

# **BIOGRAPHICAL DATA BOOK**



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**NDU PRESIDENT**

Vice Admiral Fritz Roegge, USN

## 16th President

Vice Admiral Fritz Roegge is an honors graduate of the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and was commissioned through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps program. He earned a Master of Science in Engineering Management from the Catholic University of America and a Master of Arts with highest distinction in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. He was a fellow of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI program.



VADM Fritz Roegge, NDU President (Photo by NDU AV)

His sea tours include USS Whale (SSN 638), USS Florida (SSBN 728) (Blue), USS Key West (SSN 722) and command of USS Connecticut (SSN 22).

His major command tour was as commodore of Submarine Squadron 22 with additional duty as commanding officer, Naval Support Activity La Maddalena, Italy.

Ashore, he has served on the staffs of both the Atlantic and the Pacific Submarine Force commanders, on the staff of the director of Naval Nuclear Propulsion, on the Navy staff in the Assessments Division (N81) and the Military Personnel Plans and Policy Division (N13), in the Secretary of the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs at the U. S. House of Representatives, as the head of the Submarine and Nuclear Power Distribution Division (PERS 42) at the Navy Personnel Command, and as an assistant deputy director on the Joint Staff in both the Strategy and Policy (J5) and the Regional Operations (J33) Directorates.

Roegge completed his first flag officer assignment as the deputy commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Global Strike at U.S. Strategic Command. He then served concurrently as commander, Submarine Group 8; commander submarines, Allied Naval Forces South; deputy commander, U.S. 6th Fleet; and director of operations and intelligence (N3), U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa. As a Rear Admiral (Upper Half) he served as director, Military Personnel Plans and Policy Division (N13) with a concurrent period as director, Total Force Manpower Division (N12) on the Navy Staff and then as Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

VADM Roegge assumed duties as the 16th President of the National Defense University on 25 Sep 2017.

# **SENIOR FELLOWS**



## **General William L. "Spider" Nyland, USMC (Ret.)**

General William L. "Spider" Nyland served as the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D.C. from September 2002 until September 2005. He retired from active duty 1 November 2005.

General Nyland was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps under the NROTC program upon graduation from the University of New Mexico in 1968. In addition to attaining an M.S. degree from the University of Southern California (1980), his formal military education includes The Basic School (1968), Naval Aviation Flight Training (NFO) (1969), Amphibious Warfare School (1975), Navy Fighter Weapons School (TopGun) (1977), College of Naval Command and Staff, Naval War College (1981), and Air War College (1988).

After being assigned to VMFA-531, General Nyland was ordered to Vietnam where he flew 122 combat missions with VMFA-314 and VMFA-115. In later tours of duty he flew additional combat sorties in Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan. General Nyland had multiple operational squadron tours and saw duty as the Congressional Liaison/Budget Officer, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C. In 1984 he served as the Operations Officer, Marine Aircraft Group-24, 1st Marine Amphibious Brigade, and he then commanded VMFA-232, the Marine Corps' oldest and most decorated fighter squadron, from July 1985 to July 1987.

General Nyland subsequently served as section chief for the Central Command section, European Command/Central Command Branch, Joint Operations Division, Directorate of Operations (J-3), Joint Staff, Washington, D.C. In July 1990, he assumed command of Marine Aviation Training Support Group (MATSG), Pensacola. Following his command of MATSG he assumed duties as Chief of Staff, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (2dMAW) on July 5, 1992, and assumed additional duties as Assistant Wing Commander on November 10, 1992. Promoted to Brigadier General on September 1, 1994, he was assigned as Assistant Wing Commander, 2d MAW serving in that billet until December 1, 1995.

He served next on the Joint Staff, J-8, as the Deputy Director for Force Structure and Resources, completing that tour on June 30, 1997. He was advanced to Major General on July 2, 1997, and assumed duties as the Deputy Commanding General, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C. He served next as the Commanding General, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina from July 1998 to June 2000. He was advanced to Lieutenant General on 30 June 2000 and assumed duties as the Deputy Commandant for Programs and Resources, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps. He next assumed duties as the Deputy Commandant for Aviation on 3 August 2001. He was advanced to General on 4 September 2002 and assumed his duties as the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps on 10 September 2002.

Upon retirement he returned to Pensacola, FL, where he offers consulting services from his home office. He is a former fellow for the Institute of Defense & Business and served in an

instructional role for Duke University (College of Continuing Education) in leadership training performed in support of BAE for four years. He is active as a Senior Mentor for the National Defense University in the “Capstone”, “Keystone” and “Pinnacle” programs. He formerly served as the Chairman of the Board for the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation (twice) and as the Chairman for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation. He also served as The National Commander for the Marine Corps Aviation Association from Jan 2007 - Jan 2010.

### **Other Boards and Advisory Positions**

Member, Senior Advisory Group for Navigator Development Group, Enterprise, AL – no established end date

### **Non Profit Boards**

Member, Board of Directors Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation, New York, NY – no end date established

Member, President’s Council, Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, National Museum of Naval Aviation, Pensacola, FL

Chairman Emeritus, Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation

Member, Board of Directors, Sacred Heart Health System, Sacred Heart Hospital, Pensacola, FL

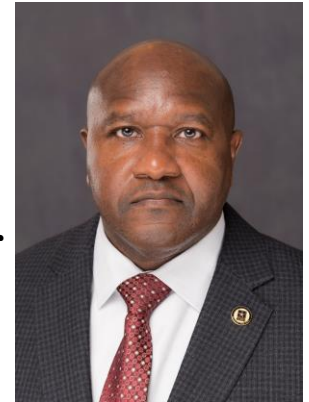
### **Other Positions**

Institute for Human Machine Cognition (IHMC) – salaried position as Deputy Director for Defense R&D

2020



**PATRICK Z. ALSTON**  
**COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR**  
**UNITED STATES ARMY**  
**(RETIRED)**



**Former Command Senior Enlisted Leader**  
**United States Strategic Command**

Command Sergeant Major Patrick Z. Alston is employed as a Senior Fellow for the National Defense University's Capstone and Keystone programs. He is also a Senior Consultant with Burlington Capital Corporation, a diverse investment management firm located in Omaha, Nebraska.

CSM Pat Alston is a native of Columbus, Georgia. He is a graduate of Columbus High School. After graduation, he subsequently enlisted into the United States Army where he completed Basic Training at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

His initial assignment was at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, as a Medical Specialist. Subsequent assignments include Medical Specialist with 3rd Battalion, 325th Infantry Regiment, and 82nd Airborne Division. In 1984 he reclassified to the Chemical Corps and was assigned as a squad leader with 4th Chemical Company, 2nd Infantry Division; NBC NCO and Squad Leader with Alpha Company, 3rd Battalion, 73rd Armor, 82nd Airborne Division; Battalion NBC NCO with 3rd Battalion, 73rd Armor, 82nd Airborne Division; Senior NBC Operations and Staff NCO with Division Chemical, 82nd Airborne Division; NBC Operations, Staff NCO and Platoon Sergeant with 34th Support Group, Korea; Senior Drill Sergeant with Alpha Company, 82nd Chemical Battalion; Detachment Sergeant for the Contingency Support Detachment (WHITE HOUSE TEAM), 84th Chemical Battalion, U.S. Army Chemical School; Career Advisor/Branch Manager Career Management Field 74D, Total Army Personnel Command (PERSCOM); First Sergeant for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Soldier Biological Chemical Command and Technical Escort Unit; Battalion CSM of the U.S. Army Technical Escort Battalion in Edgewood, Maryland; Division Chemical Sergeant Major for the 2nd Infantry Division, Korea; Battalion CSM of the 23rd Chemical Battalion, 19th TSC, Korea; CSM of the 23rd Area Support Group, 19th TSC, Korea; 10th Regimental CSM of the Chemical Corps, Command Senior Enlisted Leader, Defense Threat Reduction Agency/STRATCOM Center for Combating WMD and finished his Army career as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader of United States Strategic Command.

His military schools include Command Sergeant Major Course; Sergeant Major Academy (class # 51); First Sergeant Course (CDMT List); Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course (Honor Grad); Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course (CDMT List); Primary Leadership development Course (CMDT List); Drill Sergeant School (Honor Grad); Airborne School; Air Assault School (Honor Grad); Technical Escort Course (J5) (Honor Grad); Drill Corporal Course; Customs Course; White House Executive Support Course; Executive Operations Course; Hazardous Material Course (Level 1-5); Chemical Weapons Orientation Course Joint Military Intelligence Course on Chemical Affairs; Assignment Manager/PDNCO Course; Administrative Procedures Course (DA Level), Joint Forces Staff College, United States Army Force Management Course and Keystone Course. He is currently a few classes away from receiving his Bachelors of Science Degree in Leadership with a concentration in Management from Trident University.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal; Legion of Merit (second oak leaf cluster); Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal (first oak leaf cluster); Army Commendation Medal (third oak leaf cluster); the Army Achievement Medal (silver oak leaf cluster); Army Service Ribbons; the National Defense Medal; Combat Medical Badge; Space Badge; Airborne Badge; Air Assault Badge; Drivers Badge; Drill Sergeant Badge; Good Conduct Medal (Silver Clasp, third loop); Overseas Ribbon (Third Oak Leaf Cluster); Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; and the noncommissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon (fourth award). CSM Alston is also awarded the CHEMICAL CORPS HIGHEST AWARD "THE ORDER OF THE DRAGON" as well the TRANSPORTATION CORPS "HONORABLE ORDER OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER."

# **CAPSTONE Staff**

**Gerard “Gerry” M. Mauer, Jr.**  
**Director**  
**Capstone, Keystone, Pinnacle**

Rear Admiral Mauer retired from the Navy in March 2008 after over 31 years of service, which included extensive experience in fleet operations, resource management, technical innovation, Joint Professional Military Education (JPME), interagency coordination, and leading organizational change in NATO and joint commands.



From 2008 to 2011, RADM Mauer was a Group Vice President for Sabre Systems Inc. He was responsible for developing then implementing the corporate strategic plan and managing the Southeast Region’s profit and loss operations, its contracts, corporate business development, human resources programs, and Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) level III attainment. After leaving Sabre Systems, RADM Mauer had positions as an Associate with Burdeshaw Associates, as a Senior Analyst for Wikistrat, as a Board member and Board Treasurer for the Navy Safe Harbor Foundation, and as a representative and the national Co-Chair for the US Global Leadership Coalition’s Veterans for Smart Power.

Admiral Mauer’s last position in the Navy was from 2006 to 2008, when he served as the Commandant, Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF). He was responsible for executing the congressionally mandated and accredited master’s degree senior Professional Military Education curriculum. As a university leader, he directly supported the direction of the National Defense University and was a key member in the development of the University’s strategic plan.

From 2003 to 2006, he served as the NATO Allied Command Transformation’s Director, Joint Experimentation, Exercises, and Assessment, where he developed and implemented NATO’s largest Concept Development and Experimentation program. The scope included creating NATO’s transformation strategic vision and aligning the vision with its concepts and requirements. As a result of his initiatives, NATO rapidly implemented new processes, policies, and systems in support of its forces in Afghanistan and Iraq as well new capabilities to support its political and military infrastructure in NATO headquarters.

From 2001 to 2003, he was the Deputy, Directorate for Information Operations (J39/DDIO), Joint Staff Director of Operations (J-3) where he was responsible for direct coordination with the Office of the Secretary of Defense staff, Combatant Commands, and interagency organizations in their global information operations. In this capacity, his responsibilities also included supervision and operational coordination of the Joint Staff’s Special Technical Operations information system and its programs.

Admiral Mauer graduated from Villanova University and the Naval Postgraduate School. He was a Naval Aviator who commanded Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadrons SEVEN (HS-7) and TEN (HS-10) in addition to assignment as the Commanding Officer of USS NASSAU (LHA 4). He has vast experience at sea with deployments to the Atlantic Ocean, Mediterranean Sea, and Arabian Gulf. Ashore assignments included: Naval Postgraduate School student, Assistant Program Manager for the Naval Air Systems Command SH-60F/H helicopter program (PMA 266), and Training Officer and Instructor Pilot in Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron ONE (HS-1). He started with Capstone in August of 2016.

Bonnie Swanson  
Deputy Director  
Capstone / Keystone / Pinnacle



Bonnie Swanson is a native of Ellington, CT and a graduate of Ellington High School. After her freshman year at the University of Connecticut, she enlisted in the USMCR. Upon completing recruit training at Parris Island, SC, Bonnie returned to UCONN to continue her studies and reserve service with 6<sup>th</sup> Motor Transport Battalion, Providence, RI. In 1988 she graduated from UCONN with a Liberal Arts degree (Sociological and Educational Behavior Development) and accepted her commission in the USMC. After completion of The Basic School in 1989 and her assignment as a Military Police Officer, Bonnie reported to MCAS Cherry Point, NC for duty as a Platoon Commander and Services Officer.

In 1992, Bonnie was assigned as the Operations Officer for Recruiting Station, Baltimore, MD. Serving as an OpsO for 3 years, Bonnie was selected as the 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps District Contact Team Officer, Harrisburg, PA. Leading a team of three Master Gunnery Sergeants, the Contact Team trained over 350 recruiters and command group members within a 7 state area.

In 1997 Bonnie received orders to MCB, Camp Lejeune, NC as the Operations Officer, Provost Marshal's Office. She simultaneously served as the Commanding Officer, Military Police Company (330+ Marines) during this tour.

In January of 2001, Bonnie was hired by the National Defense University as the Executive Officer of Capstone. Over the years her position has evolved into a Deputy Director position overseeing three courses, Pinnacle (3 star course), Capstone, and Keystone (Command Senior Enlisted course).

Bonnie has numerous military decorations and has attended many military schools, including the Basic Law Enforcement Academy at Lackland AFB, TX and the Advanced Military Police Academy at Fort McClellan, AL. She is still a record holder at UCONN for many soccer goalkeeping statistics, including the most shutouts in a career (41.5).

In 2005 Bonnie completed a Masters Degree in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix.



## **COLONEL J. Bryan Mullins** **Overseas Trip Planner / OCONUS Escort**

Colonel J. Bryan Mullins was born and raised primarily in Bristol, Virginia, with short stays in Fort Knox, Kentucky, Enterprise, Alabama, and Fulda, Germany.

COL Mullins was commissioned as an Armor officer and served in armored and cavalry units for the first 22 years of his career, including the 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment, 1-77 AR Battalion in the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, 7-10 Cavalry Squadron and 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade of 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, before wrapping up with a return to the 3<sup>rd</sup> ACR. Assignments included scout platoon leader, troop executive officer, squadron planner, battalion S-4 and assistant S-3, division maneuver planner, squadron and brigade S-3, squadron executive officer, and squadron commander. COL Mullins deployed to the Balkans twice, to Camp McGovern Bosnia and Camp Bondsteel Kosovo, and to Iraq three times, to Taji, southern Baghdad, and Al Kut in Wasit Province.

COL Mullins has more recently served as the executive officer for the Commander of the Combined Arms Center, returned to Kansas State University as a full time student, and acted as the J37 at USPACOM, where he supervised the exercise program for the command. COL Mullins joined the Capstone team in September 2019.



COL Mullins is a 1991 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy with a degree in History and Civil Engineering. He has an MMAS from the School of Advanced Military Studies at Fort Leavenworth and a Masters in International Land Warfare from the American Military University. COL Mullins is associated with the Army Strategic Planning and Policy Program and is ABD at Kansas State University with a defense of his PhD in Security Studies scheduled for late January 2020. His dissertation examines the evolution of Allied joint command and control at the theater level, with a special focus on the interaction between maneuver and logistics, from Operation Torch to Market Garden.

Colonel Mullins will be financially supported after retirement by his wife, Tracey, who is a veterinarian currently working in a clinic in Merrifield, Virginia. They have one daughter, Lindsey, who is rapidly approaching the day when she has to pick a college and profession.

## Lieutenant Colonel Colin Smith

Lieutenant Colonel Smith is currently a Deputy Director, CAPSTONE, National Defense University. Prior to joining CAPSTONE he served as the Commandant of the Marine Corps Senior Fellow to the Center for a New American Security (CNAS).



LtCol Smith has over 27 years' experience as a Marine Officer holding the military specialties of Combat Engineer Officer and Foreign Area Officer (FAO). He has commanded combat engineers at the platoon, company and battalion level, most recently as the Battalion Commander of 1<sup>st</sup> Combat Engineer Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division, Camp Pendleton California from 2014-2016. LtCol Smith's staff assignments include serving as the Senior Engineer Officer of a Division, an Air Wing, a MEF (Marine Expeditionary Force) and as the Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff (AC/S) G-4 for a MEF. LtCol Smith also has extensive overseas experience: first serving in Bangkok Thailand on the Marine Security Guard program as the Operations Officer (OPSO) and Executive Officer, living and studying aboard in Russia; and as a FAO where he has served as a UN Military Observer in Georgia (2008), as the Senior Defense Official/ Defense Attaché (SDO/DATT) to Latvia (2009-2011) and as the U.S. Marine Attaché (MARA) to Russia until his diplomatic expulsion from Moscow in April of 2018. He was the first Marine SDO/DATT worldwide. LtCol Smith's Combat tours include a year as the 3<sup>rd</sup> MAW (FWD) Engineer and Base engineer at Al Asad airbase, Al Anbar Province, Iraq, and as the Deputy AC/S C-7 and C-7 OPSO, RC(SW), Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

LtCol Smith has a BS in Engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy ('93), a MA in National Security Affairs (Russia and Former Soviet Union) from the Naval Post Graduate School ('04), and he has graduated from Amphibious Warfare School, Marine Corps Command and Staff College (Non-Resident), the Defense Language Institute, and Top Level School as a Senior Fellow. He holds numerous personal, unit, service and international military decorations.



## Lieutenant Colonel Ross Davis Budget / OCONUS Escort



Lieutenant Colonel Davis is currently Deputy Director, CAPSTONE, National Defense University. Prior to joining CAPSTONE he served as the Commander, 87<sup>th</sup> Comptroller Squadron, 87<sup>th</sup> Air Base Wing, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey.

Throughout his career, he has served in a variety of Financial Management positions to include Flight Commander for both Financial Services and Financial Analysis, Combined Joint Staff Budget Analyst, and Major Command Budget Analyst. He recently completed two successful tours as a Squadron Commander and Comptroller. In addition to Financial Management, Lt Col Davis also has experience as an Aircraft Maintenance Officer. During this career broadening tour he served in key positions to include Aircraft Maintenance Unit (AMU) Officer in Charge (OIC) and Maintenance Squadron Operations Officer.



A native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Lt Col Davis was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program at Virginia Military Institute (VMI). In addition, he has a Master's of Science in Management from Liberty University, graduated from Air Command and Staff College (Resident), is a Certified Defense Financial Manager, has a level 3 DoD Financial Management Certification, and holds numerous personal, unit, and service military decorations. He and his wife, Rebecca, have four children and enjoy sports, outdoor activities, and family vacations.



**Kandace L. Moore**  
**Deputy Director of Operations**  
**CAPSTONE/KEYSTONE/PINNACLE**  
**National Defense University**

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Kandace Moore joined National Defense University (NDU), as Office Manager, for the CAPSTONE, KEYSTONE, PINNACLE programs at National Defense University, in Washington, DC, in 2008. As Office Manager, she excelled at providing exceptional administrative and logistical support in a fast-paced environment.

In January 2013, Kandace was reassigned to Joint Forces Staff College (JFSC), National Defense University, Norfolk, VA., where she served as Executive Assistant to the Commandant. There, she provided world class executive support to the Commandant, Dean of Administration, School Directors, faculty and staff. She managed day-to-day operations, scheduled meetings and appointments, and performed a number of administrative duties while providing superlative customer service. As the Senior Executive Assistant, Kandace provided administrative support, guidance, mentorship, and training to all members of the JFSC faculty and staff with enthusiasm and a customer service oriented attitude.

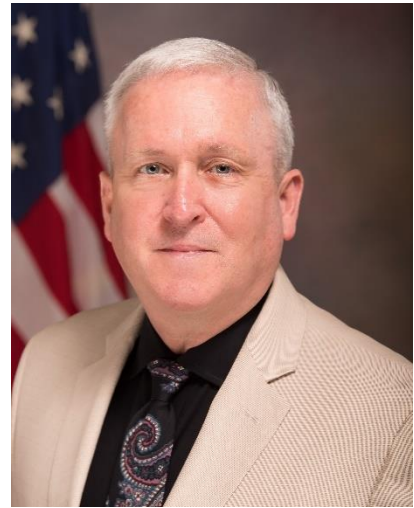
In July 2019, Kandace returned to NDU, Washington, DC, where she currently serves as Deputy Director of Operations, providing support to CAPSTONE, KEYSTONE, and PINNACLE.

Kandace's initiative and unyielding passion for accomplishing the mission are demonstrated in the high levels of camaraderie and esprit de corps she inspires on every team on which she has been a part. She is the consummate team player and her infectious "can do" attitude makes her an integral part of the unit. These unselfish attributes have earned her numerous Time-Off Awards, Quality Step Increases, Certificates of Commendation, and two Joint Civilian Service Commendation Awards.

**Wheeler, Jr. Clifford E. (Cliff)**  
**Program Manager, Keystone & Pinnacle,**  
**[clifford.wheeler.civ@ndu.edu](mailto:clifford.wheeler.civ@ndu.edu), 202-685-4250**

Clifford E. Wheeler, Jr. (Cliff) is the Program Manager for the Keystone and Pinnacle programs at CAPSTONE. He is responsible for curriculum development and execution of both courses, to include; planning, administration, assessment of educational objectives and student learning, and review and revision of course curricula as needed.

Cliff is a native of Woodville, MS. He retired from the Army in November 2014 after 28 years in active and reserve service. He began his military service in November 1986 as a 19D Cavalry Scout in the Mississippi Army National Guard. Commissioned as an Armor officer and Distinguished Military Graduate from the Ole Miss Army ROTC program, he entered active duty at Ft. Knox, KY in September 1988.



Cliff served in both staff and leadership positions in Armor and Cavalry units in Germany, Fort Hood, Texas, and Fort Stewart, Georgia. He commanded at the platoon, company, and battalion levels, culminating with command of the 5<sup>th</sup> Squadron, 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division from 2006-2008. He served two tours in Iraq, as Brigade Executive Officer for 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division (2003-2004) and as Squadron Commander of 5-7 Cavalry in Ramadi, Fallujah, and Arab Jabour.

Key staff assignments include the Lieutenants' and Captains' Career Manager at Armor Branch, Army Personnel Command; Exercise Planner at V Corps G3 in Heidelberg, Germany; analyst for the 2006 Quadrennial Defense Review at Department of the Army, G8; and Chief of Officer Distribution at Army Human Resources Command. His final assignment was Deputy Director for Overseas Planning at CAPSTONE, National Defense University.

From 2015 to 2018, Cliff was an organizational and leadership consultant and later an Assistant Vice President and Program Manager at Command Security Corporation in Herndon, Virginia.

Among Cliff's military awards and decorations are the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Presidential Unit Citation, and the Navy Unit Commendation. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the University of Mississippi, and Masters of Science degrees in Adult and Continuing Education from Kansas State University, and in National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University.

Cliff is a passionate volunteer for the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, the Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park, the National Museum of the United States Army, and the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (T.A.P.S.). He is proud father of three sons; Clifford III, Stuart Ashby, and Morgan.

**Fellows**



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### BRIGADIER GENERAL DAVID W. ABBA

Brig. Gen David W. Abba is the Director of the F-35 Integration Office, Headquarters United States Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va. He advises the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force on the multi-billion dollar F-35 program and engages with the Offices of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Strike Fighter Program Office, the other Services, Air Force Major Commands and partner and customer nation representatives to advance the operational capabilities and sustainment needs of the F-35A.

General Abba earned his commission through the United States Air Force Academy in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science in Human Factors Engineering. He has held a variety of flying assignments at the squadron, group, and wing level, including serving as the weapons officer for the 58th Fighter Squadron, at Eglin AFB, Fla., director of operations for the 27th Fighter Squadron and commander of the 94th Fighter Squadron, both at Langley AFB, Va, and commander of the 3rd Operations Group at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. General Abba's staff assignments include Airpower Strategist in CHECKMATE, Assistant Executive Officer to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and Senior Air Force Strategy Advisor in the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Policy. Prior to his current position, General Abba was the commander, 53rd Wing, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.



### EDUCATION

- 1995 Bachelor of Science, Human Factors Engineering, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 2002 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2003 U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
- 2007 Master of Arts, National Security and Strategic Studies with Distinction, College of Naval Command & Staff, Naval Station Newport, R.I.
- 2007 Naval Operational Planner Course (now Maritime Advanced Warfighting School), Naval Station Newport, R.I.
- 2008 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2013 Master of Science, National Resource Strategy, Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, Ft McNair, Washington, D.C.
- 2015 Fellow, Seminar XXI, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Washington, D.C.

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1995 – May 1996, Intercollegiate Program Manager, Athletic Department, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs
2. May 1996 – September 1997, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, NAS Whiting Field, Fla., and Vance Air Force Base, Okla.
3. September 1997 – December 1997, Student, Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, Columbus AFB, Miss.
4. January 1998 – June 1998, Student, F-15C Formal Training Unit, 2nd Fighter Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
5. July 1998 – February 2001, F-15C Instructor Pilot, 71st Fighter Squadron, Langley AFB, Va.
6. March 2001 – June 2003, F-15C Instructor Pilot and Academic Instructor, 95th Fighter Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
7. July 2003 – December 2003, Student, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
8. January 2004 – June 2006, Squadron Weapons Officer, 58th Fighter Squadron and Wing Weapons Officer, Eglin AFB, Fla.

9. July 2006 – September 2007, Student, College of Naval Command and Staff and Naval Operational Planner Course, Naval Station Newport, R.I.
10. September 2007 – March 2009, Airpower Strategist, CHECKMATE and Assistant Executive Officer to the Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C
11. July 2009 – June 2012, Operations Officer, 27th Fighter Squadron; Commander, 94th Fighter Squadron; Deputy Commander, 1st Operations Group, Langley AFB, Va.
12. July 2012 – June 2013, Student, Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy (formerly ICAF), Ft McNair, Washington, D.C.
13. June 2013 – May 2015, Senior Air Force Strategy Advisor, Office of Strategy and Force Development, Office of the Secretary of Defense (Policy), Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
14. May 2015 – June 2017, Commander, 3rd Operations Group, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
15. June 2017 – June 2019, Commander, 53rd Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla.
16. July 2019 – Present, Director, F-35 Integration Office, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

### **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. June 2013 – May 2015, Senior Air Force Strategy Advisor, Office of Strategy and Force Development, Office of the Secretary of Defense (Policy), Pentagon, Washington, D.C. as a lieutenant colonel and colonel

### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: More than 2,100

Aircraft Flown: T-38A, AT-38B, F-22A, F-15C/D/E, F-16D, E-3B/C, C-12F, C-17A, B-1B, B-2A, B-52H, HC-130J, HH-60G, TU-2S, E-9A

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award

### **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

2002 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2003 Flying Award, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.

2007 Distinguished Graduate, College of Naval Command & Staff, Naval Station Newport, R.I.

2013 Distinguished Graduate, Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.

### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant	May 31, 1995
First Lieutenant	May 31, 1997
Captain	May 31, 1999
Major	Aug. 1, 2005
Lieutenant Colonel	Mar. 1, 2009
Colonel	Oct. 1, 2014
Brigadier General	Nov 2, 2019

(Current as of November 2019)



# United States Navy Biography

## **Rear Admiral Jeffrey T. Anderson Deputy Director for Political-Military Affairs (Asia), J5, Joint Staff**

Rear Adm. Jeffrey T. Anderson is a native of Fayetteville, Georgia. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1991, with a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering. He is also a graduate of the Naval War College with Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies. He was designated a naval aviator in 1994.

He served operationally as a pilot of FA-18C/E/F fighter jets and commanded Carrier Air Wing (CVW) Three and Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 37 "Ragin' Bulls." Additional operational tours include VFA-81 "Sunliners" and VFA-82 "Marauders". He deployed multiple times on USS Enterprise (CVN 65), USS Eisenhower (CVN 69), USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71), and USS Harry S Truman (CVN 75) in support of Operation Deliberate Forge, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and Inherent Resolve.

Anderson's shore assignments include the Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center as a Topgun instructor and training officer and VFA-106 as training officer and operations officer. His staff assignments include assistant chief of staff for training and readiness for Commander, Naval Air Forces Atlantic Fleet and the Joint Staff in Washington District of Columbia where he served in the global force management branch of the Directorate for Regional Operations (J-33). He also served as deputy executive assistant to the 18th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and as executive assistant to the Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.





# Rear Admiral Charles Brown

## Navy Chief of Information



Rear Adm. Charles W. Brown was born and raised on Long Island, New York, and he is a 1994 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. Brown holds a master's in Mass Communication and Media Studies from San Diego State University, and he is the first flag officer and senior active duty public affairs officer accredited in public relations and military communication.

During more than 20 years as a public affairs officer (PAO), Brown has served as the fleet PAO for both U.S. Pacific Fleet and U.S. Third Fleet, the special assistant (Public Affairs) to the Chief of Naval Operations, the force PAO for U.S. Naval Air Forces, and the aircraft carrier and battle group PAO for USS Constellation (CV 64) and Cruiser Destroyer Group One. Brown has also served as deputy PAO for U.S. Fifth Fleet/U.S. Naval Forces Central

Command, deputy PAO for Naval Surface Forces, and fleet media officer at U.S. Fleet Forces Command. Brown has led communication campaigns that have earned a Silver Anvil Award and an Award of Excellence from the Public Relations Society of America, a Thomas Jefferson award from the Department of Defense, and numerous Rear Admiral Thompson Awards for Excellence in Navy Public Affairs. He has deployed in direct support of Operation Southern Watch and Enduring Freedom.



Miles Brown is a native of Honea Path, South Carolina. He currently serves as the Deputy Director/Chief of Staff, Futures and Concepts Center, U.S. Army Futures Command. Commissioned as a second lieutenant in ROTC from The Citadel, he has served in Korea, Kuwait, Iraq, & Afghanistan with stateside duty at Fort Stewart (Georgia); Fort Hood (Texas); Fort Riley (Kansas); Fort Carson (Colorado); Fort Eustis (Virginia); and Washington, DC. His staff and joint assignments include Aide-de-Camp to the Commander, Multi-National Force-Iraq; Chief of Staff, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division; and Deputy Commanding General-Support, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division. Brigadier General Brown's commands include an artillery battalion in Iraq, a brigade combat team in Kuwait, and the Train, Advise, Assist Command - South (TAAC-S) in Afghanistan. He has served eight tours in South Asia during Operations Desert Fox, Intrinsic Action, Desert Spring, Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn, Spartan Shield, Eager Lion and Resolute Support.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Bronze Star Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Iraqi and Afghanistan Campaign Medals, the Combat Action Badge and the Presidential Service Badge. He is a graduate of the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course, the Armor Captains Career Course, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the National War College. His civilian education includes degrees in history, administration and national security strategy from Central Michigan University and National Defense University.

Miles is married with two children.



# BIOGRAPHY



## *UNITED STATES AIR FORCE*

### **BRIGADIER GENERAL JIMMY R. CANLAS**

Brig. Gen. Jimmy R. Canlas is the Commander, Defense Logistics Agency Energy, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Defense Logistics Agency Energy is a major subordinate command of the Defense Logistics Agency. As the Commander, he is responsible for providing the Department of Defense and other government agencies with comprehensive energy solutions in the most effective and efficient manner possible.

General Canlas was commissioned in 1992 as a distinguished graduate from the University of Texas at San Antonio. He earned his pilot wings in 1994, and has commanded an airlift squadron, an expeditionary group, an airlift wing, and the DoD's largest Air Operations Center. He is a joint qualified officer having served with the United Nations Command in Korea and on the U.S. European Command (J-4) staff in Germany. Other staff tours include Headquarters Air Force and Headquarters Air Mobility Command. Prior to his current position, he served as the Commander, of the 618 AOC (TACC).



The general is a command pilot with more than 4,400 hours in the C-21A, KC-135R and C-17A.

#### **EDUCATION**

1992 Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering, University of Texas San Antonio  
2001 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.  
2006 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
2006 Masters of Operational Art and Sciences, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
2013 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
2013 Masters of Strategic Studies, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
2016 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Kennan Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
2018 Enterprise Perspective Seminar, Alan Freed Associates, Washington D.C.  
2018 Director of Mobility Forces Course, Hurlburt Field, Fla.  
2018 Joint Air and Space Operations Center Senior Staff Course, Hurlburt Field, Fla.  
2020 Continuous Process Improvement for Executives, San Antonio, Tx.

#### **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. May 1993 – July 1994, Student, Class 94-11, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin AFB, Texas
2. August 1994 – May 1997, C-21A Instructor Aircraft Commander, Chief of Life Support, Operations Group Executive Officer, Scott AFB, Ill.
3. June 1997 – March 2000, KC-135R Instructor Aircraft Commander, Aircrew Scheduler, Senior Training Flight Instructor Pilot, Kadena Air Base, Japan
4. March 2000 – June 2003, C-17A Lead Airdrop Evaluator Aircraft Commander, Pilot Scheduler, Command Post Duty Officer, Chief of Tactics, Assistant Operations Officer, McChord AFB, Wash.
5. June 2003 – July 2005, Chief of C-17 Tactical Procedures and Policies, HQ Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.
6. August 2005 – June 2006, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
7. June 2006 – May 2007, International Military Affairs/Plans Officer, United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission, Yongsan Garrison, Republic of Korea
8. May 2007 – April 2008, Executive Officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff, United Nations Command and US Forces Korea, Yongsan Garrison, Republic of Korea
9. May 2008 – March 2010, Commander, 45th Airlift Squadron, Keesler AFB, Miss.
10. April 2010 – December 2011, Senior Executive Officer, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington D.C.

11. January 2012 - June 2012, Deputy Chief, Global Mobility Division, Director of Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington D.C.
12. July 2012 – May 2013, Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
13. June 2013 – June 2014, Chief, U.S. Europe Command Deployment & Distribution Operations Center, Patch Barracks, Stuttgart-Vaihingen, Germany
14. July 2014 – June 2016, Vice Commander, 437th Airlift Wing, Joint Base Charleston, S.C. (November 2014 - March 2015, Commander, 385th Air Expeditionary Group, Al Udeid AB, Qatar)
15. June 2016 – July 2018, Commander, 437th Airlift Wing, Joint Base Charleston, S.C.
16. July 2018 – January 2019, Vice Commander, 618th Air Operations Center (TACC), Scott AFB, Ill.
17. January 2019 – June 2020, Commander, 618th Air Operations Center (TACC), Scott AFB, Ill.
18. June 2020 – Present, Commander, Defense Logistics Agency Energy, Fort Belvoir, Va.

#### **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. June 2006 – April 2008, International Military Affairs/Plans Officer, United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission, then, Executive Officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff, United Nations Command and US Forces Korea, Yongsan Garrison, Republic of Korea, as a Major
2. June 2013 – Jun 2014, Chief, EUCOM Deployment & Distribution Operations Center, Patch Barracks, Stuttgart-Vaihingen, Germany, as a Lieutenant Colonel and Colonel
3. June 2020 – Present, Commander, Defense Logistics Agency Energy, Fort Belvoir, Va. as a Brigadier General

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 4,400

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, C-21A, KC-135R and C-17A

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters

Bronze Star Medal

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Meritorious Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Korean Defense Service Medal

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border and oak leaf cluster

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant May 14, 1992

First Lieutenant Nov. 7, 1994

Captain Nov. 7, 1996

Major May 1, 2003

Lieutenant Colonel May 1, 2008

Colonel Aug. 1, 2014

Brigadier General Oct. 2, 2019

(Current as of July 2020)



# BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



## BRIGADIER GENERAL TROY L. ENDICOTT

Brig. Gen. Troy L. Endicott serves as the Director for Space Policy, National Security Council, Executive Office of the President, Washington, D.C. He assists and advises the President and National Security Advisor on space matters, while developing and coordinating national space policies and strategy.

Brig. Gen. Endicott was commissioned in 1994 through the ROTC program at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. His career includes assignments as an airborne reconnaissance acquisitions officer; space operator, instructor and planner; 4-star speechwriter; major command and numbered Air Force executive officer; and Secretary of the Air Force's space policy lead. He deployed four times during operations Northern Watch, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom as a space weapons officer and commanded one of the Air Force's first expeditionary space units in Iraq. He commanded the 21st Operations Support Squadron and 21st Operations Group at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado.

Prior to his current assignment, Brig. Gen. Endicott commanded the 460th Space Wing and was the installation commander of Buckley Air Force Base, Colorado.



### EDUCATION

1994 Bachelor of Science, Aerospace Engineering, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott, Ariz.  
1999 Master of Science, Space Operations, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio  
1999 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
2002 U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.  
2004 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence  
2006 Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.  
2008 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence  
2013 National Defense Fellowship (Senior Developmental Education), Harvard University Belfer Center for Science & International Affairs, Cambridge, Mass.  
2014 Joint Forces Staff College (Joint Professional Military Education, Phase II), Norfolk, Va.  
2016 Leadership Development Program, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, Colo.

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1994–April 1995, Flight Test Project Officer, Tri-Service Standoff Attack Missile Program Office, Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
2. April 1995–August 1997, Reconnaissance Systems Project Manager, Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio
3. August 1997–March 1999, Student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio
4. March 1999–January 2002, Orbital Analyst Instructor (Air Education and Training Command Master Instructor) and Flight Commander, Detachment 1, 533rd Training Squadron, Schriever AFB, Colo.
5. January 2002–June 2002, Student, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
6. June 2002–March 2005, Chief, Space Operations Plans, Headquarters 16th Air Force, Aviano Air Base, Italy

7. April 2005–June 2006, Student, U.S. Army Command & General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
8. June 2006–April 2008, Chief, Current Operations, Headquarters Air Force Space Command Space Operations Squadron, and Member, Commander's Action Group, Headquarters AFSPC, Peterson AFB, Colo.
9. May 2008 – May 2009, Operations Officer, 76th Space Control Squadron, Peterson AFB, Colo.
10. May 2009–May 2011, Commander, 21st Operations Support Squadron, Peterson AFB, Colo.
11. June 2011–June 2012, Executive Officer to the Commander, 14th Air Force and Joint Functional Component Command for Space, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
12. July 2012–June 2013, Senior Developmental Education Student, National Defense Fellow, Belfer Center for Science & International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
13. July 2013–June 2015, Chief, Policy and Integration Division, Department of Defense Executive Agent for Space Staff, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
14. June 2015–May 2017, Commander, 21st Operations Group, Peterson AFB, Colo.
15. June 2017–January 2018, Executive Officer to the Commander, AFSPC, Peterson AFB, Colo.
16. January 2018–May 2019, Commander, 460th Space Wing, Buckley AFB, Colo.
17. May 2019–present, Director for Space Policy, National Security Council, the White House, Washington, D.C.

#### **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENT**

1. July 2013–June 2015, Chief, Policy and Integration Division, Department of Defense Executive Agent for Space Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a colonel

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Superior Service Medal  
Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster  
Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters  
Joint Service Commendation Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster  
Joint Meritorious Unit Citation with oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Meritorious Unit Award  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with 'V' device and three oak leaf clusters  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with star device  
Iraq Campaign Medal with star device  
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
Armed Forces Service Medal

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant May 6, 1994  
First Lieutenant July 10, 1996  
Captain July 10, 1998  
Major Jan. 1, 2005  
Lieutenant Colonel Mar. 1, 2009  
Colonel Oct. 1, 2014  
Brigadier General Nov. 1, 2019

(Current as of November 2019)



# United States Navy Biography

## **REAR ADMIRAL CHRISTOPHER M. ENGDAHL** **President, Board of Inspection and Survey**

Rear Adm. Christopher Engdahl is a native of South Bend, Indiana and the son of a Navy Chaplain. He is a 1990 graduate of the United States Naval Academy where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in History and was commissioned as an Ensign. Additionally, he completed Naval Nuclear Power training and has received a Master of Science Degree in National Strategic Studies from the Naval War College.

His initial sea tour was as Damage Control Assistant in USS CALIFORNIA (CGN 36). Subsequent sea tours include duties as Nuclear Quality Assurance Officer and Reactor Training Assistant in USS NIMITZ (CVN 68), Operations Officer in USS FLETCHER (DD 992), Executive Officer in USS RENTZ (FFG 46) and Commanding Officer USS ELROD (FFG 55).



His most recent at sea command was as Commander, Destroyer Squadron Nine (COMDESRON NINE). During these tours he has deployed numerous times, participated in countless exercises and had the greatest fortune to lead Sailors at Sea.

Ashore he served as a Department Head Instructor, Steam Engineering Directorate at Surface Warfare School Command, Newport Rhode Island and as a Strategic Planner for the War on Terrorism Directorate on the Joint Staff (J5). He also served as Director for Surface Nuclear Programs at Navy Personnel Command Millington, Tennessee and was the Executive Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Naval Personnel. He most recently served as Chief of Staff to Commander, Naval Surface Forces Pacific.

Engdahl is the 68<sup>th</sup> President, Board of Inspection and Survey. He is responsible for assessing the material readiness of the Fleet.

His personal awards include the Legion of Merit (three awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards) and various unit and campaign awards.

## **REAR ADMIRAL KENNETH W. EPPS**

Deputy Chief of Staff for Fleet Ordnance and Supply/Fleet Supply Officer  
U.S. Fleet Forces Command

Rear Adm. Epps is a 1990 graduate of Vanderbilt University and holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was the recipient of the Frank Hawkins Kenan Award for Excellence. He is a distinguished graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and completed executive programs in strategy and leadership at Stanford Graduate School of Business and University of Virginia Darden School.

His operational assignments include tours on USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63), USS Leyte Gulf (CG 55) and USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70).

His shore assignments include Instructor and Educational Counselor, Navy Supply Corps School; Aide and Flag Lieutenant to the Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command and Chief of Supply Corps; Readiness Analyst and POM Development Assistant, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (N80); Action Officer, Defense Logistics Agency (J-33); Director, Materiel Budgets, Naval Inventory Control Point, Philadelphia; Assistant Commander for Financial Management and Comptroller, Naval Supply Systems Command; Chief, Strategy and Readiness Division, Joint Staff (J4); Commanding Officer, Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor; Assistant Commander for Supply Operations and Logistics Policy, Naval Supply Systems Command; and Assistant Professor, Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy.

His personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and various campaign and unit awards.



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**Biography** →

**Rear Admiral (lower half) Christopher C. French**  
**Judge Advocate General's Corps**  
**Legal Counsel to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff**

Rear Adm. Christopher C. French was born in Albany, NY and raised in Brooklyn, NY. He graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1990. French was commissioned through the JAG Corps Student Program in 1992, graduating in 1993 from the Villanova University School of Law. He later earned a Master of Laws from the Georgetown University Law Center in 2004.

At sea, French served as the Fleet Judge Advocate to Commander, U.S. SEVENTH Fleet; Staff Judge Advocate to Commander, Carrier Strike Group FIVE; and Legal Officer, USS Nimitz (CVN 68).

His other assignments include Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. European Command; Deputy Legal Advisor to the National Security Council; Special Counsel to the Chief of Naval Operations; Commanding Officer, U.S. Region Legal Service Office, Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia; Chief of Operational Law, Multi-National Forces, Iraq; Deputy Legal Counsel, Office of the Legal Counsel to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Assistant Force Judge Advocate, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Europe; and Staff Judge Advocate, Naval Special Warfare Development Group. French began his legal career first as a trial counsel and later as the senior defense counsel at Naval Legal Service Office, Middle Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

French's personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal (three awards), Legion of Merit (three awards), Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Meritorious Service Medal, (two awards), Joint Service Commendation Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two awards).





## U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command

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### **Brigadier General James J. Gallivan**

Commander, U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command  
*Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland*

Brigadier General Jay Gallivan was born at Fort Devens, Massachusetts and grew up in the Army. He was commissioned an Armor Officer through ROTC upon graduation from Florida State University in 1992. Prior to joining U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, he served as the chief of staff for Army Futures Command.

BG Gallivan's command assignments include deputy commanding general (Operations) for 1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss; commander of the 402nd Field Artillery Brigade and the 5th Armor Brigade; commander of the 1st Battalion, 77th Armor Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division at Fort Bliss and in Iraq; and company commander of HHC, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry and D Co, 1st Battalion, 64th Armor in the 3d Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Fort Stewart and in Kuwait.

His key staff assignments include the deputy chief of staff for the National Security Council; the chief of staff for the 1st Cavalry Division; the chief of staff for the 1st Armored Division's CENTCOM Forward-Jordan; as the senior reconnaissance squadron trainer and senior brigade trainer at the National Training Center; as an interagency and civil support plans officer in USNORTHCOM's Standing Joint Force Headquarters as well as the deputy executive officer to the Commander NORAD and USNORTHCOM; regimental operations officer in 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment in Fort Carson and Iraq; squadron operations officer in 3d Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment in Iraq; and on the Army Staff as a plans officer in the War Plans Division.

BG Gallivan holds a Master's in Public Administration from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government and a Master's in Security Studies from the United States Army War College.





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## **UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

### **Rear Admiral Shannon Gilreath**

RDML Gilreath assumed the duties as Commander, Personnel Service Center, in Washington, DC, on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. In this capacity, he is responsible for executing the Coast Guard's human resource policies by recruiting, accessing, assigning, developing careers, maintaining well-being, compensating, separating and retiring the nearly 45,000 members of the active duty and reserve workforces

His previous assignments include Chief of Staff for the Eighth Coast Guard District covering all or part of 26 states including most of the Gulf Coast and the Mississippi, Ohio and Missouri River drainages. He was Chief of the Coast Guard's Office of Maritime and International Law where he was responsible for operations law advice to senior Coast Guard leaders and led the U.S. delegation to the International Maritime Organization. He served as Sector Commander and Deputy of Sector Honolulu; Chief of Prevention Law; Commanding Officer of Marine Safety Unit Baton Rouge; Staff Attorney at the Eighth District; Marine Inspector at Marine Safety Office New Orleans; and deck watch officer aboard the Coast Guard Cutter NORTHLAND. In 2005, he served as a unified commander for a multi agency task force conducting urban search and rescue operations in the New Orleans area following Hurricane Katrina.



A 1991 graduate from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with a B.S. in Government, he received his Juris Doctorate degree with honors from Tulane Law School in 2001 and is a member of the Louisiana bar. He completed a one year fellowship as a Senior Military Fellow at the Center for a New American Security, a non partisan think tank based in Washington, DC.

RDML Gilreath's military awards include four Legions of Merit, two Meritorious Service Medals, a Coast Guard Commendation Medal, and the Coast Guard Achievement Medal. He was honored by the Judge Advocates Association with the Coast Guard Outstanding Career Judge Advocate Award in 2011 and by the American Bar Association as the Coast Guard's Outstanding Military Service Career Judge Advocate in 2019.

He is originally from LaFayette, GA and has been married to his wife, Lynn, for 28 years. They have two children, who are both in high school.

**Brigadier General Scott Jackson**  
**Commanding General**  
**Security Force Assistance Command**



Brigadier General Scott Jackson was commissioned in the Infantry upon graduation from the University of Notre Dame on May 1990. As an Infantry Officer for the last 27 years, he has served in leadership and staff positions in Airborne, Air Assault, and Mechanized Infantry Units at duty stations throughout the United States, Korea, and Iraq. In support of the Global War on Terror, he has deployed to Iraq three times, for a cumulative 41 months. He currently serves as the Commanding General of the Security Force Command.

In 2003, he served as the Lead Operational Planner for the First Cavalry Division, writing the initial counter-insurgency campaign plan for Baghdad; subsequently assigned as the Executive Officer for 2nd Battalion 7th Cavalry Regiment and participated in its assault into Najaf, Iraq (August 2004) and Fallujah, Iraq (November 2004). In 2006-2008, BG Jackson served as the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team (HBCT), First Cavalry Division, Deputy Brigade Commander with duty as the Deputy Team Leader, Diyala Provincial Reconstruction Team where he was the Governance Team Leader and Senior Coalition Advisor to the Governor of Diyala, providing daily coaching, mentorship, and liaison to the Provincial Governor.

In April 2008, BG Jackson assumed command of 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 5<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, and deployed his battalion in January 2009, assuming responsibility for Coalition Operations in the Baghdad districts of Adamiyah, Rusafa, and Taji. During this deployment, his battalion executed the coalition withdrawal from the cities and transition of responsibility to the Iraqi Security Forces. Following command, he was selected to be the Assistant Chief of Staff, G3 (Operations and Plans) for the First Cavalry Division and subsequently selected as a Army War College Fellow, at the MIT Lincoln Laboratory. While at Lincoln Laboratory, he focused his research on how technology enables the application of strategy, producing an original research project entitled, "An Operational Design Concept for Wide Area Persistent Biometric Surveillance."

Following the War College, he served as the 3d Infantry Division (Rear) Chief of Staff while the headquarters was deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. BG Jackson assumed command of the 2d Armored Brigade Combat Team (SPARTANS), on July 2013, relinquishing command in January 2015 when the Brigade was inactivated as part of the Army drawdown. From January 2015 he served as the US Army Liaison to the United States Senate. Following this assignment he commanded the US Army's first-ever SFAB, 1<sup>st</sup> Security Force Assistance Brigade from May 2017 until July 2020

BG Jackson has earned a baccalaureate degree from the University Of Notre Dame, and two Masters Degrees. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the School of Advanced Military Studies, where he researched and analyzed command and control relationships between conventional and special operations forces in combat as seen in Afghanistan and Iraq.



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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

## **BRIGADIER GENERAL R. SCOTT JOBE**

Brig. Gen. R. Scott Jobe is the Director of Strategic Plans, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, The Pentagon, Washington D.C. The Directorate of Strategic Plans develops, integrates, evaluates and analyzes the Air Force Resource Allocation Plan across the thirty-year planning horizon and is responsible for maintaining the integrity and discipline of the Air Force Corporate Structure process.

Prior to this position, Brig. Gen. Jobe was Commander, 455<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Wing, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. There he was responsible for executing full spectrum air operations in support of United States, coalition and partner forces in Afghanistan. Additionally, he was responsible for supervising the Joint Operations Area's largest Role III hospital and directing aeromedical evacuations, as well as command and control assets in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel and NATO's Resolute Support mission.



Brig. Gen. Jobe entered the Air Force after graduating from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and earned his commission through the ROTC program in 1993. He has commanded at the squadron, group and wing levels and served within the Air Staff and at U.S. Southern Command as a Future Plans Division Chief. He has led flying missions in operations Southern Watch, Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, Freedom Sentinel and Resolute Support. During Enduring Freedom, he led multiple combat missions employing air-to-surface fires with U.S. and coalition troops in contact with enemy forces.

Brig. Gen. Jobe is a Weapons School graduate and former instructor and is a command pilot with more than 2,400 flying hours in the T-37 Tweet, T-38 Talon, HH-60 Pave Hawk and the F-16 Fighting Falcon.

### **EDUCATION**

1993 Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville  
1994 Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas  
1995 F-16 Flying Training Unit, Luke AFB, Ariz.  
2000 U.S. Air Force Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2000 U.S. Air Force Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nev.  
2005 Master of Military Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
2011 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence  
2013 Master of Science, Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

#### **ASSIGNMENTS**

April 1994–August 1995, Student, Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas  
August 1995–May 1996, Student, F-16 Flying Training Unit, Luke AFB, Ariz.  
May 1996–July 2000, F-16 Electronic Combat Pilot, Instructor Pilot and Mission Commander, 69th Fighter Squadron, Moody AFB, Ga.  
July 2000–December 2000, Student, U.S. Air Force Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nev.  
January 2001–February 2002, Weapons Officer, 80th Fighter Squadron, Kunsan Air Base, South Korea  
February 2002–June 2005, Academic Instructor, Flight Commander and Assistant Director of Operations, 16th Weapons Squadron, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.  
June 2005–June 2006, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
June 2006–June 2008, Chief Global Strike Branch, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.  
June 2008–June 2009, Director of Operations, 16th Weapons Squadron, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.  
June 2009–June 2011, Commander, 16th Weapons Squadron, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.  
June 2011–June 2012, Deputy Commandant, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.  
August 2012–August 2013, Student, Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.  
September 2013–August 2014, Commander, 455th Expeditionary Operations Group, Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan  
September 2014–July 2016, Division Chief, J53 Contingency Planning, U.S. Southern Command, Doral, Fla.  
July 2016–July 2018, Commander, 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa AB, Japan  
July 2018–May 2019, Chief Program Integration Division (A8PE), Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.  
June 2019–June 2020, Commander, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan  
July 2020– Present, Director of Strategic Plans, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington D.C.

#### **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. September 2014–July 2016, Division Chief, J53 Contingency Planning, U.S. Southern Command, Doral, Fla., as a colonel
2. June 2019–June 2020, Commander, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, as a brigadier general

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: command pilot  
Flight hours: 2,400  
Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, F-16 and HH-60

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Superior Service Medal with “C” device  
Legion of Merit  
Bronze Star Medal  
Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters  
Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters  
Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant Oct. 24, 1993  
First Lieutenant Oct. 24, 1995  
Captain Oct. 24, 1997

Major March 1, 2004  
Lieutenant Colonel Feb. 1, 2009  
Colonel Oct. 1, 2013  
Brigadier General Aug. 6, 2019

(Current as of August 2020)



# United States Army

Brigadier General JOHN D. KLINE

**Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7**  
**United States Army Training and Doctrine Command**  
**950 Jefferson Avenue**  
**Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia 23604**  
**Since: June 2019**



SOURCE OF COMMISSIONED SERVICE ROTC

EDUCATIONAL DEGREES

Air University – MS – Strategic Studies  
Central Michigan University – MS – Administration  
Shippensburg University – BS – Criminal Justice

MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED

Field Artillery Officer Basic Course  
Aviation Officer Advanced Course  
United States Army Command and General Staff College  
Air War College

FOREIGN LANGUAGE(S) None recorded

<u>PROMOTIONS</u>	<u>DATE OF APPOINTMENT</u>
2LT	15 Aug 92
1LT	22 Sep 94
CPT	1 Oct 96
MAJ	1 Aug 03
LTC	1 Aug 08
COL	1 Oct 13
BG	2 Jun 19

FROM    TO    ASSIGNMENT

Jun 19	Present	Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, United States Army Training and Doctrine Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia
May 18	May 19	Deputy Commanding General (Support), 7th Infantry Division, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington
Jun 17	May 18	Executive Officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, United States Army, Washington, DC
Jun 16	Dec 17	Deputy Director, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7 (DAMO-AV), United States Army, Washington, DC
Aug 15	Jun 16	Commander, Advise/Assist Cell, Headquarters Resolute Support, OPERATION FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, Afghanistan
Nov 13	Aug 15	Commander, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia
Jul 12	May 13	Student, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
Jul 11	Jun 12	Operations Officer, Brigade Modernization Command, Fort Bliss, Texas
Feb 09	Jun 11	Battalion Commander, 5th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, Kentucky and OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan
Oct 06	Feb 09	Executive Officer, later Deputy Brigade Commander, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Campbell, Kentucky and OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan
Jul 04	Oct 06	Operations Officer, later Executive Officer, 5th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky and OPERATION IRAQ

FREEDOM, Iraq

Aug 03 Jun 04 Student, United States Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

Apr 02 Jul 03 Senior Observer Controller, 3rd Battalion, 312th Regiment, 78th Division (Training Support), Fort Meade, Maryland

Jan 01 Apr 02 Commander, A Company, 5th Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, V Corps, Germany

Jul 99 Jan 01 Flight Operations Officer, C Company, later Assistant Operations Officer, 5th Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, V Corps, Germany

Apr 98 Jul 99 Aviation Planning Officer, V Corps, Germany

Sep 97 Apr 98 Student, Aviation Officer Advanced Course, Fort Rucker, Alabama

Sep 96 Sep 97 Intelligence Officer, 164th Air Traffic Services Group, Germany

Jul 95 Jun 96 Student, Initial Entry Rotary Wing Course, later Aviation Officer Basic Course, Fort Rucker, Alabama

Apr 94 Jul 95 Platoon Leader, C Battery, 10th Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Mechanized Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado

Mar 93 Apr 94 Fire Support Officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 5th Battalion, 29th Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Mechanized Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Commander, Advise/Assist Cell, Headquarters Resolute Support, OPERATION RESOLUTE SUPPORT, Afghanistan	Nov 15 - Jun 16	Colonel
Commander, 5th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, Joint Task Force Eagle, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan	Mar 10 - Mar 11	Lieutenant Colonel
Deputy Commander, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, Combined Joint Task Force, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan	Jan 08 - Sep 08	Major/Lieutenant Colonel

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Commander, Advise/Assist Cell, Headquarters Resolute Support, OPERATION RESOLUTE SUPPORT, Afghanistan	Nov 15 - Jun 16	Colonel
Commander, 5th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, Joint Task Force Eagle, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan	Mar 10 - Mar 11	Lieutenant Colonel
Deputy Commander, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, Combined Joint Task Force, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan	Jan 08 - Sep 08	Major/Lieutenant Colonel
Executive Officer, 5th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, OPERATION IRAQ FREEDOM, Iraq	Sep 05 - Aug 06	Major

US DECORATIONS AND BADGES

Legion of Merit (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Bronze Star Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Meritorious Service Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Air Medal (with numeral 4)

Army Commendation Medal (with 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Army Achievement Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)

Combat Action Badge

Parachutist Badge

Air Assault Badge

Master Army Aviator Badge

Army Staff Identification Badge



## Brigadier General Gavin A. Lawrence Commander, DLA Troop Support



Army BG Gavin A. Lawrence assumed command of the Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support on June 25, 2019. Under his leadership, DLA Troop Support annually provides more than \$19 billion worth of food, clothing and textiles, construction and equipment, pharmaceuticals, medical supplies and equipment, as well as industrial repair parts for America's warfighters and other valued customers worldwide. To accomplish this mission, BG Lawrence oversees a global workforce of approximately 2,900 civilian and military personnel.

BG Lawrence graduated from the United States Military Academy (USMA) in 1995 and upon graduation was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps. His civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science degree in International Relations from USMA, a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College and a Master of Arts in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. BG Lawrence most recently completed a fellowship with the Massachusetts Institute of

Technology's (MIT) Seminar XXI Program in April of 2019. His military education includes the Quartermaster Basic Course, Combined Logistics Captains' Career Course, U.S. Naval College of Command and Staff, and the U.S. Army War College Advanced Strategic Arts Program.

BG Lawrence's command assignments include the Headquarters and Distribution Company for 225th Forward Support Battalion, Division Support Command, 25th Infantry Division (Light) at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; the 801st Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); the 25th ID Sustainment Brigade, 25th Infantry Division from June 2015 through June 2017.

Key assignments include Executive Officer to the U.S. Army, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4 from July 2017 to August 2018; the HQDA G-4's Deputy Director of Operations from August 2018 to June 2019; Major in the 782nd Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division; Supply Platoon Leader, 406th General Supply Company, 507th Corps Support Group and Executive Officer, HHC, 507th Corps Support Group at Fort Bragg, NC; the Aide de Camp to the Commander of the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, Defense Logistics Agency. His combat and operational service includes one deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and three deployments to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

BG Lawrence's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (2d Award), Bronze Star Medal (3rd Award), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Award), Meritorious Service Medal (4th Award), Army Commendation Medal (2nd Award), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2nd Award), and Meritorious Unit Commendation (2nd Award). He has earned the Air Assault Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, and Parachute Rigger Badge.

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

## BRIGADIER GENERAL RODNEY D. LEWIS

Brig. Gen. Rodney D. Lewis is the Deputy Director for Operations, Operations Team One, National Joint Operations and Intelligence Center, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. Brig. Gen. Lewis leads a Joint Staff team conducting worldwide monitoring, crisis action, strategic nuclear and current operational watch functions.

He earned his commission in 1991 upon graduation from the United States Air Force Academy, where he was selected as the General John Hester Award winner for displaying the highest degree of loyalty, integrity and courage in his graduating class. Prior to his current position, the general served as Director, Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Executive Action Group, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia.

A command pilot with more than 3,600 flying hours, principally in the C-17A Globemaster III, Brig. Gen. Lewis served in operations from Bosnia to Iraq. As a C-17A Instructor Pilot, he commanded combat-ready aircrews in various mission scenarios. Brig. Gen. Lewis is also systems acquisitions certified Level II in Program Management, and Test and Evaluation. He is certified systems acquisition Level I in Planning, Research, Development and Engineering.



### EDUCATION

1991 Bachelor of Science, Human Factors Engineering, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.  
1995 Master of Science, Systems Management, with honors, University of Southern California, Los Angeles  
1995 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.  
2003 Joint Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence  
2004 Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Quantico, Va., by correspondence  
2005 Joint Professional Military Education II, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk Va.  
2006 Master of Science, Strategic Leadership-International Relations & Public Policy, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio  
2007 Aspen Institute Socrates scholar, Aspen, Colo.  
2007 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence  
2008 Navigating Public Policy, University of Washington, Tacoma  
2009 United States-Japan Foundation Leadership Program Fellow (2010-2011)  
2011 White House Fellow, Office of the First Lady, Washington, D.C. (2011-2012)  
2012 Air Force Fellow-National Security Forum, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
2012 Aspen Institute Ideas scholar, Aspen, Colo.

2013 Georgetown Public Policy Institute, Executive Certificate Nonprofit Management, Washington D.C.  
2014 Harvard Business School Advanced Management Program, Boston  
2016 Enterprise Perspective Seminar, Washington, D.C.  
2018 Aspen Institute Executive Seminar on Leadership, Values, and the Good Society, Aspen, Colo.  
2019 The Government Affairs Institute at Georgetown University, Certificate in Legislative Studies, Washington, D.C.

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. August 1991-February 1992, Student Pilot, 7th Student Squadron, Vance Air Force Base, Okla.
2. February 1992-September 1992, Student Pilot, 26th Student Squadron, Vance AFB, Okla.
3. September 1992-September 1994, Flight Test Engineer, 417th Flight Test Squadron, Edwards AFB, Calif.
4. September 1994-September 1995, FTE, 412th Flight Test Wing, Edwards AFB, Calif.
5. September 1995-October 1996, Initial Cadre C-17 Pilot, 17th Airlift Squadron, Charleston AFB, S.C.
6. October 1996-September 1997, Executive Officer, 17th AS, Charleston AFB, S.C.
7. September 1997-April 1999, Pilot Scheduler, 17th AS, Charleston AFB, S.C.
8. April 1999-January 2000, Airlift Director, 17th AS, Charleston AFB, S.C.
9. January 2000-August 2000, Squadron Safety Officer, 17th AS, Charleston AFB, S.C.
10. August 2000-July 2002, C-17 Aircraft Commander, 701st AS, Air Force Reserve Command, Lowry AFB, Colo.
11. July 2002-January 2003, Chief, Current Operations, 16th AS, Charleston AFB, S.C.
12. January 2003-May 2003, Chief, 437th Airlift Wing Contingency Cell, Charleston AFB, S.C.
13. May 2003-May 2005, 437th Airlift Wing Executive Officer, Charleston AFB, S.C.
14. May 2005-May 2006, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
15. June 2006-June 2008, Secretary of the Air Force, Office of Legislative Liaison, Washington, D.C.
16. July 2008-December 2009, Chief of Safety, Director of Staff, C-17 Instructor Pilot, Joint Base Lewis-McChord AFB, Wash.
17. December 2009-July 2011, Commander, 4th Airlift Squadron, JB Lewis-McChord, Wash.
18. September 2012-June 2014, Chief, Legislative/Interagency Affairs, U.S. Transportation Command, Washington D.C.
19. August 2014-June 2015, Vice Commander, 3rd Wing, JB Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
20. July 2015-April 2017, Wing Commander, 319th Air Base Wing, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.
21. April 2017-June 2019, Director, SecAF/CSAF Executive Action Group, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
22. July 2019-present, Deputy Director for Operations, Operations Team One, National Joint Operations and Intelligence Center, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

## **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. September 2012-June 2014, Chief, Legislative/Interagency Affairs, U.S. Transportation Command, Washington, D.C., as a colonel
2. June 2019-present, Deputy Director for Operations (J3), Operations Team One, National Joint Operations and Intelligence Center, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a brigadier general

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: 3,600

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, T-1, C-17 and RQ-4

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit

Bronze Star

Meritorious Service Medal with three devices

Air Medal with device

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with three devices

Combat Readiness Medal with three devices

Air Force Recognition Ribbon

Armed Forces Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant May 1991

First Lieutenant May 1993

Captain May 1995

Major May 2002

Lieutenant Colonel June 2007

Colonel March 2013

Brigadier General October 2018

(Current as of August 2019)



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## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### BRIGADIER GENERAL MATTEO G. MARTEMUCCI

Brig. Gen. Matteo Martemucci is the Director of Intelligence for US Cyber Command, Fort Meade, Maryland. As the Director of Intelligence, he serves as the principal intelligence advisor to the Commander and informs the planning and execution of full-spectrum cyber operations to defend the Nation and enable combat operations around the globe.

Brig. Gen. Martemucci commissioned in 1994 as a graduate of Penn State University. He is a career intelligence officer and Cyberspace Operator. Brig. Gen. Martemucci has commanded at the squadron, group and wing levels, and has served on staff assignments with the Air Staff, Joint Staff and Office of the Secretary of Defense. Additionally, he has served in special operations (Airborne), combat search and rescue, fighter aircraft and signals intelligence units. He has deployed in support of operations Decisive Endeavor, Southern Watch, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and Inherent Resolve. A fully qualified European foreign area officer, he is fluent in Czech and conversant in Italian and Spanish languages. He is also a military parachutist with 25 jumps from seven different aircraft types. As a former Hoover Institution National Security Affairs Fellow, Brig. Gen. Martemucci continues to speak publicly on issues of cyber strategy and policy. Prior to his current position, he served as the Director of Intelligence for the Combined Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve (CJTF-OIR) in Baghdad, ensuring the enduring defeat of the Islamic State in Iraq & Syria (ISIS).



#### EDUCATION

- 1994 Bachelor of Arts, International Politics, Penn State University, State College, Penn.
- 1994 Distinguished Graduate, U.S. Air Force Fundamentals of Intelligence Course and Graduate, Intelligence Officer Applications Course, Goodfellow Air Force Base, Tex.
- 1999 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2002 Graduate Certificate, Organizational Management, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
- 2003 Master of Science, International Relations, Troy State University, Ala.
- 2003 Air Command & Staff College, Seminar, Montgomery AFB, Ala.
- 2007 Master of Science, Joint Campaign Planning & Strategy, Joint Advanced Warfighting School, National Defense University, Norfolk, Va.
- 2009 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2011 National Security Affairs Fellowship, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif.
- 2017 Leading Strategically course, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, Colo.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. November 1994–May 1995, Student, 17th Training Wing, Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas
2. January 1996–February 1996, Detachment Intelligence Officer, 99th Reconnaissance Squadron, Istres-Le Tube Air Base, France
3. January 1997–April 1997, Chief of Intelligence Operations, 4404th Wing, Prince Sultan AB, Saudi Arabia
4. July 1995–November 1997, Chief, Test Squadron Intelligence Support, Air Force Flight Test Center, Edwards AFB, Calif.
5. November 1997–May 1998, Operations Officer, Czech Military Liaison Team, Prague, Czech Republic
6. June 1998–July 2000, Intelligence Operations Officer, Special Operations Command Joint Forces Command, Norfolk,

Va.

7. July 2000–May 2001, Chief, Intelligence Systems Element and Deputy Commander, Intelligence Flight, 51st Operations Support Squadron, Osan AB, South Korea
8. June 2001–June 2002, Air Force Intern, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
9. August 2002–July 2004, Flight Commander & Chief, Joint National-Tactical Integration Branch, 566th Information Operations Squadron, Denver, Co.
10. August 2004–July 2006, Intelligence Flight Commander/Senior Intelligence Officer, 347th Rescue Wing, Moody AFB, Ga.
11. April 2005–July 2005, Chief of Intelligence, 64th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron, Balad AB, Iraq
12. August 2006–June 2007, Student, Joint Advanced Warfighting School, National Defense University, Norfolk, Va.
13. July 2007–June 2009, Director of Operations, 547th Intelligence Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
14. June 2009–June 2011, Commander, 315th Network Warfare Squadron, Fort George G. Meade, Md.
15. July 2011–June 2012, National Security Affairs Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, Calif.
16. July 2012–July 2013, Chief, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Division, 609th Air and Space Operations Center, U.S. Air Forces Central Command, Al Udeid AB, Qatar
17. July 2013–July 2015, Commander, 318th Cyberspace Operations Group, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Tex.
18. August 2015–May 2017, Assistant Deputy Director, Deputy Directorate for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Operations, J-32, Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.
19. May 2017–June 2019, Commander, 70th ISR Wing, Fort George G. Meade, Md.
20. June 2019–June 2020, Director of Intelligence, Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve, Baghdad, Iraq

#### **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. July 2012–July 2013, Chief, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Division, 609th Air and Space Operations Center, U.S. Air Forces Central Command, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, as a colonel
2. August 2015–May 2017, Assistant Deputy Director, Deputy Directorate for ISR Operations, J-32, Joint Staff, Washington, D.C., as a colonel
3. June 2019–June 2020, Director of Intelligence, Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve, Baghdad, Iraq as a brigadier general
4. July 2020–Present, Director of Intelligence, US Cyber Command, Ft. Meade, Md. as a brigadier general

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Superior Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Legion of Merit Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Bronze Star Medal  
Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
Joint Service Commendation Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal  
Joint Service Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

“A Critical Analysis of the US Government’s Current Perception Management Efforts,” IOSphere, Winter 2008  
“Unpunished Insults – The Looming Cyber Barbary Wars,” Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law 47 pp. 53-62, 2015

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant May 13, 1994  
First Lieutenant Aug. 8, 1996  
Captain Aug. 8, 1998  
Major Feb. 1, 2005  
Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2009  
Colonel Oct. 1, 2013  
Brigadier General September 5, 2019

(Current as of August 2020)



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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

## BRIGADIER GENERAL PAUL J. MURRAY

Brig. Gen. Paul J. Murray is the Inspector General, Air Combat Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia. He leads more than 160 experts responsible for conducting more than 75 inspections annually. By spearheading both a rigorous inspection schedule and an open-complaint resolution process, the general ensures combat readiness, regulatory compliance and oversight for more than 75 active and gained units and more than 130,000 Airmen.

Brig. Gen. Murray earned a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering and his commission from the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado, in 1994. He is a command pilot with more than 2,500 fighter hours in the F-16 Fighting Falcon, to include more than 580 combat hours. He has commanded at the flight, squadron, group and wing levels. Additionally, he has served staff assignments on the Joint Staff and at Air Combat Command. Prior to his current assignment, Brig. Gen. Murray served as the Chief of Staff, United States Air Forces Central Command, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar.



### EDUCATION

1994 Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.  
2001 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.  
2007 Naval Command and Staff College, Newport, R.I.  
2007 Master of National Security Studies, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.  
2016 Master of National Security Strategy, National War College, Washington, D.C.

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1994–January 1995, Student, Pilot Training, Vance Air Force Base, Okla.
2. January 1995–October 1996, F-16 Student Pilot, 61st Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.
3. October 1996–July 1999, F-16 Flight Lead, 524th Fighter Squadron, Cannon AFB, N.M.
4. July 1999–June 2001, F-16 Instructor Pilot, 36th Fighter Squadron, Osan Air Base, South Korea
5. June 2001–November 2003, Air Liaison Officer and Flight Commander, 19th Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Campbell, Ky.
6. November 2003–July 2006, Flight Commander and Chief, Wing Standardization and Evaluation, Aviano AB, Italy

7. July 2006–June 2007, Student, Naval Command and Staff College, Newport, R.I.
8. June 2007–August 2009, Deputy U.S. Pacific Command Division Chief, Joint Operations Division, Joint Staff J-3, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
9. August 2009–March 2011, Director of Operations, 52nd Operations Support Squadron, as well as the 22nd, 23rd and 480th Fighter Squadrons, Spangdahlem AB, Germany
10. March 2011–June 2012, Commander, 480th Fighter Squadron, Spangdahlem AB, Germany
11. June 2012 – July 2013, Executive Officer to the Commander, Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Va.
12. July 2013–June 2015, Commander, 20th Operations Group, Shaw AFB, S.C.
13. June 2015–June 2016 Student, National War College, Washington, D.C.
14. July 2016–May 2018, Commander, 99th Air Base Wing, Nellis AFB, Nev.
15. June 2018–June 2019, Chief of Staff, United States Air Forces Central Command, Al Udeid AB, Qatar
16. July 2019–present, Inspector General, Air Combat Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.

#### **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. June 2007–August 2009, Deputy U.S. Pacific Command Division Chief, Joint Operations Division, Joint Staff J-3, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a lieutenant colonel
2. July 2017–June 2019, Chief of Staff, United States Air Forces Central Command, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, as a colonel

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 2,800

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, AT-38 and F-16

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Bronze Star with Valor device and oak leaf cluster

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Combat Action Medal

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant June 2, 1994

First Lieutenant June 1, 1996

Captain June 1, 1998

Major July 1, 2004

Lieutenant Colonel June 1, 2008

Colonel Oct. 1, 2013

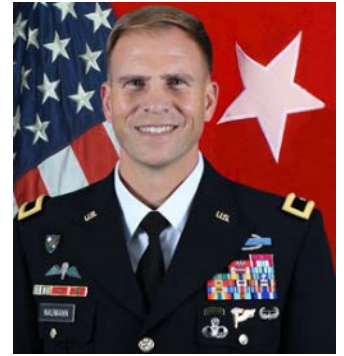
Brigadier General July 31, 2019

(Current as of September 2019)



**Brigadier General Scott M. Naumann**  
**Director of Training**  
**Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff,**  
**G-3/5/7**

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Brigadier General Scott M. Naumann serves as the HQDA, G-3/5/7 Director of Training where he leads the Army's capstone process to achieve directed levels of readiness in support of force generation. He advises the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Army on training and leader development, and is the HQDA lead for generating sustainable readiness to enable the Army's contribution to the National Military Strategy.

Prior to his current assignment, BG Naumann served as the Director of Operations, CJ3, for the Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve in Bagdad, Iraq.

BG Naumann served in key operational command and staff positions from platoon leader to deputy commanding general in airborne, stryker, light infantry, ranger, and armored units. His combined and joint operational experience includes ten deployments between Afghanistan and Iraq.

BG Naumann's education includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Military History from the United States Military Academy, and a Master of Science degree in Diplomacy and Military Studies from Hawaii Pacific University.

BG Naumann and his wife Sherri have three children: Kurt, Erik, and Emma-Grace. His hobbies and interests are focused on his family and on enjoying the great outdoors.



**Brigadier General David L. Odom**  
Deputy Commanding General, II Marine Expeditionary  
Force; and Commanding General, 2d Marine Expeditionary  
Brigade

Brigadier General David L. Odom is the Deputy Commanding General, II Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) and Commanding General, 2d Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB). Prior to his current assignment, he served as the Commanding General of Task Force Southwest during Operation RESOLUTE SUPPORT in Helmand Province, Afghanistan from June 2019 to February 2020.

A native of Hartsville, South Carolina, Brigadier General Odom graduated from The Citadel and was commissioned in 1991. He has served as an infantry officer at all levels, including command of India Company, 3d Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment; 3d Battalion 8th Marine Regiment during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM; and 4th Marine Regiment in Okinawa, Japan.

Brigadier General Odom has served on staff at The Basic School; the Infantry Officer Course; the MAGTF Staff Training Program; and at III Marine Expeditionary Force.

He completed a joint assignment with United States Special Operations Command in the Future Operations Directorate (J-35) in Tampa, Florida from August 2010 to August 2013.

As a General Officer, he has previously served as the Assistant Division Commander, 2d Marine Division.

Brigadier General Odom is a distinguished graduate of The Basic School; Amphibious Warfare School; the Marine Corps Command and Staff College; the School of Advanced Warfighting; and the Marine Corps War College. He holds masters degrees in military, operational, and strategic studies. He completed the Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program in October 2012.





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## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### BRIGADIER GENERAL THOMAS B. PALENSKE

Brigadier General Thomas Palenske is the Director of Air Force Special Warfare, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Arlington, Virginia. The directorate encompasses six divisions and oversees approximately 6,500 Special Warfare Airman, enablers and combat mission support. These divisions provide policy and guidance, training and readiness, human performance, acquisitions and sustainment and total force integration for the entire Air Force Special Warfare enterprise. The Directorate provides air, space and cyberspace multi-domain effects, personnel recovery and ground based reconnaissance expertise to Headquarters Air Force leaders and the Department of Defense with a focus on Air Force ground combatants.

Brigadier General Palenske graduated from Friends University and received his commission in 1995. He has spent the majority of his career in special operations aviation assignments. He is a command pilot with over 3,500 hours in various aircraft, including the UH-1H, UH-60, MH-60G, MH-53J/M, and CV-22B. Brigadier General Palenske has deployed extensively in support of combat, humanitarian assistance, peace-keeping and peace-enforcement operations.



#### EDUCATION:

- 1995 Bachelor of Science, Human Resources Management, Friends University, KS
- 2000 Master of Political Science, International Relations, Troy State University, AL
- 2000 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- 2002 Master of Administrative Science, Organizational Mgmt., George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
- 2002 IDE residence credit, Air Force Intern Program, Washington D.C.
- 2003 MH-53 Weapons Instructor Course, Hurlburt Field, FL
- 2004 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2007 Joint Forces Staff College, Naval Station Norfolk, Norfolk, VA
- 2009 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2014 Master of Strategic Studies, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL

#### ASSIGNMENTS:

1. November 1986 – December 1986, Recruit, U.S. Army basic training, Fort Knox, KY
2. December 1986 – February 1987, UH-1H Crew Chief student, U.S. Army Advanced Individual Training, Fort Rucker, AL
3. February 1987 – October 1987, UH-1H Crew Chief, 1st 108th Combat Aviation Battalion Kansas Army National Guard, Topeka, KS
4. October 1987 – October 1988, Student Pilot, Initial Entry Rotary Wing course, Ft Rucker, AL
5. October 1988 – March 1995, UH-1H/UH-60 Standardization Instructor Pilot, 1st 108th Combat Aviation Battalion Kansas Army National Guard, Topeka, KS
6. March 1995 – June 1995, Officer Candidate, Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, AL
7. June 1995 – April 1997, MH-60G Aircraft Commander, 55th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, FL
8. May 1997 – June 1998, MH-53J Student Pilot, 551st Special Operations Squadron, Kirtland AFB, NM
9. June 1998 – June 2000, MH-53J/M Instructor Pilot, 20th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, FL
10. June 2000 – April 2002, Air Force Intern, Washington, D.C.

11. April 2002 – December 2004, MH-53J/M Weapons Officer / Evaluator 21st Special Operations Squadron, Royal Air Force Mildenhall, United Kingdom.
12. December 2004 – November 2005, Aide de Camp to Deputy Commander, United States Central Command, MacDill AFB, FL
13. November 2005 – April 2008, Deputy Branch Chief Special Activities, USCENTCOM Operations Division, MacDill AFB, FL
14. April 2008 – July 2009, CV-22B Student Pilot, 71st Special Operations Squadron, Kirtland AFB, NM.
15. July 2009 – May 2011, Director of Operations, 20th Special Operations Squadron, Cannon AFB, NM.
16. May 2011 – May 2013, Commander, 20th Special Operations Squadron, Cannon AFB, NM.
17. May 2013 – June 2014, Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL
18. June 2014 –December 2014, Deputy Division Chief, Iran Division, J5 Joint Staff, Pentagon, D.C.
19. January 2015 – June 2016, Vice Wing Commander, 1st Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, FL
20. June 2016 – June 2018, Wing Commander, 1st Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, FL
21. June 2018 – July 2019, Senior Military Assistant to the Acting Secretary of the Air Force, Pentagon, D.C.
22. July 2019 – Present, Director, Special Warfare, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, HQ Air Force, Pentagon, D.C.

**FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: 3,500

Aircraft flown: TH-55, UH-1H, UH-60, MH-60G, MH-53J/M, MV-22A, CV-22B, U-28A, MC-130H, AC-130U

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Legion of Merit

Distinguished Flying Cross with V device

Bronze Star

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with 5 oak leaf clusters

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant June 1995

First Lieutenant July 1997

Captain July 1999

Major November 2005

Lieutenant Colonel March 2009

Colonel July 2015

Brig Gen July 2020



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## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL NEIL R. RICHARDSON

Colonel Neil R. Richardson is the Chief, Senate Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, DC. He is responsible for congressional legislative affairs in the United States Senate, articulating and communicating Air Force priorities to Senators and their staff members.

Col Richardson received his commission from the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) at New Mexico State University in May 1995, where he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management Information Systems. He attended Undergraduate Navigator Training at Randolph AFB, Texas and went on to serve as a C-130 Navigator, Instructor Navigator, C-130 Formal Training Unit flight Instructor, and C-130 Weapons Officer. Col Richardson has operational experience in Europe and North Africa as well as combat tours in Operations JOINT GUARDIAN, JOINT FORGE, ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. Col Richardson is a graduate of the Legislative Fellowship program and was the Commander of the 447th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron in Baghdad, Iraq. He has also served as the United States Transportation Command's Deputy Director for Legislative and Interagency Affairs in Washington, DC. Before assuming his current position, Col Richardson was the 87 Air Base Wing Commander at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey.



#### EDUCATION

- 1995 BA in Management Information Systems, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, N.M.
- 2000 United States Air Force Weapons School, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
- 2001 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2006 Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence)
- 2007 Masters in Military Operational Arts/Science, American Military University Online
- 2009 Intermediate Developmental Education, Legislative Fellowship, Washington, D.C.
- 2011 Air War College (Correspondence)
- 2015 National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1995 – December 1996, Student, Undergraduate Navigator Training, Randolph AFB, Texas
2. December 1996 – May 1997, Student, C-130 Initial Qualification Training, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
3. May 1997 – May 2000, C-130 Navigator, Instructor Navigator, Squadron Executive Officer, 37th Airlift Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany
4. May 2000 – December 2000, Student, United States Air Force Weapons School, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
5. Jan 2001 – May 2003, C-130 Weapons Officer, Formal Training Unit Instructor, Life Support Officer, Tactics Flight Commander, and Group Executive Officer, 314th Airlift Wing, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
6. May 2003 – May 2005, C-130 Weapons Instructor Cadre, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
7. June 2005 – May 2008, Chief, C-130 Combat Programs and Policy Branch, Chief, Information Operations and Aerospace Integration Branch, HQ AMC/A3D, Scott AFB, Ill.

8. June 2008 – December 2009, Student, Legislative Fellowship, Washington D.C.
9. January 2010 – January 2011, Director of Operations, 50th Airlift Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
10. February 2010 – December 2011, Commander, 447th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron, Baghdad, Iraq
11. January 2012 – Jun 2012, Deputy Commander, 19th Maintenance Group, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
12. Jul 2012 – July 2014, Deputy Director, Legislative and Interagency Affairs, United States Transportation Command, Arlington, Va.
13. August 2014 – July 2015, Student, National War College, Washington D.C.
14. August 2015 – May 2017, Vice Commander, 374th Airlift Wing, Yokota Air Base, Japan
15. June 2017 – July 2019, Commander, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst and 87<sup>th</sup> Air Base Wing, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.
16. August 2019 – Present, Chief, Senate Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, DC

**FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Master Navigator  
 Flight Hours: More than 2,300 hours  
 Aircraft Flown: C-130E/H

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster  
 Bronze Star  
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
 Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
 Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
 Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster  
 Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant	May 31, 1995
First Lieutenant	May 31, 1997
Captain	May 31, 1999
Major	Oct 1, 2005
Lieutenant Colonel	Mar 1, 2010
Colonel	Oct 1, 2014

(Current as of August 2019)



# **JAMES M. SMITH**

## **Brigadier General, U.S. Army**

### **Commandant, U.S. Army Transportation School**

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BG James M. Smith is a native of Hampton, Virginia. He commissioned into the United States Army in 1992 from Christopher Newport University, Virginia where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration (concentration in Accounting).

His military education includes: the Chemical Officer Basic Course, the Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course, the United States Army Command and General Staff College, the School of Advanced Military Studies, and the United States Marine Corps War College. He holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Webster University, a Master of Science in Logistics Management from Florida Institute of Technology, a Master's Degree in Theater Operations from the US Army Command and General Staff College, and a Masters in Strategic Studies from the Marine Corps War College.

BG Smith's command assignments include: 3rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command, 599th Transportation Brigade, Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii; 215th Brigade Support Battalion, 3d Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas and OPERATION NEW DAWN, Iraq; and B Company, 701st Main Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, US Army Europe.

Other significant assignments include: Executive Officer to the Commander, US Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois; Colonel Assignments Manager/Branch Chief, Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army, Washington DC; Lieutenant Colonel Assignment Officer, later Deputy Chief, Force Sustainment Division, Officer Personnel Management Directorate, US Army HRC, Alexandria, Virginia; Logistics Planner, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, later Executive Officer, 615th Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood Texas, and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq; and Combat Developer, Information Systems Directorate, Combined Arms Support Command, Fort Lee and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Kuwait and Iraq.

BG Smith has completed multiple deployments in support Operation Iraqi Freedom, and OPERATION NEW DAWN, IRAQ.

BG Smith's awards and decorations include: the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (1 OLC), Bronze Star Medal (1 OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal (1 SOLC), Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), Army Achievement Medal, the Parachutist Badge, and the Army Staff Identification Badge.





## Rear Admiral Paul Spedero Jr.

**Director, Fleet and Joint Training, N7, U.S. Fleet Forces Command**



Rear Adm. Paul C. Spedero, Jr. is a native of Springfield, Massachusetts and a 1990 graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He was commissioned through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps and was designated a naval aviator in 1992. He graduated with distinction and earned a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College and a Master of Science in Engineering Management from Old Dominion University. He is also a graduate of the Defense Language Institute with a degree in French.

Spedero commanded the “Sidewinders” of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA)-86, USS Peleliu (LHA 5), and USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69). His other operational tours include a division officer tour with the “Bounty Hunters” of Fighter

Squadron (VF)-2, a department head tour with the “Swordsmen” of VF-32, and an executive officer tour on USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70). He has deployed and participated in combat operations in support of Operations Northern Watch, Southern Watch, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and Inherent Resolve. Ashore, he served as a Topgun instructor at the Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center and as an action officer in the Joint Operations Division, Global Force Management, Joint Operations Directorate (J3), Joint Staff. Following aircraft carrier command, he served as the executive assistant to the Director, Navy Staff. Spedero has flown 3,800 hours in the F-14, the F/A-18, and other Navy aircraft and has logged 870 carrier arrested landings. His personal decorations include: Legion of Merit (two awards); Bronze Star; Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal (two awards); Air Medal (nine total awards: three individual, six Strike/Flight, and the combat distinguishing device); Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards and the combat distinguishing device); and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards).

## Brigadier General Paul T. Stanton, US Army

BG Paul Stanton assumed duty as the Deputy Director of Current Operations, J3, United States Cyber Command, on October 15, 2018. He is responsible for advising the Director of Operations and the Commander regarding the global and dynamic employment of Cyber Mission Forces and the daily operations of Department of Defense networks.

BG Stanton most recently commanded the U.S. Army Cyber Protection Brigade at Fort Gordon, Georgia, where he was responsible to train, man, equip, and employ the Army's Cyber Protection Teams in the global defense of the Nation's, Army's, and Geographic Combatant Commander's cyber priorities.

BG Stanton was commissioned as a U.S. Army officer in the infantry upon graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science from the United States Military Academy in 1995.

He served as an Airborne Rifle Platoon Leader with 1-508th Airborne Battalion Combat Team in Vicenza, Italy and then as a Bradley Platoon Leader and company executive officer with 1-26 IN in Schweinfurt, Germany, including the initial deployment to Kosovo. Paul later commanded B/1-502 IN (AASLT) with the 101st Airborne Division during the initial invasion of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In 2005, BG Stanton earned a Master's Degree in computer science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign prior to teaching computer science at West Point. In 2011, he completed his Doctorate of Philosophy in computer science from Johns Hopkins University with a dissertation focused on providing data integrity guarantees for cloud storage.

In 2012, BG Stanton became the Army Cyber Command Senior Technical Advisor. In this capacity, Paul worked to develop the concept for employing Big Data technologies in support of cyber defense. He subsequently served as the Deputy Director of the Capabilities Development Group for the United States Cyber Command (USCYBERCOM), where he led efforts associated with data analytics.

Paul married his high school sweetheart, Nomi, and they have three wonderful children Hannah, Charlotte, and Toby.





**Brigadier General William D. "Hank" Taylor**  
**U.S. Army**  
**Deputy Director for Regional Operations and Force Management,**  
**J-35 Joint Staff**

BG Taylor enlisted in the Field Artillery in 1988 and was commissioned in 1990 into the Infantry Branch. Upon graduation from Brigham Young University in 1991 he attended Flight School. His first assignment was as an OH-58D Scout Platoon Leader and then as the Squadron Adjutant in 1st Squadron (Air), 17th Cavalry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division. Following the Armor Officer Advanced Course and the Cavalry Leaders Course, he commanded D Troop, 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, in the 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Stanton, Korea.

BG Taylor next served as an Attack/Recon Troop OC/T in the 21st Cavalry Brigade. Following graduate school at BYU, he taught at the U.S. Military Academy. In 2002, he deployed to Afghanistan and served as a Joint Planner/CJ5 in CJTF-180 (18ABC) in support of OEF I. After CGSC, BG Taylor was assigned as the Squadron S3/XO in the 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (AASLT), where the Squadron deployed to Iraq/OIF. BG Taylor served as the Chief of Operations of the 101st Airborne Division from 2007-2009, including two deployments to OEF as the CJ33 of CJTF-101/RC-East.

From 2009 to 2011, BG Taylor commanded the 2nd Squadron (Air), 17th Cavalry Regiment/TF Saber 101st ABN DIV, and deployed in support of OEF in RC-South. After Squadron command, he served as the Aviation Branch Chief/OPMD at the United States Army Human Resources Command. After AWC, BG Taylor deployed to OEF as the CJ3/G3 of RC-East and CJTF-101. From 2014 to 2016, BG Taylor commanded the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade in Korea and then served as the Chief of Staff for the 8th Army from 2016 to 2017. From 2017 to 2018, he served as the Deputy Commanding General-Maneuver 1st Cavalry Division. BG Taylor served as the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Operational Test Command from 2018 to 2019. He most recently served as the Director, Ministry Advisor Group - Defense (MAG-D) in Afghanistan.

Among BG Taylor's awards and decorations are the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal (5th Award), Army Commendation Medal with "V" device, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Valorous Unit Award, Combat Action Badge, Master Army Aviator Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, and Air Assault Badge.



# United States Navy Biography

## **Rear Admiral Jeromy B. Williams** **Joint Staff J3 Deputy Director for Special Operations & Counterterrorism**

Rear Admiral Williams was commissioned in 1993 following graduation from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, with a degree in Aerospace Engineering. He immediately reported to SEAL Training and graduated in January 1994.

From 1994 to 1999 RDML Williams' operational assignments included two tours as Assistant Platoon Commander, Joint Commissioned Observer Commander, Assistant Operations Officer, and Platoon Commander. RDML Williams served as a SEAL Team Operations Officer from 2000 to 2001.

RDML Williams served as Troop Commander, Operations Officer, and Executive Officer from 2001 to 2006. He later served as Squadron Commanding Officer from 2009-2012. He served as Deputy Major Commander and then as Commodore from 2014 to 2017. Most recently, he served as Deputy Commander Special Operations Joint Task Force-Iraq for Operation Inherent Resolve from 2019-2020.

RDML Williams' previous staff assignments include duty at the Joint Special Operations Command 1999 to 2000, Crisis and Contingency Division Chief at Special Operations Command Europe 2007 to 2009, and NSW Officer Detailer at the Navy Personnel Command 2012 to 2013. He was assigned to United States Special Operations Command from 2013 to 2014 and as Deputy Director for Integration and International Engagement in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations from 2018 to 2019.

A distinguished graduate of the U.S. Naval War College, RDML Williams holds a Masters in National Security and Strategic Studies. Selected by the Chief of Naval Operations as the Navy Military Fellow, he served at the Council on Foreign Relations from 2017-2018.

He currently serves as the Joint Staff J3 Deputy Director for Special Operations and Counterterrorism.

RDML Williams is married to the former Stephanie Gray and they have two children.

