MAJOR GENERAL JOHN "BRAD" BOWLIN DIVISION COMMANDER, 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION



Major General John "Brad" Bowlin is the 22nd Commanding General of the 36th Infantry Division. MG Bowlin enlisted in the Army in 1987 as a Cavalry Scout where he served with the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, KS and the 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Garry Owen, Korea. He was accessed into the Tennessee Army National Guard in 1990 and assigned to Troop F/2/278 ACR in Bristol, TN. He received his commission as an Armor Officer in 1992 through the Officer Candidate Course.

He is a graduate of the Armor Officer Basic Course, Infantry Mortar Leaders Course, Armor Captains Career Course, Command and General Staff College, and the United States Army War College. MG Bowlin holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from East Tennessee State University and a Master of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College.

MG Bowlin served in multiple command and staff positions to include Armor Platoon Leader, Scout Platoon Leader, Cavalry Troop Commander, Reconnaissance Squadron Operations Officer, Squadron Executive Officer, Regimental Chief of Operations, Regimental Executive Officer, Regimental Commander (278th Armored Cavalry Regiment, ABCT), Deputy Chief of Staff-Operations (G3) for the Tennessee Army National Guard, and Assistant Division Commander-Operations for the 36th Infantry Division, Texas Army National Guard.

MG Bowlin deployed twice to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Other overseas service includes service in Germany, Korea, Bulgaria, and Central Africa.

MG Bowlin's awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Army Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Iraq Campaign Medal with two Campaign Stars, Tennessee Distinguished Serve Medal, Combat Action Badge, the Silver Order of Saint George, and the Order of Saint Maurice.

MG Bowlin is a native of Bristol, TN. He currently resides in Dandridge, TN with his daughter Emma(21) who is a Senior at Carson Newman University in Jefferson City, TN.