-12 Infantry, BG Michael deployed for 15 months to Al Doura, Baghdad as part of the historic surge. In 2013, BG Michael deployed as the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Combat Team Commander to Regional Command - East on the Security Force Advise and Assist mission in order to enable the Afghan National Security Forces to stand up, fight, and win in Ghazni, Afghanistan. As the Deputy Director for the PACC and later T2C2, BG Michael enabled the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff best military advice and plans on policy on Afghanistan - Pakistan and Transregional Threats.

BG Michael is married to the former Sandra Stanford of Georgetown Guyana, and they are proud parents of Vaughn, Shane, Sean and Chanel.