

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAY THOMAN

UNITED STATES ARMY, JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S CORPS

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"GOOD OFFICERS OFTEN HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE HARD RIGHT AND THE EASY WRONG. JAY ALWAYS CHOSE BETWEEN WHAT WAS RIGHT AND WHAT WAS EXEMPLARY."

- BRIGADIER GENERAL SUSAN K. ESCALLIER



LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAY THOMAN SERVED AS CHIEF OF THE POLICY BRANCH WITHIN CRIMINAL LAW DIVISION, OFFICE OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL AT THE TIME OF HIS UNFORTUNATE PASSING. JAY WAS BORN IN COLUMBIA, PENNSYLVANIA TO JAMES AND CYNTHIA THOMAN. HE EARNED A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM GONZAGA UNIVERSITY IN 1996, A JURIS DOCTORATE FROM WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY IN 2000, AND A MASTER OF LAWS FROM THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S LEGAL CENTER AND SCHOOL (TJAGLCS) IN 2009. JAY JOINED THE U.S. ARMY THROUGH A COMMISSION IN THE RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS IN 1996 AND ENTERED ACTIVE DUTY IN 2000. PRIOR TO ASSUMING HIS DUTIES AS CHIEF OF THE POLICY BRANCH, LTC THOMAN SERVED AS THE REGIONAL DEFENSE COUNSEL, MISSISSIPPI VALLEY REGION, FT. BENNING; DEPUTY STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE, U.S. ARMY MANEUVER SUPPORT CENTER OF EXCELLENCE, FT. LEONARD WOOD; PROFESSOR, TJAGLCS; SENIOR DEFENSE COUNSEL AND DEFENSE COUNSEL IN BOTH HAWAII AND GERMANY; OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, TRIAL DEFENSE SERVICES, IRAQ; CHIEF, MILITARY JUSTICE, U.S. ARMY SPECIAL FORCES COMMAND (AIRBORNE), FT. BRAGG; AND TRIAL COUNSEL AND LEGAL ASSISTANCE ATTORNEY, 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION, FT. BRAGG. LTC THOMAN IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, JENNIFER, AND THREE CHILDREN, JULIE, JOSEPHINE, AND JOSHUA. JAY WILL BE GREATLY MISSED, AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR REGIMENT AND ARMY WILL BE LONG REMEMBERED.

