



Colonel James H. Comish, born in Nurnberg, Germany, was commissioned a Second Lieutenant through ROTC in April 1980. He holds a Bachelor's degree in History from Brigham Young University, a Master's degree in Military Art and Science, and a Master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. His military education includes the Adjutant General Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Systems Automation Course, and resident courses at the United States Army Command and General Staff College and the United States Army War College.

Colonel Comish has served in a variety of command and staff assignments both in the continental United States and overseas. His first tour of duty was in Frankfurt, Germany with V Corps, where he served as an assistant Records Management Officer, as an Executive Officer in 378th Personnel Services Company, and as Commander of the 64th Replacement Detachment. Colonel Comish was then assigned to Fort Benjamin Harrison where he served on the Functional Review and Functional Area assessment Team, then as an Executive Officer for the Deputy Assistant Commandant of the soldier support Institute, and finally as the Secretary General Staff for the United States Army Soldier Support Center.

In 1988, he was assigned to the total Army Personnel command, at Alexandria, Virginia, and served as the Chief of software Development, Field System Directorate, and then as a Professional Development Officer in the Officer Personnel Management Directorate. He returned to Frankfurt Germany in 1992 to serve as the Strength Manager with V Corps during its draw down period. He then served as the Commander, 574th Personnel Services Company in Hanau, Germany where he oversaw personnel support teams in support of Operation Support Hope (Rwanda). He then was assigned to 1st PERSCOM, in Schwetzingen, Germany, as Chief of Long Range Plans where he developed the Automated Personnel Accounting System, recognized with the 1995 Federal Technology Leadership Award.

In 1995 Colonel Comish was assigned to the 1st PERSCOM (FWD), Tazsar, Hungary as Strength Manager and Commander supporting the initial rotation of Operation Joint Endeavor (Balkans). From 1996 to 1998 Colonel Comish served as G1 for 1st Infantry Division and 1st Armored Division in stabilization operations in Bosnia. Colonel Comish then served as Commander of the 280th Base Support Battalion in Schweinfurt, Germany. After attending the Army War College in 2000, he was assigned to Fort Meade, Maryland, to serve as the Chief of Staff and then Deputy Commanding Officer of the 1st Recruiting Brigade. He then commanded the 1st Recruiting Brigade for 30 months. He became Commandant of the Recruiting and Retention School on 19 July 2005.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (6 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (1 OLC), two Army Superior Unit Awards, two National Defense Service Medals, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, (3 OLC) and the Nato Medal.