

## COMMANDERS OF 1-37 ARMOR AND 37TH TANK BATTALION

**26 May 2021 – Present - Fort Bliss, Texas: LTC Richard Mendenhall (51) (Alumni Member – P)**

**30 May 2019 – 26 May 2021 Fort Bliss, Texas: LTC Sal Zuniga (50) (Alumni Member - P)**

**18 April 2017 – 30 May 2019 Fort Bliss, Texas: LTC Kristopher Howell (49) (Alumni Member - P)**

**18 June 2015 – 28 April 2017 - Fort Bliss, Texas : LTC Ken Braeger (48) (Alumni Member- P )**

**2011-2015 – Inactivation**

**June 2009- Jan 2011 - Fort Bliss, Texas:- LTC Geoffrey Catlett (47) (through inactivation 1-11-2011)  
(Alumni Member - P)**

**July 2008 – June 2009 -Fort Bliss, Texas: LTC Elmer Speights (46) (Alumni Member -P)**

**2007-2008 Inactivation**

**June 2005-November - 2007 - Friedberg Germany: LTC Vincent J. Tedesco (45), ( Alumni Member - P)**

**June 2003- June 2005 - Friedberg, Germany: LTC Garry Bishop (44), (Alumni Member - P)**

**June 2001- June 2003 - Friedberg, Germany: LTC Thomas James (43) (Alumni Member – P)**

**June 1999- June2001 - Friedberg, Germany: LTC Bryan Foy (42) (Alumni Member - P)**

**June 1997- June1999 - Friedberg, Germany: LTC William Donaher (41) (Alumni Member - P)**

**Feb 1997-June 1997 - Friedberg, Germany: LTC Walter Neal Anderson (40) (Transfer from 4-67 Armor  
(Alumni Member - P)**

1996-1997 1-37 Armor Inactivated

**June 1994- Feb 1996 - Vilseck, Germany: LTC Joe Robinson (39) (Alumni Member - P)**

**June 1992-June 1994 - Vilseck, Germany: LTC Richard Wallace (38) (Alumni Member - P)**

**June 1990-June 1992 - Vilseck, Germany: LTC Ed Dyer (37), (Alumni Member - P)**

**June 1988-June 1990 - Vilseck, Germany: LTC John Rossi (36) (Alumni Member - P)**

**June 1986- June 1988 - Katterbach & Vilseck, Germany: LTC Clayton Melton (35) (Alumni Member - P)**

1984-June 1986 - Katterbach, Germany: LTC Joseph Thomsen (34)

**1982-1984 - Katterbach, Germany: LTC Jim Noles (33) (Alumni Member - P)**

1980-1982 - Katterbach, Germany: LTC James Wells (32)

**1978-1980 - Katterbach, Germany: LTC David Armstrong (31) (Alumni Member - P)**

**28 Sep 1976-1978 – Katterbach, Germany: LTC Phil Mallory (30) (Alumni Member - P)**

**27 February 1975- to 28 September 1976 – Katterbach , Germany: LTC Herb Distefano (29) (Alumni  
Member - P)**

**28 Aug 1973-27 Feb 1975 – Katterbach, Germany: LTC Samuel Myers (28) (Alumni Member - P)**

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1972-28 Aug 1973 – Katterbach, Germany: LTC Harry Heath (27)

2 Nov 1970-1972 – Katterbach, Germany: LTC Harold Klingman (26) Armor Magazine November 1970.

1969- Nov 1970 Ansbach & Katterbach, Germany: LTC Joe Hadaway (25) (Documentation Provided by 4AD Archives - Rolling review 1970, 1970 Armor Magazine.

1968-1969 –Ansbach, Germany: LTC Abraham Muscari (24) (Documentation Provided by 4AD Archives – Rolling Review 1969)

1967-1968 – Ansbach, Germany: LTC John Bellinger Bellinger Jr. (23) **(P)**

1965-1967 Crailsheim & Ansbach, Germany: John C. Helms (22)

1964-1965 LTC William Fox (21)

Dec 1963 – June 1964 Crailsheim, Germany: LTC William Dysinger (20) (Per ED Lee Documentation).  
Note: 1962 and Prior from Documentation - 37th Tank Battalion and 1-37 Armor Archives.

Jan 1962 - Dec 1963 Crailsheim Germany: MAJ Dale Crittenberger (19) **(P)**

Dec 1960-Jan 1962 Crailsheim, Germany: LTC William Owen (18)

Oct 1959-Dec 1960 Crailsheim, Germany: LTC Joseph Carraway (17)

Jul 1958-Oct 1959 – Crailsheim, Germany: LTC Raymond Fleig (16) **(P)**

Dec 1957-Jul 1958 Fort Hood, Texas and Crailsheim, Germany: LTC George Redheffer (15)

Mar 1957 – Dec 1957 Fort Hood, Texas: LTC Thomas Hicks (14) **(P)**

Aug 1956-Mar 1957 Fort Hood Texas: LTC Frank Kovach (13)

Aug 1955-Aug 1956 Fort Hood, Texas: MAJ Clare Jensen (12)

May 1955 – Aug 1955 Fort Hood, Texas: LTC James Alcorn (11)

June 1954 (Since Reactivation) – May 1955 Fort Hood, Texas: LTC William Garner (10)

1947-1954 - Inactivation

During The Period 1941-1947: 37th Tank Battalion (5-9) LTC Leslie R. Wilcox (9) MAJ Edward Bautz (8)  
CPT William A. Dwight (7) MAJ William A. Hunter (6)

37th Tank Battalion & 1-37 Armor Battalion Commanders LTC Creighton Abrams (5) **(P)** 1st Battalion,  
37th Armor Regt (1-4) LTC Ralph Dickey (4) LTC Hal C. Pattison (3) LTC Wally Hail (2) LTC Chas. Wm.  
Fletcher (1)

**(Alumni) denotes Alumni Member**

**(P)** denotes Photo of Commander in archives.