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# **NDU PRESIDENT**



Lieutenant General Mike Plehn is the 17<sup>th</sup> President of the National Defense University. As President of NDU, he oversees its five component colleges that offer graduate-level degrees and certifications in joint professional military education to over 2,000 U.S. military officers, civilian government officials, international military officers and industry partners annually.

Raised in an Army family, he graduated from Miami Southridge Senior High School in 1983 and attended the U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy with Military Distinction and a degree in Astronautical Engineering in 1988. He is a Distinguished Graduate of Squadron Officer School as well as the College of Naval Command and Staff, where he received a Master's Degree with Highest Distinction in National Security and Strategic Studies. He also holds a Master of Airpower Art and Science degree from the School of Advanced Airpower Studies, as well as a Master of Aerospace Science degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Lt Gen Plehn has extensive experience in joint, interagency, and special operations, including: Middle East Policy in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, and four tours at the Combatant Command level to include U.S. European Command, U.S. Central Command, and twice at U.S. Southern Command, where he was most recently the Military Deputy Commander. He also served on the Air Staff in Strategy and Policy and as the speechwriter to the Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

Lt Gen Plehn is a master navigator with 2,200 flight hours in the AC-130H, AC-130U, U-28, MQ-1B, MQ-9, and F-16D. He has more than 350 combat hours supporting operations over Bosnia, Somalia, Haiti, Afghanistan, and Iraq. He has commanded special operations units at the squadron, group, and wing levels, and was formerly the Deputy Commander of Air Force Special Operations Command.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters, the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters, Aerial Achievement Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Gallant Unit Citation, and the Medal for Distinguished Service to the Colombian Military Forces.

An Eagle Scout and avid reader, he speaks passable Spanish. In their quiet time, Mike and his wife enjoy watching ice hockey and providing staff assistance to their two cats.

# **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, 2nd 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

# **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 Tresurer 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 J. 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 6th 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 4th 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 the Deputy Director of 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 Master's 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 AI 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.

## Wheeler, Jr. Clifford E. (Cliff) Program Manager, Keystone & Pinnacle, 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 SPACE FORCE

### **BRIGADIER GENERAL SHAWN W. CAMPBELL**

Brig. Gen. Shawn W. Campbell is the Deputy Human Capital Officer, Chief of Space Operations, Headquarters U.S. Space Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. He provides guidance and oversight for force structure analysis; personnel programs; civilian personnel; readiness; senior officer matters; quality force issues; equal opportunity and family support for military and civilian personnel located at 175 locations worldwide in support of the Force's space launch, space surveillance, missile warning and satellite command and control operations.

Brig. Gen. Campbell received his commission from the United States Air Force Officer Training School in May 1996. He has served in a variety of positions and functions at national, theater and unit levels, including having commanded the 10th Air Base Wing at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado, the 375th Mission Support Group at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois and the 62nd Services Squadron at McChord AFB, Washington. He has deployment experience supporting operations Northern Watch, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom. Additionally, Brig. Gen. Campbell was an Air Force Strategic Policy Intern at the Pentagon, and a National Security Fellow, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.



#### EDUCATION

1993 Honor Graduate, Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas 1994 Electronic Computer & Switching Specialist School, Keesler AFB, Miss. 1995 Associate of Applied Science, Electronic Technology, Community College of the Air Force, Montgomery, Ala. 1995 Bachelor of Science, Business Management, Newman University, Wichita, Kan. 1996 Officer Training School, Montgomery, Ala. 1996 Distinguished Graduate, Civil Engineering and Services School, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 1998 Port Mortuary/Mass Casualty Affairs Course, Dover AFB, Del. 1998 Outstanding Performer, Services Combat Support Flight Chiefs Course, Dover AFB, Del. 1999 Services Mortuary Management Course, by correspondence 1999 Master of Business Administration, Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester 2000 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. 2003 Contingency Wartime Planners Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala. 2003 Graduate Certificate. Organizational Management. The George Washington University. Washington, D.C. 2005 Services Leadership Course, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 2005 Air Command and Staff College, Montgomery, Ala., by correspondence 2006 Air Force Strategic Policy Intern (IDE), the Pentagon, Arlington, Va. 2008 Distinguished Graduate, Army Mortuary Affairs Officer Course, Fort Lee, Va. 2008 Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Norfolk, Va. 2009 Air War College, Montgomery, Ala., by correspondence 2013 National Security Fellow, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. (SDE) 2017 Leadership Development Program, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, Colo.

2018 National & International Security Leadership Seminar, Alan L. Freed Associates, Alexandria, Va. 2018 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, University of North Carolina, Kenan-Flagler Business School, Chapel Hill 2019 Human Resource Data Analytics Certificate, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1993–November 1994, Student, Basic Military Training, 332d Basic Military Training Squadron, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas

2. November 1993–June 1994, Student, Electronic & Computer Switching Specialist School, 81st Technical Training Wing, Keesler AFB, Miss.

3. June 1994–December 1995, Computer/LAN Technician, 22nd Communications Squadron, McConnell AFB, Kan.

4. January 1996–May 1996, Student, Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

5. May 1996–December 1996, Lodging Manager, 66th Services Squadron, Hanscom AFB, Mass.

6. December 1996–July 1998, Operations Officer, 66th Services Squadron, Hanscom AFB, Mass.

7. July 1998–August 1999, Executive Officer, 66th Support Group, Hanscom AFB, Mass.

8. August 1999–July 2000, Combat Support Flight Commander, 51st Services Squadron, Osan Air Base, South Korea

9. August 2000–May 2002, Combat Support Flight Commander, 52nd Services Squadron, Spangdahlem AB, Germany

10. December 2001–March 2002, Chief of Services, 39th Aerospace Expeditionary Wing, Incirlik AB, Turkey 11. June 2002–June 2003, Air Force Intern, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

12. June 2003–March 2004, Chief, Fiduciary Oversight, Headquarters Air Force, Deputy Chief of Staff for Installations and Logistics, Directorate of Services, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

13. March 2004–June 2005, Assistant Executive Officer, Headquarters Air Force, Deputy Chief of Staff for Installations and Logistics, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

14. July 2005–July 2007, Commander, 62d Services Squadron, McChord AFB, Wash.

15. September 2006–January2007, Deputy Chief and Acting Chief of Personnel Programs, Headquarters Multi-National Corps Iraq, Camp Victory, Baghdad

16. August 2007–March 2009, Chief, Joint Mortuary Affairs and Services Branch, Logistics Operations Division, Directorate of Logistics, Headquarters United States Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla.

17. March 2009–July 2010, Executive Officer to the Director, Logistics Directorate, Headquarters U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla.

18. July 2010–June 2011, Assistant Deputy Force Support Services, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Headquarters Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

19. June 2011–July 2012, Chief, Director's Action Group, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Headquarters Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

20. July 2012–June 2013, National Security Fellow, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

21. June 2013–June 2014, Chief, Total Force Service Center Operations Division, Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas

22. June 2014–July 2016, Commander, 375th Mission Support Group, Scott AFB, III.

23. July 2016–June 2017, Director, Manpower & Personnel, U.S. Transportation Command, Scott AFB, III.

24. June 2017–June 2019, Installation and 10th Air Base Wing Commander, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.

25. July 2019–May 2020, Director, Talent Management Innovation Cell, Headquarters Air Force, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

26. May 2020–present, Deputy Human Capital Officer, Chief of Space Operations, Headquarters U.S. Space Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

#### SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 2007–March 2009, Chief, Joint Mortuary Affairs and Services Branch, Logistics Operations Division, Directorate of Logistics, Headquarters U.S. Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., as a major

2. March 2009–July 2010, Executive Officer to the Director, Logistics Directorate, Headquarters U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla., as a major and lieutenant colonel

3. July 2016–June 2017, Director, Manpower & Personnel, U.S. Transportation Command, Scott AFB, III., as a colonel

#### MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Achievement Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters Air Force Recognition Ribbon with oak leaf cluster

#### OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2000 7th Air Force Outstanding Young Americans Award
2001 U.S. Air Forces Europe Services Military Manager of the Year
2001 U.S. Air Forces Europe Company Grade Officer of the Year
2001 Air Force Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award
2007 Air Force Commander In Chief Installation Excellence Special Recognition Award
2007 Air Force Armed Forces Recreation Society Commander's Award
2008 Air Force District of Washington Lieutenant General Norm Lezy Award

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

Second Lieutenant May 3, 1996 First Lieutenant May 3, 1998 Captain May 3, 2000 Major April 1, 2006 Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2010 Colonel Oct. 1, 2014 Brigadier General Oct. 2, 2020

(Current as of December 2020)



# Brigadier General Adam L. Chalkley

Assistant Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics (Plans)

Brigadier General Chalkley received his commission through the Platoon Leaders Course after graduating from Texas A&M University in May 1993. Following The Basic School and Motor Transport Officers Course, he reported to 7th Motor Transport Battalion, where he served as a Platoon Commander, Detachment Commander, Assistant Operations Officer, and Company Commander.

He was next assigned to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego in 1997, where he served as a Series Commander, Executive Officer, and Company Commander in 1st Recruit Training Battalion. He then attended the U.S. Army's Combined Logistics Captains Career Course at Ft. Lee, Virginia.

Following completion of Career Level School in March 2000, he was assigned to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable), Okinawa, Japan, for duties as



the Assistant Logistics Officer. After completing five deployments with the MEU, he was selected to serve as Aide de Camp, 3d Marine Division. As the Aide de Camp, he participated in counter-insurgency operations in the southern Philippines.

In November 2003, he was selected for an Individual Augment billet in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he provided service component representation and liaison to the Combined Forces Land Component Commander for the reintroduction of Marine forces into combat operations during OIF-II. Upon returning to CONUS, he attended the U.S. Marine Corps Command and Staff College, where he earned a Masters Degree in Military Studies and was selected as a Distinguished Graduate.

In June 2005, he assumed command of Recruiting Station Oklahoma City. After a successful recruiting tour, he joined the I Marine Expeditionary Force staff. He deployed to Iraq to join I MEF (Forward), serving as the Officer in Charge, MAGTF Deployment and Distribution Operations Center (MDDOC), Multi-National Force – West, during Operation Iraqi Freedom 08-2 and 09-1.

In January 2010, he deployed to Helmand Province, Afghanistan to serve as the Marine Expeditionary Brigade-Afghanistan interim G-4 Current Operations Officer, and to facilitate the introduction of I MEF (Fwd) into Afghanistan.

In June 2010, he assumed command of Combat Logistics Battalion 4 in Okinawa, Japan. Under his command, CLB-4 deployed to Helmand Province in 2012 for combat operations in support of Regimental Combat Team 6, Special Operations Task Force – West, and other designated Regional Command (Southwest) forces during Operation Enduring Freedom 12.1. Following battalion command and a brief assignment as the Deputy G-4, 3d Marine Logistics Group, he attended the U.S. Naval War College, earning a Masters Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies and graduating with distinction.

From 2014 to 2016, he served as Chief of Staff and Operations Division Chief, Logistics Directorate (ECJ4), Headquarters, U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany.

In August 2016 he assumed command of Combat Logistics Regiment 2. In November 2017, he assumed command of Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force – Crisis Response – Africa for the 18.2 rotation. Under his command, SPMAGTF-CR-AF 18.2 deployed in March 2018 for seven months of crisis response operations in support of U.S. Africa Command.

From December 2018 to June 2020, he served as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, and Chief of Staff, 2d Marine Logistics Group. During this assignment, he attended Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program.

Brigadier General Chalkley is currently assigned as Assistant Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics (LP), where he oversees logistics plans, policy, and strategic mobility for the Marine Corps.



## Brigadier General Lance G. Curtis Commanding General 3rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command and Assistant Commanding General-Support XVIII Airborne Corps

Brigadier General Curtis is a native of Warrensburg, Missouri. He was commissioned through ROTC upon graduation from The University of Missouri with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in International Relations in May 1992. His military schooling includes the Officer's Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, the US Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC), and the Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy Senior Service College. He holds a Masters of Arts Degree in Management from Webster University and a Masters of Science Degree in National Security and Resource Strategy from the National Defense University.

His previous assignments include Platoon Leader and Executive Officer of Charlie Company, 307th Forward Support Battalion of the 82nd Airborne Division; Medical Platoon Leader, Supply and Transportation Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, Battalion Assistant S3 and Battalion Assistant S4 of 4-325 Airborne Infantry Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division; Company Commander of Bravo Company, Medical Center

Brigade of Walter Reed Army Medical Center; Joint Staff Intern and Military Assistant to The Joint Staff J4, at the Pentagon (where he branch transferred to the Quartermaster Corps); White House Social Aide; Company Commander of HQ and Alpha Company 626 Forward Support Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) during Operation Enduring Freedom I; Rear Detachment Commander and later S3 Plans Officer of the Division Support Command, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); G3 Plans Officer of 19th Expeditionary Support Command in Daegu, South Korea; Support Operations Officer and Battalion Executive Officer of 498th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion in South Korea; Concepts Branch Chief of the Capabilities Division The Joint Staff J4, Pentagon; the Executive Officer to the Deputy Commander for Support, United States Forces-Afghanistan in Kabul, Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom X; Battalion Commander of the 87th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 3rd Sustainment Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Georgia and at Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan during OEF XIII; Liaison Officer for the Division Chief of Staff for the 3rd Infantry Division; Commander of the 528th Sustainment Brigade (Special Operations, Airborne) of 1st Special Forces Command in United State Army Special Operations Command (where he combat deployed the unit to Iraq and Syria); the XVIII Airborne Corps G4; the Executive Officer to the Deputy Commander of AMC, and finally as the Deputy Director of the HQDA G43/5/7.

His awards and decorations include: Legion of Merit (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), Bronze Star Medal (with three Oak Leaf Clusters), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, The Meritorious Service Medal (with four Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (with one Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), National Defense Service Medal (with one Service Star), Afghan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Medal, UN Multinational Forces Medal, NATO Non-Article 5 Medal, Army Superior Unit Award, Joint Meritorious Unit Award (with one Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Australian and Honduran Airborne Badges, Expert Field Medical Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Rigger Badge, Joint Staff Identification Badge, Army Staff Identification Badge, the Combat Action Badge and the Ranger Tab.

Brigadier General Curtis is married to Colonel Elizabeth Curtis of the 528th Sustainment Brigade (Special Operations, Airborne), and they have three daughters. Sydney age 15, Ella age 12, and Reagan age 6.



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### **BRIGADIER GENERAL ERIC P. DELANGE**

Brig. Gen. Eric P. DeLange is the Director, Cyberspace Operations and Warfighter Communications, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance, and Cyber Effects Operations, Headquarters Air Force, Washington, D.C. He also leads a matrixed directorate under the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations. As Director, Brig. Gen. DeLange is responsible for integrating cyberspace warfare capabilities into the joint fight through strategic vision, policy, guidance, and resource advocacy.

Prior to assuming his current position, Brig. Gen. DeLange served as the Senior Executive Officer to the Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force. As the Vice Chief's trusted advisor, Brig. Gen DeLange interfaced daily with senior officials from the Air Staff, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Office of the Secretary of Defense on the total spectrum of DoD issues.

Brig. Gen. DeLange received his commission upon graduation from the United States Air Force Academy in June 1993. Since his commissioning, Brig. Gen. DeLange has held a variety of communications and cyber operations officer positions at the Squadron, Group, Numbered Air Force, Major Command, Headquarters Air Force, Joint Force Headquarters and Joint Staff levels.



#### EDUCATION

1993 Bachelor of Science in Operations Research, USAF Academy, CO; minor in Spanish 1994 Master of Science in Decision and Information Systems, Arizona State University, AZ 1995 Basic Communications Officer Training, Keesler AFB, MS

1999 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL

2003 Advanced Communications Officer Training, Keesler AFB, MS

2003 Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence)

2006 M.A. in Nat'l Security and Strategic Studies, Naval Cmnd and Staff College, Newport, RI 2008 Air War College (Correspondence)

2013 Master of Science in National Security Studies, National War College, Ft. McNair, Washington D.C. 2018 Leading Strategically Seminar, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, CO

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1993 - December 1994, Student, AFIT Civilian Institution Programs, Arizona State University, Tempe, Ariz.

2. January 1995 - May 1996, Deputy Chief, Local Area Networks, AFSPC Computer Support Squadron, Peterson AFB, CO

3. May 1996 - November 1997, Information Systems Flight Commander, 21st Communications Squadron, 21st Space Wing, Peterson AFB, CO

4. November 1997 - August 1998, Personnel Exchange Program Manager, HQ 12th AF, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

5. August 1998 - August 2000, Latin American Cooperation Fund Manager, HQ 12th AF, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

6. August 2000 - October 2001, Executive Officer, HQ 12th Air Force, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

7. October 2001 - August 2003, Communications Contingency Plans Officer, Directorate of Communications and Information, HQ PACAF, Hickam AFB, Hawaii

8. September 2003 - September 2004, Executive Officer, Deputy Chief of Staff for Warfighting Integration, HQ AF, Washington, D.C.

9. September 2004 - June 2005, Chief, Airborne Modernization Branch, Information, Services and Integration Directorate, Office of Warfighting Integration & Chief Information Officer, Headquarters Air Force, Washington, D.C.

10. July 2005 - June 2006, Student, Naval Command and Staff College, Newport, R.I.

11. July 2006 – August 2008, Commander, 1st Air and Space Communications Operations Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany

12. August 2008 – August 2009, Chief, Enterprise Operations then Deputy Director, Joint Network Control Center, Communications Directorate, Multi-National Force-Iraq, Camp Victory, Iraq

13. August 2009 – October 2010, Action Officer then Branch Chief, Enterprise Services Division,

Command, Control, Communications, and Computer Systems Directorate, the Joint Staff, Wash D.C.

14. October 2010 – June 2012, Commander, 83<sup>rd</sup> Network Operations Squadron, Langley AFB, Virginia 15. July 2012 – June 2013, Student, National War College, Ft McNair, Washington D.C.

15. July 2012 – June 2013, Student, National War College, Ft McNair, Washington D.C.

16. July 2013 – July 2015, Commander, 38th Cyberspace Engineering & Installation Grp, Tinker AFB, OK

17. July 2015 – May 2016, Director Cyberspace Forces, 18 AF/618 AOC (TACC), Scott AFB, IL

18. May 2016 – June 2017, Director of Communications & DIRCYBERFOR, 18 AF, Scott AFB, IL

19. June 2017 – June 2019, Commander, 688th Cyberspace Wing, JBSA-Lackland, TX

20. June 2019 – July 2020, Senior Executive Officer to the Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Headquarters Air Force, Washington, D.C.

21. July 2020 – present, Director, Cyberspace Operations and Warfighter Communications, Headquarters Air Force, Washington, D.C.

#### SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

 August 2008 – August 2009, Chief, Enterprise Operations then Deputy Director, Joint Network Control Center, Communications Directorate, Multi-National Force-Iraq, Camp Victory, Iraq
 August 2009 – October 2010, Action Officer then Branch Chief, Enterprise Services Division, Command, Control, Communications, and Computer Systems Directorate, the Joint Staff, Wash D.C.

#### MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters Bronze Star Defense Meritorious Service Medal Meritorious Service Medal with one silver leaf cluster Air Force Commendation Medal Joint Service Achievement Medal Air Force Achievement Medal Joint Meritorious Unit Award Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one silver leaf cluster

#### **EFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant	June 2, 1993
First Lieutenant	June 2, 1995
Captain	June 2, 1997
Major	August 1, 2003
Lieutenant Colonel	September 1, 2007
Colonel	August 1, 2013
Brigadier General	August 2, 2020

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### **BRIGADIER GENERAL TODD A. FOGLE**

Brig. Gen. Todd A. Fogle is the Deputy Director of the Operations and Integration Directorate for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency. He supports the OI Director in overseeing all efforts of the directorate which is responsible for applying advanced information technology, threat network analysis and operational research analytics, operations and planning, interagency and partner coordination, and training support to enable the Department of Defense to detect, deter, and defeat weapons of mass destruction and emergent threats including their supporting facilitation networks.

Brig. Gen. Fogle entered the Air Force through the Cedarville University Reserve Officer Training Corps. He has spent the majority of his career in special operations aviation assignments and led contingency operations in the Middle East, Europe, Africa, and South America. He has commanded at the Squadron, Group, Joint Special Operations Air Component, Expeditionary Wing, and Wing levels. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, the Joint Forces Staff College, and the National Defense University. Prior to the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Brig. Gen. Fogle served as the Special Assistant and Executive



Officer to the Commanding General, United States Special Operations Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida.

#### EDUCATION

- 1992 Bachelors in Mathematics and Physics, Cedarville University, Cedarville, OH
- 1994 Masters in Aviation Management, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, FL
- 1997 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 1999 Advanced Studies in Air Mobility, Fort Dix, NJ
- 2003 Flight Safety Officer Course, Kirtland AFB, NM
- 2005 US Army Command and General Staff College, Ft Leavenworth, KS
- 2007 Air War College by correspondence, Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2008 Joint Forces Staff College, NAS Norfolk, VA
- 2010 Maintenance Course for Operational Commanders, Sheppard AFB, TX

2012 Masters in National Security Strategy Resourcing, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.

- 2012 Air Advisor Academy, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ
- 2012 Defense Language Institute Dari, Rosslyn, VA
- 2014 USAF Mission Support Group Commanders Course and Incident Management Course, Washington, D.C.
- 2015 Safety and Accident Investigation Board President Course, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2016 Africa Seminar, Senior Leader Development Program, Washington, D.C.
- 2017 USAF Wing Commander Course, Senior Officer Legal Orientation, Wing Executive Level Response Course, Senior Leader Mission Generation Course, Washington, D.C.
- 2020 Continuous Process Improvement for Executives, Institute for Defense and Business, Chapel Hill, NC 2020 Eurasia Seminar, Senior Leader Development Program, Washington, D.C.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

- 1. January 1993-June 1994, Personnel Analyst, USAF Military Personnel Center, Randolph AFB,TX
- 2. June 1994-June 1995, Joint Undergraduate Navigator Training Student, Randolph AFB, TX
- 3. September 1995-September 1998, C-130E/H Instructor Navigator, Tactics Officer, and Executive Officer, 36th Airlift Squadron, Yokota AB, Japan
- 4. September 1998-September 2000, Air Mobility Command PHOENIX HAWK Internship—TACC Watch Officer and Doctrine Officer, Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, IL
- 5. September 2000-August 2004, MC-130H Evaluator Navigator and Wing Safety Officer, Hurlburt Field, FL
- 6. August 2004-June 2005, Student, US Army Command and General Staff College, Ft Leavenworth, KS
- 7. June 2005-June 2006, Chief of Wing Plans and MC-130H Instructor Navigator, Hurlburt Field, FL

8. June 2006-January 2008, Executive Officer to the Chief of Staff, United States Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, FL

9. January 2008-June 2008, Deputy Director Air Requirements Branch, United States Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, FL

10. June 2008-November 2009, Director of Operations, 352d Special Operations Support Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, UK

11. November 2009-July 2011, Director of Operations then Commander, 352d Special Operations Support Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, UK

12. August 2011-June 2012, Student, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C. 13. June 2012-March 2013, CHECKMATE, CENTCOM Branch Chief, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

14. March 2013-March 2014, Afghanistan-Pakistan Hand; Senior Advisor to the Afghan Office of the National Security Council and Director of the Presidential Information Coordination Center, Presidential Palace, Kabul, Afghanistan

15. July 2014-August 2016, Commander, 1st Special Operations Mission Support Group, Hurlburt Field, Florida 16. August 2016-Februrary 2018, Commander, Joint Special Operations Air Component-Africa and 27th Expeditionary Special Operations Wing-Africa, Kelley Barracks, Germany

17. February 2018-May 2019, Commander, 492d Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, Florida

18. May 2019-August 2020, Special Assistant and Executive Officer to the Commanding General, United States Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, Florida

#### SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2006-June 2008, Executive Officer to the Chief of Staff then Deputy Director Air Requirements Branch, United States Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, FL, as a major and lieutenant colonel

2. March 2013-March 2014, International Security Assistance Force Senior Advisor to the Presidential Palace and Director Presidential Information Command Center, Kabul, Afghanistan, as a colonel

3. August 2016-Februrary 2018, Commander, Joint Special Operations Air Component-Africa and 27th

Expeditionary Special Operations Wing-Africa, Kelley Barracks, Germany, as a colonel

4. May 2019-August 2020, Director, Commander's Action Group then Executive Officer to the Commanding General, United States Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, Florida, as a colonel

5. August 2020-present, Deputy Director, Operations and Integration Directorate, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, as a brigadier general

#### FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Master Navigator Flying hours: Over 2,700 including 533 combat hours Aircraft Flown: C-130 E/H, MC-130H/P, U-28A, AC-208

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

Defense Superior Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster Distinguished Flying Cross with Valor Device Bronze Star Medal Defense Meritorious Service Medal Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters Air Medal with six oak leaf clusters Aerial Achievement Medal Air Force Combat Action Medal

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

Second Lieutenant September 25, 1992 First Lieutenant September 25, 1994 Captain September 25, 1996 Major April 1, 2003 Lieutenant Colonel April 1, 2008 Colonel October 1, 2013 Brigadier General August 2, 2020

(Current as of March 2021)

#### **Brigadier General Jon Howerton, US Army** Director of the White House Military Office



BG Jon Howerton was appointed as the Director of the White House Military Office in August 2019.

He is a graduate of Texas Christian University and commissioned in 1990 as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. BG Howerton also served as a National Security Fellow at the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government.

BG Howerton has served in a variety of leadership and staff assignments throughout his career and made numerous operational deployments to Iraq and Bosnia, as well as serving multiple overseas assignments in the Republic of Korea, Hawaii, and Europe. He has commanded Field Artillery units at the captain, lieutenant colonel and colonel levels, and served as a Deputy Commanding General of 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division. Notable staff assignments include Military Aide to Vice President and Chief of the Army's House Liaison Division, U.S. House of Representatives.

BG Howerton and his wife, Trish, have two teenage children.

# Deputy Commanding General BG Steven M. Marks





1st Special Forces Command (Airborne)

Brigadier General Steven M. Marks was raised in Columbia, Missouri, and earned his commission from the University of Missouri ROTC Department where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree. After being commissioned as а second lieutenant in December 1992 and attending the Officer Basic Course, he reported to 2nd Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Brig. Gen. Marks served in a variety of tactical assignments in the Airborne Field Artillery Regiment and Special Operations units. He served in the 82nd



Airborne Division, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), Joint Special Operations Command, United States Army Garrison – Italy, and Resolute Support Mission – Afghanistan. He also served as the Director of Operations Special Operations Task Force 33 – Afghanistan, Deputy J-3 Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan, Deputy Chief of Operations Joint Special Operations Command, and Deputy J-3 Task Force 5-35 – Afghanistan.

Brig. Gen. Marks has commanded in Afghanistan at every rank from captain to lieutenant colonel, serving most recently as the Commander of the Special Operations Task Force – Northeast. He commanded the United States Army Garrison – Italy before returning to Joint Special Operations Command as the Director of the J5. He currently serves as the Deputy Commanding General for 1st Special Forces Command (Airborne).

Brig. Gen. Marks holds a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College Newport, Rhode Island, and a Master of Science degree in Defense Analysis from the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California. He is also a graduate of the Army's Command and General Staff College. His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters. He also earned the Combat Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Military Freefall Badge, Special Forces Tab, and Ranger Tab.

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Rear Admiral Marc Miguez

Deputy Director for Operations, National Joint Operations Intelligence Center, Operations Team TWO, J3, Joint Staff

Rear Adm. Marc Miguez, a native of New Iberia, Louisiana. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in December 1985. Upon completion of recruit training in June 1986, he reported to 3rd Force Reconnaissance Company. During his tour he completed numerous military schools and deployments to include Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. During this time he attended the University of South Alabama and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in June 1993. In March 1994, he received a commission in the U.S. Navy through the Aviation Officer Candidate School program at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida. He then completed flight school and was



designated a Naval Flight Officer in May 1995. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Marine Corps Command and Staff College where he earned a Master of Arts in Military Studies.

His operational assignments include the "Diamondbacks" of Fighter Squadron 102 (VF-102), the "Puking Dogs" of VF-143, and the "Bullets" of Strike Fighter Squadron 2 (VFA-2). Miguez has made several extended deployments in support of Operation Southern Watch, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and New Dawn.

Ashore Miguez' assignments include liaison officer to the National Counter Terrorism Center, U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), Naval Aviation Programs and Deputy Director, Navy Programs representative to Congress, Navy Office of Legislative Affairs, and executive assistant to Commander U.S. Pacific Fleet.

He has previously commanded the "Blacklions" of VFA-213 and Carrier Air Wing 3 (CVW 3).

Miguez has accumulated over 4,000 flight hours in both the F-14 and F/A-18 and over 1,000 carrierarrested landings. He is entitled to wear the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Air Medal (four Strike Flight awards), as well as several other personal and unit campaign awards.

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### Brigadier General Charles R. "Rob" Parker Deputy Director J6 (DDJ6), The Joint Staff





BG Rob Parker is a graduate of North Georgia College and received his commission through the ROTC into the U.S. Army Signal Corps in 1993. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology, a Masters of Science in Telecommunications Management from Webster University, and a Masters of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

Assigned as the Deputy Director, J6 in January 2021, he serves as the Chair, Joint All-Domain Command & Control - Cross Functional Team and separately, as the Chair, C4/ Cyber Functional Capabilities Board. In both roles, he reports to the Joint Requirements Oversight Council (JROC).

Prior to his current assignment on the Joint Staff, he served as the Director, Joint & Integration within the Headquarters, Dept. of the Army G8 and previously, as the Chief, Mission Command Division (2018-2020), also in the G8. Before arriving in the Pentagon, he served as the Chief Information Officer (CIO) and Deputy Chief of Staff, G6 for the United States Army - Europe. Notably, he served as the last Commander of the 5th Signal Command (Theater) in support of all Army forces in Europe and Africa from 2016-2017.

Following graduation from the United States Army War College in 2014, COL Parker was selected for CSL duties as the G-6, III Armored Corps at Fort Hood, Texas and then deployed with the Corps to CJTF-Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR) where he served as the CJ6 from 2015-2016.

BG Parker is a graduate of the Army Force Integration Course, the Joint C4 Systems Planner's Course; the Army Basic Parachutist Course; the U.S. Navy's Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape course (SERE); the Army's Northern Warfare Course in Alaska and the US Army War College.

BG Parker's awards include the Legion of Merit with three bronze oak leaf clusters; the Bronze Star; the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with bronze oak leaf; the Army Meritorious Service Medal with silver oak leaf; the Army Commendation Medal; and the Army Achievement Medal. He is a recipient of the Army Signal Regiment's Bronze Order of Mercury, the Armor Regiment's Order of St. Martin and earned the German Schutzenschnur medal. BG Parker is happily married to his wife of 27 years and they have two children.

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SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS Deputy Director for Command, Control, Communications, and Computers/Cyber Systems, J-6, Joint Staff, Washington, DC	DATE	GRADE
	Jan 21 - Present	Brigadier General
Chief, C4 Plans and Operations Division, United States Alaskan Command, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska	Jul 06 - May 09	Major/Lieutenant Colonel
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS	DATE	GRADE
Assistant Chief of Staff, CJ6, Combined Joint Task Force, OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE, Kuwait & Iraq	Aug 15 - May 16	Colonel
Deputy Commander, Tactical Theater Signal Brigade Task Force, Combined Joint Operations Area, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan	Jan 12 - Dec 12	Lieutenant Colonel
Communications Officer, 2d Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (SOAR), OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan	Aug 02 - May 03	Captain
Platoon Leader, D Company, 32d Signal Battalion, United States Army Europe, OPERATION JOINT ENDEAVOR, Hungary	Nov 95 - Feb 96	First Lieutenant



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#### **BRIGADIER GENERAL JEFFERY D. VALENZIA**

Brigadier General Jeffery D. Valenzia is the Director, Joint Force Integration, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategy, Integration and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Arlington, Virginia.

General Valenzia earned his commission from Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 075 where he received his Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training from San Diego State University in 1994 and entered the Air Force as a Command and Control Officer. Soon after, he completed Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training followed by F- 16 initial training. General Valenzia has served in numerous positions at the squadron, group, wing, air operations center, Combatant Command, and Joint Staff levels; including squadron command Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, wing command at the 93d Air Ground Operations Wing, Moody AFB, GA and Commanding General, Train Advise Assist Command-Air and Commander, 438th Air Expeditionary Wing, Kabul, Afghanistan.



General Valenzia is a command pilot with 1,991 flying hours and has deployed in support of Operations NORTHERN WATCH, NOBLE EAGLE, IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, and RESOLUTE SUPPORT. Prior to this assignment, he was the Commander, 9<sup>th</sup> Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force-Afghanistan and Commander, NATO Air Command-Afghanistan, Headquarters Resolute Support, Kabul, Afghanistan.

#### **EDUCATION**

1994 Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA

2001 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL

2005 Masters in Human Factors, Embry-Riddle University

2007 Masters in Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL

2008 Masters in Airpower Art and Science, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, AL 2015 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

2016 Masters of Science in National Resource Strategy, The Eisenhower School, Fort Leslie J. McNair, Washington DC

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1994 – September 1995, Squadron Adjutant, 86th Flying Training Squadron, Laughlin AFB, TX

2. September 1995 – February 1998, Chief of Training Management Center, Emergency Actions Team Chief, 55th Wing, Offutt AFB, NE

3. February 1998 – April 1999, Student, 25th Flying Training Squadron, Vance AFB, OK

4. April 1999 - April 2000, Student, 309th Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, AZ

5. April 2000 – November 2002, Instructor Pilot, Flight Commander, Chief of Squadron Programing, 77th Fighter Squadron, Shaw AFB, SC

6. November 2002 – November 2004, Evaluation Flight Examiner, Chief of Wing Standardization and Evaluation, 51st Operations Group, Osan AB, ROK

7. November 2004 – July 2007, Instructor Pilot, Wing Executive Officer, Assistant Director of Operations, 56th Fighter Wing and 308th Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, AZ

8. July 2007 - June 2008, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL

9. June 2008 – June 2009, Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, AL 10. June 2009 – June 2010, Chief, Strategy Plans Team, 609th Air and Space Operations Center, Al Udeid AB, Qatar

11. November 2010 – September 2012, Director of Operations and then Commander, 51st Operations Support Squadron, Osan AB, ROK

12. September 2012 – May 2013, Future Joint Forces Development, ART Branch Chief, JCS/JS, J-7, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

13. May 2013 – August 2014, Special Assistant to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

14. August 2014 – July 2015, Vice Wing Commander, 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan Air Base, ROK

15. July 2015 – June 2016, Student, The Eisenhower School, Fort Leslie J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

- 16. June 2016 May 2018, Commander, 93d Air Ground Operations Wing, Moody AFB, GA
- 17. May 2018 June 2019, Executive Assistant, CDRNORAD & USNORTHCOM, Peterson AFB, CO

 June 2019 – March 2020, Commanding General, Train Advise Assist Command-Air (TAAC-Air) and Commander, 438th Air Expeditionary Wing, Forward Operating Base Oqab, Kabul, Afghanistan
 March 2020 – July 2020, Commander, 9<sup>th</sup> Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force-Afghanistan and Commander, NATO Air Command-Afghanistan, Headquarters Resolute Support, Kabul, Afghanistan
 July 2020 – Present, Director, Joint Force Integration, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategy, Integration and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Arlington, Virginia

#### SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 2012 – May 2013, Future Joint Forces Development, ART Branch Chief, JCS/JS, J-7, Pentagon, Washington, D.C., as a lieutenant colonel

2. May 2013 – August 2014, Special Assistant to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Pentagon, Washington, D.C., as a lieutenant colonel

3. May 2018 – June 2019, Executive Assistant, CDRNORAD & USNORTHCOM, Peterson AFB, CO, as a colonel

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command Pilot Flight hours: 1991 Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, F-16, A-29

#### MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal with combat device Legion of Merit Defense Meritorious Service Medal Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters Air Medal with combat device Aerial Achievement Medal Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

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

Second LieutenantSeptember 1994First LieutenantSeptember 1996CaptainSeptember 1998MajorFebruary 2005Lieutenant ColonelDecember 2009ColonelOctober 2014Brigadier GeneralApril 2020(Current as of September 2020)



# **Rear Admiral Eric Ver Hage**

## Commander, Regional Maintenance Center



Rear Adm. Ver Hage is a native of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. He enlisted in the Navy in 1984 and served as an electronics technician until his appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy. He graduated in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science and from the Naval War College in 2008 with a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies.

Ver Hage is a designated surface acquisition professional and has served in a variety of afloat and ashore assignments. His tours at sea include duty aboard four ships and three afloat staffs. Ship assignments include commanding officer of USS Carr (FFG 52); executive officer of USS San Jacinto (CG 56); commissioning operations officer of USS Higgins (DDG 76) and as strike officer and damage control assistant aboard USS Chancellorsville (CG

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Afloat staff assignments include flag aide to Commander Second Fleet/Striking Fleet Atlantic; exercise/regional engagement officer in Manama, Bahrain-based Destroyer Squadron Five Zero and as officer in charge of Tomahawk Afloat Planning System Pacific Team One embarked aboard USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) with Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group Three.

Ashore, Ver Hage served in a number of acquisition and staff assignments with the Missile Defense Agency (MDA) as the major program manager for Aegis Ashore, where he was responsible for the design, development, testing, Ballistic Missile Defense System integration and fielding of the Aegis Ashore program capabilities. Prior to his MDA assignment, Ver Hage served as the U.S. national point of contact and program executive officer of Integrated Warfare Systems (PEO IWS) project manager for U.S. participation in the Maritime Theater Missile Defense (MTMD) forum. Ver Hage served as commanding officer of Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division and as commanding officer of Naval Surface Warfare Center, Port Hueneme Division. He also served as an associate fellow with the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) Strategic Studies Group XXVI and twice on the OPNAV Surface Warfare Directorate staff to include as a DDG-1000 action officer and as the Weapons and Sensors branch head. Most recently, Ver Hage served as commander, Naval Surface Warfare Center/commander, Naval Undersea Warfare Center, and led more than 27,000 scientists, engineers, technicians and support personnel, both civilian and active duty, at eight Surface Warfare Divisions and two Undersea Warfare Divisions. The Naval Sea System Command (NAVSEA) Warfare centers provide research, development, test and evaluation for the future Navy as well as in-service engineering and logistics support for the operational naval forces.

Ver Hage assumed duties as the commander, Navy Regional Maintenance Center (CNRMC) and NAVSEA director, Surface Ship Maintenance and Modernization (SEA 21) on Apr. 24, 2020.

Ver Hage's personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (two awards), Meritorious Service Medal (six awards), Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal (six awards), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards) and various unit and service medals and ribbons.



# **Rear Admiral Michael Vernazza**

## Commander, Naval Information Warfighting Development Center



Rear Adm. Michael Vernazza is a native of New Jersey and a 1990 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Political Science. He holds a Master of Arts in Public Administration from Troy State University, a Certificate in Legislative Studies from Georgetown University, and is a graduate of the Naval War College and the Joint Forces Staff College. He is a Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI Fellow and a Harvard Kennedy School of Government Senior Executive Fellow.

Originally he was a surface warfare officer, his initial assignments included serving as electrical officer aboard USS Aylwin (FF 1081), main propulsion assistant aboard USS Capodanno (FF 1093) and officer-in-charge of Engineering Training Group, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

As an intelligence officer, Vernazza's assignments included

Asian tactical officer and Northeast Asia naval branch chief at Joint Intelligence Center Pacific; fleet intelligence support officer at U.S. Commander, 3rd Fleet (C3F) aboard USS Coronado (AGF 11); and intelligence requirements and readiness officer at U.S. Fleet Forces Command.

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