



Clarence K. Chinn
Maj Gen, United States Army
Commander, U.S. Army South

Major General Clarence K.K. Chinn assumed Command of US Army South, Fort Sam Houston, TX on June 4, 2015. He is a 1981 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and received a Master's degree in Strategic Studies from the Army War College. As an Infantry officer, he has served in a variety of command and staff positions in Airborne, Air Assault, Light Infantry, and Ranger units.

As a Lieutenant, he served as a Rifle Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer in 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment and then in 2nd Battalion, 75th Infantry (Ranger) as a Weapons Platoon Leader and Rifle Company Executive Officer. In October of 1983, he participated in the combat parachute assault onto the island of Grenada during OPERATION URGENT FURY.

As a Captain, he commanded a Rifle Company in 1st Battalion, 503d Infantry Regiment and served as Battalion Assistant S3 and commanded HHC and Company A in 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. In December 1989, he participated in the night combat parachute assault into Torrijos-Tocumen Airfield, Panama during OPERATION JUST CAUSE. MG Chinn commanded the 4th Ranger Training Battalion from March 1999 to May 2001 and served as the Deputy Commander of the 75th Ranger Regiment from June 2002 to July 2004. He deployed with the 75th Ranger Regiment to Iraq and Afghanistan in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF) and OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF).

MG Chinn commanded the Ranger Training Brigade from July 2004 to July 2006 and then served as the Chief of Current Operations at the Center for Special Operations at the United States Special Operations Command until July 2008. MG Chinn was then assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division as the Chief of Staff and deployed in support of OEF as the Chief of Staff for the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) Joint Command (Provisional) before becoming the Deputy Commanding General (Support) for CJTF-82 in Afghanistan and then the Deputy Commanding General (Support) of the 82nd Airborne Division. From January 2011 to November 2012 MG Chinn served as the Commanding General of the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk. From November 2012 to December 2013 he served in Afghanistan as the Deputy Commanding General CJTF-101 for Afghan National Security Forces Development South of Kabul. From January 2014 to November 2014 he served as the Task Force Bragg Commander. Most recently, he served as the Deputy Commanding General for United States Army Special Operations Command.