

Colonel Mark Kjorness



A native of Westbrook, Minnesota, Colonel Kjorness is a 1990 Saint John's University graduate. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in Military Intelligence through the Fighting Saints Battalion Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps Program. During his 30 years of Army service, he has been posted to numerous military intelligence organizations at the tactical and joint levels. In his previous assignment, he served as National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Deputy Director for Analytic Operations, and was

also the U.S. Army Cyber Command G2. Other significant assignments include the following: Assistant Battalion S3, 533d Military Intelligence Battalion in OPERATION DESERT STORM, Battalion S2, 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division and Company Commander in the 513th Military Intelligence Brigade. COL Kjorness served in the Pentagon on the Office of Secretary of Defense (OSD) staff in Legislative Affairs and OSD Policy/Office of Africa Affairs along with Joint and Army staffs. Additionally he served on the Joint Staff J2 staff as an exercise planner in the J2 Crisis Management Office. He also served as the USAREUR G2 Executive Officer. Later, he deployed with V Corps to OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM as a G2 plans intelligence officer, and was the V Corps Effects Chief and IJC Key Leader Engagement Chief in Afghanistan. His other key joint assignments were as the USAFRICOM J2 Molesworth Director, and USPACOM JIOC China Deputy Division Chief.

Colonel Kjorness has a Master's degree in Strategic Intelligence from the National Intelligence University, and a Master's degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

Colonel Kjorness' awards and decorations include Defense Superior Service Medal, Defense Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, and Kuwait Liberation Medal. He has also been awarded the Knowlton Award and Saint Isidore Cyber Award Silver.

