

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA BOOK



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National Defense University



NDU PRESIDENT



Lieutenant General Mike Plehn is the 17th 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



STEPHEN W. WILSON
GENERAL
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
(RETIRED)

Former Deputy Commander,
U.S. Strategic Command



Stephen Wilson is employed as a Senior Fellow for the National Defense University in support of the Pinnacle, Capstone, and Keystone programs.

General Wilson is a retired 4-star U.S. Air Force General with over 39 years of military service. He has extensive operational experience including commanding the largest Wing in the Middle East and commanding and reinvigorating America's nuclear Bombers and Missile forces in Global Strike Command before assuming his duties as the 39th Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force. As the Vice Chief, he was the senior military officer that managed the organizing, training, and equipping over 685,000 active duty, Guard and Reserve Airmen helping direct strategy, policy, acquisition, technology, personnel and risk management. He served on the Joint Requirements Oversight Council setting the acquisition requirements for DoD. He helped manage the planning, programming, budgeting and execution of the Air Force's \$205B annual budget.

General Wilson was widely acknowledged as the driving force for embracing both innovative technology and new thinking to include the startup of AFWERX, a U.S Air Force program which expands technology, talent, and transition partnerships for rapid and affordable commercial and military capabilities. In 2020, AFWERX was named as one of the Top 20 Best workplaces for Innovators in the World. His many awards and decorations include three Defense Service Medals, the Defense Superior Service Medal, two Legions of Merit, two Bronze Stars, and two Air Medals.

General Wilson is a command pilot with over 4,500 flight hours that includes nearly 700 combat hours. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University and the U.S. Air Force Weapons School. He holds two Master's degrees - one in Engineering Management from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and one in Strategic Studies from Air University.



DAVID M. RODRIGUEZ
GENERAL
UNITED STATES ARMY
(RETIRED)

Former Commander
United States Africa Command



David Rodriguez is employed as a Senior Fellow for the National Defense University in support of the Pinnacle, Capstone, and Keystone programs.

General Rodriguez served over 40 years in the United States Army with his final assignment being the Commander of the United States Africa Command.

A native of West Chester Pennsylvania, he earned his commission from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York in 1976. General Rodriguez has commanded at every level to include Commanding General of Army Forces Command, Commander of the International Security Assistance Force - Joint Command in Afghanistan, Commander of the 82nd Airborne Division in Afghanistan, Commander of the Multi - National Force North West in Iraq, 2nd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, and 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

He commanded companies in the 75th Ranger Regiment and the 1st Armored Division. His commands included 4 years in combat at the 2 and 3 star level. He also served as the Senior Military Advisor to Secretary of Defense Gates as a 3 star. His education includes a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the United States Naval War College and a Master of Military Art and Science from the United States Army Command and General Staff College.

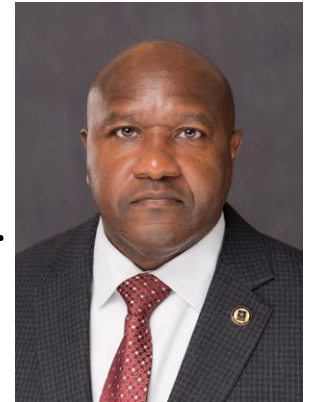
Since his retirement from the US Army, General Rodriguez operates DMR Consulting LLC, a Strategic Consultant Business. He continues to support the US Army with Strategic Leadership Training at the Army War College for 2 and 3 star Army Leaders. He belongs to three Boards, the President of the Angel Wings for Veterans Board, a member of the Creative Associates International Global Advisory Board, and a member of the Leadworthy Foundation Advisory Board. General Rodriguez also provides Strategic Consulting Services to McChrystal Group LLC and Odell International LLC. He has also contributed his expertise to Harvard, University of Indiana, Rand Corporation and African Center for Strategic Studies.

He is married to the former Virginia E. Flaherty of Red Bank, New Jersey. They have four children, Amy, Melissa, David, and Andrew and four grandchildren, Eliza, Amelia, Molly, and Abe.

General Rodriguez retired in 2017.



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 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.



Deputy Director - OCONUS Planner

David "Leon" Hall

Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army

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Lieutenant Colonel David "Leon" Hall is native of Roanoke, VA. He entered the United States Army in 1990 and served eleven years as an enlisted Infantryman. After serving as the Fort Leonard Wood Drill Sergeant of the Year, he attended Officer Candidate School where he earned his commission as the Distinguished Honor Graduate and Leadership Award recipient.

He is currently a strategic intelligence officer but most of his thirty-year career has been spent as an infantryman and tactical intelligence officer. He has had two combat tours in Iraq and has served in command, staff, and other leadership positions, including chief of regional operations for the Joint Staff- J25. He served his Army War College Fellowship at Stanford University and the Hoover Institution. LTC Hall comes to Capstone from the Joint Forces Staff College where he served as an assistant professor. He holds a Master of Business Administration as well as a Master of Science in Strategic Intelligence.

LTC Hall is married to Kannary Hall, has a daughter Asheley age 27, and a son Cameron age 5.

Lieutenant Colonel Anthony C. Triviso **Deputy Director, Capstone, NDU**

Lieutenant Colonel Triviso graduated and Commissioned in May 2002 from the United States Naval Academy. He attended The Basic School in the summer of 2002 and Infantry Officers Course through the spring of 2003. Upon completion of IOC he was assigned as a Rifle Platoon Commander with Second Battalion, Second Marines.

Lieutenant Triviso completed two tours to Iraq in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF) while serving as the Weapons Platoon Commander and Company Executive Officer for Company F, 2d Battalion, 2d Marines from 2004-2006.

In April 2006, First Lieutenant Triviso was assigned to MCRD San Diego to serve as a Series Commander in Company A, 1st Recruit Training Battalion. During his three-year tour on the Depot he also served as Company Commander for Company B and the Battalion Operations Officer for 1st Recruit Training Battalion. While executing this tour he also completed Expeditionary Warfare School in 2008.

In April 2009, Captain Triviso was assigned to serve as the Company Commander for Company A, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines. In January 2010 he deployed as the Mechanized Company Commander for Battalion Landing Team (BLT) 1/9, 24 MEU. While on the MEU, he took his company into Haiti in support of OPERATION UNIFIED RESPONSE to run humanitarian aid for the surviving earthquake victims. His company also led multiple exercises with the French Foreign Legion and the Jordanian Task Force in both Africa and Jordan. Upon completion of the 24 MEU, Captain Triviso readied his company to deploy to Afghanistan in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF). From May to December 2011, his company was responsible for the security of Northern Marjah in the Helmand Province.

From April 2012 to June 2015, Major Triviso was assigned as the Inspector Instructor for Company K, 3rd Battalion, 25th Marines. During this tour he ensured the readiness of the Reserve Infantry Company for deployment. In June 2012 he forward deployed for training with the Reserve Infantry Company to complete a Multinational Baltic Exercise (SABER STRIKE 12) in Riga, Latvia.

From June 2015 to November 2016, Major Triviso served as the Operations Officer for 1st Battalion, 8th Marines. In preparation for this assignment he completed Operations Tactics Instructor Course in Twenty-nine Palms, CA. During this tour he assisted the battalion in its formation and functions as both the Baltic Sea Rotational Force (BSRF) and Crisis Response-Africa (CR-AF) missions; then deployed to Eastern Europe from January to August 2016 in support of OPERATION ATLANTIC RESOLVE.

From November 2016 to August 2020, Lieutenant Colonel Triviso served as the Expeditionary Operations Officer, G-3/5/7, Marine Corps Forces Command. He subsequently served as the Deputy Director/Naval Integration Officer as part of the Hampton Road Department of the Marine Corps Warfighting Lab before joining the team at Capstone in Jun of 2021.

Lieutenant Colonel Triviso is married to the former Polly Denkova. They have three children: Jaisa (15), Ivan (13), and Dominick (3).

His personal awards include the Bronze Star Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (w/4 gold stars in lieu of 5th award), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon (w/ 1 gold star in lieu of 2d award).





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, 87th Comptroller Squadron, 87th 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,
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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 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry, 3rd 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.

Megan Streit
Office Manager
Capstone, Keystone, Pinnacle



Megan Streit is a native of Ames, Iowa. She graduated from Drake University in 2015 with degrees in History and International Relations. She then taught English in Ukraine, Rome, and Vladivostok.

Currently, Megan is a PhD candidate at the University of Connecticut where she studies diplomatic history and human rights. Her dissertation explores the trilateral diplomacy leading to the denuclearization of Ukraine in 1994. Before joining NDU, Megan was a 2020 Boren Fellow in Ukraine where she continued her Russian language studies and conducted archival research. Additionally, she has studied German, Spanish, Italian, French, Ukrainian, and is currently in an intensive Azerbaijani course supported by the Department of State's Critical Language Scholarship.

Megan is married to Alexander Dawson and has two dogs, Kostya and Sunny.

Fellows



United States Army

Brigadier General KEVIN D. ADMIRAL

**Director, Force Management
Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7
United States Army
400 Army Pentagon 2B349
Washington, DC 20310-0460
Since: June 2021**



SOURCE OF COMMISSIONED SERVICE ROTC

EDUCATIONAL DEGREES

University of Kansas – BS – Biology

National Defense University – MS – Joint Campaign Planning and Strategy

MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED

Armor Officer Basic and Advanced Courses

Joint Advanced Warfighting School

Royal College of Defence Studies, United Kingdom

FOREIGN LANGUAGE(S) None recorded

PROMOTIONS

DATE OF APPOINTMENT

2LT	28 May 94
1LT	28 May 96
CPT	1 Jun 98
MAJ	1 Aug 04
LTC	1 Aug 09
COL	1 Nov 14
BG	2 Dec 19

FROM TO ASSIGNMENT

Jun 21 Present Director, Force Management, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, United States Army, Washington, DC

Sep 19 May 21 Commandant, United States Army Armor School, United States Army Maneuver Center of

Aug 18 Aug 19 Excellence, Fort Benning, Georgia
 Deputy Commanding General (Maneuver), 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado and
 OPERATION FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, Afghanistan
 Jul 17 Aug 18 Executive Officer to the Commander, United Nations Command/Combined Forces
 Command/United States Forces Korea, Republic of Korea
 Aug 15 Jul 17 Commander, 3d Cavalry Regiment, Fort Hood, Texas and OPERATION FREEDOM'S
 SENTINEL, Afghanistan
 Sep 14 Jul 15 Student, United Kingdom Royal College of Defence Studies, London, England
 Nov 13 Jun 14 Deputy Chief of Staff, 1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss, Texas
 Jul 11 Nov 13 Commander, 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored
 Division, Fort Bliss, Texas and OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan
 Apr 09 May 11 Aide-de-Camp to the Chief of Staff of the Army, Washington DC
 Feb 07 Feb 09 Deputy Chief of Plans, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas and OPERATION IRAQI
 FREEDOM, Iraq
 Jul 05 Feb 07 Operations Officer, later Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade
 Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM,
 Iraq
 Aug 04 Jun 05 Student, Joint Advanced Warfighting School, National Defense University, Norfolk, Virginia
 Jun 03 Jul 04 Small Group Instructor, Armor Captains Career Course, United States Army Armor School,
 Fort Knox, Kentucky
 May 01 Jun 03 Operations Planner, later Armor Company/Cavalry Troop Observer Controller, Operations
 Group, United States Army National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California
 Mar 99 May 01 Commander, A Company, later Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st
 Battalion, 72d Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade, 2d Infantry Division, Republic of Korea
 May 98 Mar 99 Logistics Officer, 1st Battalion, 72d Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade, 2d Infantry Division,
 Republic of Korea
 Jan 98 May 98 Student, Armor Officer Advanced Course, United States Army Armor School, Fort Knox,
 Kentucky
 Feb 95 Dec 97 Tank Platoon Leader, later Executive Officer, C Company, 1st Battalion, 32d Armor Regiment,
 3d Brigade, 2d Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Washington

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Commander, Task Force Southeast, Resolute Support Mission, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, OPERATION FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, Afghanistan	Dec 18 - Aug 19	Colonel
Executive Officer to the Commander, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/United States Forces Korea, Republic of Korea	Jul 17 - Aug 18	Colonel
Deputy Chief of Plans, 4th Infantry Division and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq	Nov 07 - Feb 09	Major

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Commander, Task Force Southeast, Resolute Support Mission, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, OPERATION FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, Afghanistan	Dec 18 - Aug 19	Colonel
Commander, 3d Cavalry Regiment and OPERATION FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, Afghanistan	May 16 - Feb 17	Colonel
Commander, 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division and OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan	Dec 12 - Aug 13	Lieutenant Colonel
Deputy Chief of Plans, 4th Infantry Division and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq	Nov 07 - Feb 09	Major
Operations Officer, later Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq	Dec 05 - Dec 06	Major

US DECORATIONS AND BADGES

Defense Superior Service Medal
 Legion of Merit for Combat Service
 Legion of Merit (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
 Bronze Star Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
 Purple Heart
 Meritorious Service Medal (with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
 Army Commendation Medal
 Army Achievement Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
 Combat Action Badge
 Parachutist Badge
 Army Staff Identification Badge



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



BRIGADIER GENERAL CHRISTOPHER R. AMRHEIN

Brig. Gen. Christopher R. Amrhein is the Inspector General, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. He leads a selectively-manned unit inspecting the command's readiness by validating and verifying Commanders' Inspection Programs. Brig. Gen. Amrhein oversees unit effectiveness inspections, nuclear surety inspections and nuclear operational readiness inspections for 67 active-duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve units worldwide, totaling more than 110,000 personnel. He ensures a command-wide environment of continuous improvement, efficiency, safety and responsiveness to the needs of the command's people and organizations.

Brig. Gen. Amrhein entered the Air Force in 1996 after earning his commission as a distinguished graduate from the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at The University of Texas at Austin. He has served in operational and training assignments logging more than 3,200 hours in a variety of aircraft as well as commanding at the squadron and wing levels.

Operationally, he has served in five geographic combatant command regions including contingency operations Allied Force, Joint Guardian, Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn, Juniper Micron, Freedom Sentinel and Resolute Support.

Brig. Gen. Amrhein has served in multiple staff assignments at the joint, Headquarters Air Force, and major command levels. Prior to this assignment, Brig. Gen. Amrhein was the Deputy Director for Support and Director of Logistics and Sustainment, Resolute Support Headquarters, Kabul, Afghanistan.



EDUCATION

- 1995 Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, The University of Texas, Austin
- 2002 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2005 Weapons Instructor Course, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
- 2008 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2008 Master of Military Arts & Sciences, Air University, Ala.
- 2013 Joint Advanced Warfighting School, Norfolk, Va.
- 2013 Master of Strategic Studies and Operational Art, National Defense University, Norfolk, Va.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1996–September 1997, Student Pilot, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas
2. October 1997–February 1998, Student, KC-135R Combat Crew Training School, 97th Air Mobility Wing, Altus AFB, Okla.
3. February 1998–February 2001, KC-135R/T Pilot 98th Air Refueling Squadron, then Aircraft Commander and Chief of Scheduling, 96th Air Refueling Squadron, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
4. March 2001–July 2004, T-37B and T-6A Instructor Pilot, Flight Commander and Chief Flight Examiner, 84th Flying Training Squadron, Laughlin AFB, Texas

5. July 2004–June 2006, Weapons Officer and Assistant Operations Officer 93rd Air Refueling Squadron, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
6. June 2006– June 2007, Wing Executive Officer, 92nd Air Refueling Wing, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
7. July 2007–May 2008, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
8. June 2008–June 2009, C-17 Program Element Monitor, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
9. June 2009–July 2010, Chief, Mobility, Combat Search and Rescue and Special Operations Forces Programs, Office of Legislative Liaison, Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
10. August 2010–June 2011, Commander, 340th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, U.S. Air Forces Central Command Area of Responsibility
11. July 2011–June 2012, Executive Officer to the Vice Commander, Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.
12. July 2012–June 2013, Student, Joint Advanced Warfighting School, National Defense University, Norfolk, Va.
13. June 2013–May 2015, Chief of Plans Branch then Deputy Division Chief, East Operations, Joint Staff Operations (J3), U.S. Transportation Command, Scott AFB, Ill.
14. May 2015–June 2017, Vice Commander, 18th Wing, Kadena Air Base, Japan
15. July 2017–May 2019, Commander, 100th Air Refueling Wing, Royal Air Force Mildenhall, United Kingdom
16. June 2019–May 2020, Deputy, Deputy Chief of Staff – Support and Director CJ4, Resolute Support Mission, Kabul, Afghanistan
17. May 2020–present, Inspector General, AMC, Scott AFB, Ill.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2013–May 2015, Chief of Plans Branch then Deputy Division Chief, East Operations, Joint Staff Operations (J3), U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., as a lieutenant colonel
2. June 2019–May 2020, Deputy, Deputy Chief of Staff – Support and Director CJ4, Resolute Support Mission, Kabul, Afghanistan, as a colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight Hours: more than 3,200

Aircraft Flown: KC-135R/T, T-6A, T-37B, E-3, MC-130H, MC-130J, F-15D, T-1A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Bronze Star Medal

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Dec. 22, 1995

First Lieutenant Jan. 8, 1998

Captain Jan. 8, 2000

Major March 1, 2006

Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2010

Colonel Aug. 1, 2015

Brigadier General July 16, 2020

(Current as of October 2020)



U.S. Army Contracting Command

Brigadier General Christine A. Beeler

Commanding General

Brigadier General Christine A. Beeler is the commanding general of the U.S. Army Contracting Command (ACC) headquartered at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama. ACC, a subordinate command to the Army Materiel Command, is comprised of a subordinate one-star command, six major contracting centers and eight contracting support brigades. ACC enables Army readiness through global, expeditionary contracting support to warfighters engaged in military operations, weapon systems acquisition, life cycle management, sustainment and acquisition of goods and services vital to the Soldier's mission and well-being. Its workforce includes more than 6,000 military and civilian personnel at more than 100 locations worldwide.



Prior to assuming command of ACC, Brigadier General Beeler served as the Commanding General for the U.S. Army Mission and Installation Contracting Command at Joint Base San Antonio-Sam Houston, Texas.

Brigadier General Beeler was a distinguished military graduate and commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps through the Army ROTC program at Boston University in 1991, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. She began her Army Acquisition career in 2001, and is certified in Defense Contracting, Program Management and Logistics.

Her advanced education includes a Master of Arts in Administration and Management from Bowie State University, Prince George's County, Maryland; a Master of Public Administration in Environmental Management from Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama; and a Master of Business Administration from Webster University. Brigadier General Beeler's military education includes a Master of Science in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. She is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

Brigadier General Beeler has held numerous command and staff positions. Her key assignments include Logistics Officer, 501st Corps Support Group, Uijongbu, South Korea; Commander, 595th Maintenance Company, Songnam, South Korea; Contracting Officer, Doha, Qatar; Assistant Product Manager, Patriot Missile and Medium Extended Air Defense Systems, Huntsville, Alabama; Professor of Program Management and Course Director, Army Acquisition Basic Course, Huntsville, Alabama; Commander, Army Contracting Command-Kuwait, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait; Contracting Operations Staff Officer, Expeditionary Contracting Command, Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama; Executive Officer to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Procurement, Army Staff, Pentagon; Commander, 414th Contracting Support Brigade, Vicenza, Italy; Deputy Director of Contracting, United States Army Corps of Engineers; and Deputy Commanding General, OCONUS Operations, United States Army Contracting Command.

Her military decorations and awards include the Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters, the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, and the Army Superior Unit Award. She is airborne qualified and authorized to wear the Army Staff Badge.

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United States Navy Biography

Rear Admiral Mark Behning
Deputy Director, Strategic Targeting and Nuclear Mission Planning, J5N, U.S.
Strategic Command

Rear Admiral Mark Behning is a native of Phoenix, Arizona, and a 1990 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering. He also holds a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College and has completed the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI program.

His sea tours include division officer assignments aboard USS Philadelphia (SSN 690), engineer officer aboard USS Charlotte (SSN 766), executive officer aboard USS Alaska (SSBN 732). He commanded USS Nevada (SSBN 733) and USS Henry M Jackson (SSBN 730) in Bangor, Washington and also served as commodore of Submarine Squadron (SUBRON) 17 in Bangor, Washington.

His shore tours included duty as the Tomahawk strike officer for Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe; Assistant Force Nuclear Power Officer for Commander Submarine Forces Atlantic; deputy commander, Submarine Squadron 17; deputy for Strategic Forces, Nuclear Weapons, and Force Protection for Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Sea Based Strategic Deterrence branch head for the Director of Undersea Warfare (OPNAV N97); and, most recently, as the Deputy Director and Chief of Staff for Strategic Systems Programs in Washington, DC.

Rear Admiral Behning currently serves as the Deputy Director for Strategic Targeting and Nuclear Mission Planning (J5N), United States Strategic Command. He is responsible for identifying strategic targets and conducting nuclear mission planning in order to meet both deterrence and decisive national security objectives.

His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, as well as other unit and campaign awards.





COMMANDER, CARRIER STRIKE GROUP FOUR

RDML Rich “SNAP” Brophy

A native of Carmel, California, Rear Adm. Rich Brophy received his commission in 1991 from the U.S. Naval Academy. In 1992 he earned a Master of Science in Management from Troy State University and in 1994 was designated a Naval Aviator. He is a graduate of the U.S. Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN), and in 2010 the U.S. Naval War College where he earned a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies.

Brophy’s operational assignments include tours with Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 105, and VFA 81 as both a weapons and tactics officer and as a department head. He has completed deployments on USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71), USS Enterprise (CVN 65), USS George Washington (CVN 73), USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67), USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) and USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74). He commanded Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 115 and Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 9.



His shore assignments include an instructor tour with Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 106; aide/flag lieutenant to the commander of the North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command; Commander’s Action Group legislative branch for U.S. Northern Command; the executive assistant and Sea Strike branch head to OPNAV Analysis and Assessment Division (N81); deputy executive assistant and special assistant to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations; head, Carrier Strike Aircraft and Programs (N98); executive assistant to OPNAV N3N5; and Commander, Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center.

Brophy assumed command as Commander, Carrier Strike Group FOUR in May 2021.

Brophy has logged over 4,000 flight hours, 100 combat missions and accumulated over 1000 carrier-arrested landings. He was a Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Seminar XXI fellow, and the 2017 “Tailhooker of the Year” awarded by the Tailhook association.

His decorations include the Legion of Merit (four Awards), Bronze Star, Joint Meritorious Service Award, Meritorious Service Award, individual Air Medal with Combat “V”, five Strike/Flight Air Medals, and other personal, campaign and service ribbons.



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL TERRY L. BULLARD

Brigadier General Terry L. Bullard is the Commander, Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI), Quantico, Virginia. As the AFOSI Commander, General Bullard derives his independent criminal and counterintelligence investigative and operational authorities directly from the Secretary of the Air Force and executes the Field Operating Agency's mission through a network of over 3,000 Total Force Airmen assigned to major Air Force installations and a variety of operating locations worldwide. General Bullard executes the mission of AFOSI under the administrative guidance and oversight of The Inspector General of the Air Force. AFOSI is a federal law enforcement agency with responsibility for conducting criminal investigations, counterintelligence and specialized investigative activities and operations, protective service operations, and integrated force protection for the Air Force globally. AFOSI is also a combat-ready military criminal investigative organization that provides the Air Force a wartime capability with counterintelligence support to force protection to find, fix, track, and neutralize enemy threats in hostile and contested environments. AFOSI is the Air Force's focal point for working with U.S. and foreign nation law enforcement and security services in order to provide timely and accurate threat information in all environments.



General Bullard entered the Air Force in 1993 as a distinguished graduate of the AFROTC program at The Citadel. Upon commissioning, he was directly accessed into AFOSI. General Bullard has served as a Special Agent, Operations Officer (garrison and deployed), Forensic Science Specialist, Joint Staff Officer, two-time Detachment Commander in overseas locations in the Indo-Pacific Command and European Command areas of responsibility, a Squadron Commander, and Region Commander, and has taught on the faculty of Air University in both the Research and Strategy Departments. General Bullard has deployed five times throughout the US Central Command (USCENTCOM) area of responsibility in a variety of positions. He has served at the tactical level conducting counterintelligence-related activities, at the operational level as the Deputy J2X Forward, USCENTCOM, and as Commander, 24th Expeditionary Field Investigations Squadron. Prior to his current position, the general was the Vice Commander, AFOSI, Quantico, Virginia.

EDUCATION:

- 1993 Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, The Citadel, Charleston, S.C.
- 1994 AFOSI Basic Investigations Course, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C.
- 1997 USAF Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2001 Master of Forensic Science, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
- 2001 Forensic Medicine Fellow, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Rockville, Md.
- 2005 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2011 Master of Strategic Studies, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2014 USAF Enterprise Leadership Seminar, The Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- 2020 Leading Strategically Program, The Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, CO.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. September 1993 – July 1996, SPECIAL AGENT, AFOSI Detachment 111, Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

2. July 1996 – July 1998, OPERATIONS OFFICER, AFOSI Detachment 209 and CHIEF, Detachment 209 OL-A, Headquarters Eighth Air Force, Barksdale AFB, La.
3. July 1998 – July 2000, COMMANDER, AFOSI Detachment 601, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
4. July 2000 – September 2001, STUDENT, Air Force Institute of Technology, George Washington University, Washington, D.C., and FORENSIC MEDICINE FELLOW, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Rockville, Md.
5. September 2001 – July 2004, CHIEF, Forensic Science Branch, AFOSI Detachment 303, Travis AFB, Calif.
6. July 2004 – July 2005, STUDENT, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
7. July 2005 – September 2006, DEPUTY J2X-FORWARD and COUNTERINTELLIGENCE COORDINATING AUTHORITY-QATAR, Camp As Saliyah, Qatar
8. September 2006 – July 2009, COMMANDER, AFOSI Detachment 512, Lakenheath-Mildenhall, United Kingdom
9. July 2009 – July 2012, AFOSI COMMAND CHAIR, Air University, and STUDENT, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
10. July 2012 – July 2013, COMMANDER, AFOSI 24th Expeditionary Field Investigations Squadron and DIRECTOR, AFOSI Special Staff, Headquarters AFCENT, Al Udeid AB, Qatar
11. July 2013 – June 2014, VICE COMMANDER, AFOSI 2nd Field Investigations Region, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.
12. June 2014 – May 2017, COMMANDER, AFOSI 2nd Field Investigations Region, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.
13. May 2017 – May 2019, VICE COMMANDER, Headquarters AFOSI, Quantico, Va.
14. May 2019 – present, COMMANDER, Headquarters AFOSI, Quantico, Va.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS:

July 2005 – September 2006, Deputy J2X-Forward and Counterintelligence Coordinating Authority-Qatar, Camp As Saliyah, Qatar, as a Major

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

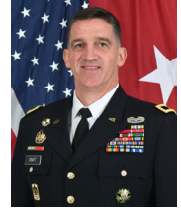
Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster
 Bronze Star
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal
 Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
 Joint Service Commendation Medal
 Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters
 Joint Meritorious Unit Award
 Air Force Meritorious Unit Award
 Afghanistan Campaign Medal with bronze star
 Iraq Campaign Medal with two bronze stars
 Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
 Humanitarian Service Medal
 French Medaille De La Defense Nationale

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	20 July 1993
First Lieutenant	20 July 1995
Captain	20 July 1997
Major	01 July 2003
Lieutenant Colonel	01 Sept 2007
Colonel	01 Sept 2013
Brigadier General	03 May 2019

(Current as of 7 December 2020)

BG Paul G. Craft
Chief of Cyber
Commandant of the U.S. Army Cyber School
Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Cyber Center of Excellence
and Fort Gordon, GA



Brigadier General Paul G. Craft, a native of Piqua, Ohio, entered the Army in 1993, as a Second Lieutenant in the Signal Corps. Brigadier General Craft currently serves as the Army's 4th Chief of Cyber and Commandant of the U.S. Army Cyber School headquartered in Fort Gordon, Georgia, with schools in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and NAS Pensacola-Corry Station, Florida.

He has served in key leadership and staff positions from platoon leader, company commander, battalion and brigade commander. At Echelon Corps and Below level, he served multiple tours in armistice operations in the Republic of Korea, peace-keeping operations in Haiti, and multiple combat operations in Afghanistan. At the operational and strategic level, BG Craft has served at 3rd Military Intelligence Battalion (INSCOM), U.S. Army Signal Center of Excellence (TRADOC), U.S. Army Human Resources Command (HRC), Network Engineering and Technology Command (NETCOM), Department of the Army Chief Information Officer / G-6 (DA CIO/G-6), Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA), and Joint Force Headquarters – Department of Defense Information Network / U.S. Cyber Command (JFHQ-DODIN/USCYBERCOM).

Brigadier General Craft has a Bachelor of Science from the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York. He also earned three masters degrees; a Master of Science in Information Management and a Master of Business Administration (dual degree) from Arizona State University as part of the Army's Advanced Civil Schooling program and a Master of Science in National Security and Resource Strategy with a concentration in Cyber from the Eisenhower School, National Defense University.

He has been married for 27 years and has one daughter.



Captain Megan Dean
Chief of Staff
Thirteenth Coast Guard District
U.S. Coast Guard



Captain Dean is the Chief of Staff of the Coast Guard Thirteenth District headquartered in Seattle, where she directs more than 2,000 Coast Guard men and women responsible for executing Coast Guard missions within the Pacific Northwest, including the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

Prior to reporting to the Coast Guard Thirteenth District Captain Dean served as Commander Coast Guard Sector Miami where she was responsible for directing all Coast Guard operations within Southeast Florida. She reported to Sector Miami following completion of a National Security Fellowship at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. Previously she served as the Deputy Sector Commander at Sector Baltimore and oversaw the execution of Coast Guard operations within the State of Maryland and the National Capital Region. Prior to this, Captain Dean was assigned as Military Aide to the Secretary of Homeland Security and also served at Coast Guard Headquarters in the Office of Performance Management and Assessment (DCO-81). Before Washington, DC, Captain Dean completed a tour as Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Cutter WALNUT, in Honolulu, where the cutter conducted operations throughout the Hawaiian Islands, American Samoa and Central Pacific Ocean.

Captain Dean's additional assignments include a tour as Aide to the Commander U.S. Coast Guard Atlantic Area in Portsmouth, Virginia, Executive Officer of Coast Guard Cutter WILLOW, in Newport, Rhode Island, Executive Officer of Coast Guard Cutter CONIFER, in San Pedro, California, a member of the Seventh Coast Guard District Office of Law Enforcement and a Duty Officer in the Seventh Coast Guard District Command Center. She began her Coast Guard career as First Lieutenant, Coast Guard Cutter VIGOROUS, in Cape May, New Jersey.

Captain Dean is a 1993 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Government. She also holds a Masters in Public Administration from The George Washington University. Captain Dean is a designated Coast Guard Cutterman and her military awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal and Coast Guard Achievement Medal.



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



BRIGADIER GENERAL DERIN S. DURHAM

Brig. Gen. D. Scott Durham is the Director of Air, Space, and Information Operations, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia. His responsibilities include directing Air Force Reserve operations for 74 flying squadrons and 10 operational space units gained by eight major commands and the Space Force to fulfill commitments in support of U.S. national security objectives. The directorate oversees all Air Force Reserve operational assets, aircraft and capabilities to include cyber defense, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, tactical fighter, bomber, aerial refueling, strategic and tactical airlift, special operations, combat rescue, hurricane surveillance, aeromedical evacuation, aerial spray and modular airborne fire-fighting capability.

Brig. Gen. Durham began his military career in 1990 graduating from The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina. During his 13 years on active duty, he served as an Air Traffic Controller, a C-130E Hercules Pilot and a C-17A Globemaster III Pilot. During his entire career, he flew numerous combat missions supporting operations in Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan. He was commissioned in the Air Force Reserve in May 2003.



Brig. Gen. Durham has served as an Air Reserve Technician at the unit, group, wing and command levels while continuing to operate the C-17A and C-5M aircraft. In addition to serving as the Wing Commander for Westover Air Reserve Base, Massachusetts, he served at the Pentagon on the Chief of the Air Force Reserve and Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense staff. Prior to his current assignment, Brig. Gen. Durham served as the Deputy Commander of the Air Force Recruiting Service, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas, responsible for all enlisted accessions and a variety of officer accession programs along with strategic marketing for the U.S. Air Force and Space Force.

EDUCATION

1990 Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, International Relations and Military Affairs, The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, Charleston
1994 Master of Science, Public Administration, Logistics, Georgia College, Milledgeville
1998 Squadron Officer School, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala.
2004 Air Force Reserve Command Leadership Today and Tomorrow Seminar, Washington, D.C.
2004 Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2006 Air War College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2009 Joint Military Operations Course, U.S. Naval War College, Newport, R.I.
2011 Air War College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala., in residence
2011 Master of Arts, Strategic Studies, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2012 Joint Air/Space Operations Senior Staff Course, Joint Special Operations University, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
2013 Safety and Accident Investigation Board President Course, Air Force Safety Center, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
2014 Middle East and South Asia Seminar, Alan L. Freed Associates, Washington, D.C.
2015 Reserve Component National Security Course, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.
2016 Director of Mobility Forces Course, Air Force Expeditionary Operations School, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1991–July 1992, Air Traffic Control Officer, 4th Operations Support Squadron, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.
2. July 1992–March 1994, Deputy Chief, Air Traffic Control, 653rd Air Base Wing, Robins AFB, Ga.
3. March 1994–September 1994, Student Pilot, 37th Flying Training Squadron, Columbus AFB, Miss.
4. September 1994–May 1995, Student Pilot, VT 31, Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas
5. May 1995–May 1997, C-130E Pilot, 2nd Airlift Squadron, Pope AFB, N.C.
6. May 1997–May 1998, Chief, Operations Resource Management, C-130E Pilot, 2nd AS, Pope AFB, N.C.
7. May 1998–May 1999, C-17A Pilot and Chief Squadron Tactics, 17th AS, Charleston AFB, S.C.
8. May 1999–February 2001, C-17A Instructor Pilot and Deputy Flight Commander, Wing Weapons and Tactics, 437th OSS, Charleston AFB, S.C.
9. February 2001–February 2002, C-17A Evaluator and Assistant Chief Squadron Standardization and Evaluation, 17th AS, Charleston AFB, S.C.
10. February 2002–February 2003, C-17A Chief, Special Operations Low-level Training and Current Operations, 437th Operations Support Squadron, Charleston AFB, S.C.
11. February 2003–February 2006, Air Force Reserve Command C-17 Evaluator Pilot, Robins AFB, Ga.
12. February 2006–August 2011, Director of Operations, 701st AS Charleston AFB, S.C.
13. August 2011–June 2013, Commander, 512th Operations Group, Dover AFB, Del.
14. June 2013–July 2014, Executive Officer to the Chief of Air Force Reserve and Executive Officer to the Commander Air Force Reserve Command, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
15. July 2014–August 2015, Deputy Director for Mobilization, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
16. August 2015–June 2017, Commander, 512th Airlift Wing, Dover AFB, Del.
17. June 2017–April 2019, Commander, 439th AW, Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass. (February-June 2018, Director of Mobility Forces, Central Command, Al-Udeid Air Base, Qatar)
18. April 2019–June 2020, Deputy Commander, Air Force Recruiting Service, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas
19. June 2020–present, Director of Air, Space, and Information Operations, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, Robins AFB, Ga.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: 5,150

Combat Hours: 332

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-44, C-130E, C-17A and C-5M

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Combat Action Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Award with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with four oak leaf clusters and "V" device

Combat Readiness Medal with silver and bronze oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal with service star

Kosovo Campaign Medal with service star

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal with service star

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with gold border

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with two "M" devices

NATO Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 12, 1990

First Lieutenant Nov. 13, 1992

Captain Nov. 13, 1994

Major Dec. 1, 2001
Lieutenant Colonel Aug. 2, 2007
Colonel Feb. 17, 2012
Brigadier General Dec. 12, 2018

(Current as of May 2021)



United States Army

Brigadier General BRETT T. FUNCK

**ENROUTE TO: Director, Talent Management Task Force
Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1
United States Army
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Reports: Jun 21**



SOURCE OF COMMISSIONED SERVICE USMA

EDUCATIONAL DEGREES

United States Military Academy – BS – Environmental Science
Central Michigan University – MSA – Human Resources Administration

MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED

Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses
United States Army Command and General Staff College
Canadian Forces College
Joint and Combined Warfighting School

FOREIGN LANGUAGE(S) None recorded

<u>PROMOTIONS</u>	<u>DATE OF APPOINTMENT</u>
2LT	28 May 94
1LT	28 May 96
CPT	1 Jun 98
MAJ	1 Dec 04
LTC	1 Aug 10
COL	1 Dec 14
BG	2 Dec 19

FROM TO ASSIGNMENT

Jun 19	Present	Deputy Commanding General (Operations), 10th Mountain Division (Light), Fort Drum, New York
Jul 18	May 19	Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, United States Army Reserve Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Oct 17	Jul 18	Chief of Staff, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Jul 17	Oct 17	Deputy Commander, Combined Joint Inter-Agency Task Force, Joint Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Jun 15	Jun 17	Commander, United States Army Garrison, Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Aug 14	Jun 15	Student, Canadian Forces National Security Programme, Canadian Forces College, Toronto, Canada
Dec 13	Apr 14	Assistant Chief of Staff, Operations (Rear), 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York
May 11	Nov 13	Commander, 2d Battalion, 22d Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York and OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan
May 08	May 11	Operations Planner, Joint Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina and OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq
Jul 06	May 08	Operations Officer, later Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina and OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan
Aug 05	Jun 06	Student, United States Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
Sep 03	Jun 05	Team Leader, Worldwide Investigation, Joint Prisoners of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii
Sep 01	Aug 03	Commander, E Company, 51st Infantry Long Range Surveillance (Airborne), 165th Military Intelligence Battalion (Tactical Exploitation), V Corps, United States Army Europe, Germany and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq
Jun 00	Jun 01	Commander, G Troop, 1st Cavalry, 2d Brigade, 1st Armor Division, United States Army Europe, Germany and and OPERATION JOINT GUARDIAN, Kosovo

Jan 99 Jun 00 Training Officer, later Assistant Operations Officer, 2d Brigade, 1st Armored Division, United States Army Europe, Germany and OPERATION JOINT GUARDIAN, Albania
 Sep 96 Dec 98 Liaison Officer, later Assistant Operations Officer, later Adjutant, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 12th Infantry Regiment, Fort Carson, Colorado
 Dec 94 Sep 96 Platoon Leader, D Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 12th Infantry Regiment, Fort Carson, Colorado

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Operations Planner, Joint Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina and OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq	Oct 08 - May 11	Major/Lieutenant Colonel

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Commander, 2d Battalion, 22d Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York and OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan	Jan 13 - Sep 13	Lieutenant Colonel
Operations Planner, Joint Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq	Dec 08 - May 09	Major
Operations Planner, Joint Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina and OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan	Jan 10 - Jul 10	Major
Operations Officer, later Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina and OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan	Feb 07 - Apr 08	Major
Commander, 51st Infantry Long Range Surveillance Company (Airborne), 165th Military Intelligence Battalion (Tactical Exploitation), V Corps, United States Army Europe, Germany and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq	Jan 03 - Aug 03	Captain
Commander, Golf Troop, 1st Cavalry, 2d Brigade, 1st Armor Division, United States Army Europe, Germany and OPERATION JOINT GUARDIAN, Kosovo	Nov 00 - Jun 01	Captain
Training Officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Brigade, 1st Armor Division, United States Army Europe, Germany and OPERATION JOINT GUARDIAN, Albania	May 99 - Jul 99	Captain

US DECORATIONS AND BADGES

Legion of Merit (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
 Bronze Star Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
 Purple Heart
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
 Meritorious Service Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
 Joint Service Commendation Medal
 Army Commendation Medal for Valor (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
 Army Commendation Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
 Army Achievement Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
 Combat Infantryman Badge
 Expert Infantryman Badge
 Master Parachutist Badge
 Senior Parachutist Badge
 Parachutist Badge
 Ranger Tab

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United States Navy Biography

Rear Admiral Nicholas M. Homan **Director of Intelligence, J-2, U.S. Special Operations Command**

Rear Adm. Nicholas M. Homan is a native of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and a 1992 graduate of the University of Nebraska with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. He holds a Master of Science in Astronautical Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. He enlisted in the Navy in 1983 as an Aviation Electronics Technician and was commissioned as a Cryptologic Warfare Officer in 1992.

Homan's operational tours include deputy, deputy chief of staff for intelligence, Resolute Support, Deputy Director for Intelligence, U.S. Forces in Afghanistan; information warfare commander, commander, Carrier Strike Group 11 onboard USS Nimitz (CVN 68); cryptologic resource coordinator, commander, Carrier Strike Group 10 onboard USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75); Afghanistan National Security Force team leader/deputy director of Afghanistan Intelligence Transition Directorate in Afghanistan; Joint Special Operations Task Force J2, deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq; Ships Signals Exploitation Space division officer onboard USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6); detachment division officer onboard USS Comte de Grasse (DD 974); and communications evaluator flying on Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron 2 aircraft from Rota, Spain.



Homan's staff and interagency assignments include chief of staff to the Office of Naval Intelligence; action officer, Joint Staff J5 Afghanistan/Pakistan Hand; division chief, J2 Joint Special Operations Command; Information Warfare Officer junior officer detailee, Bureau of Naval Personnel; and chief of customer support at Aerospace Data Facility, Colorado.

Homan's command tours include commanding officer, Navy Information Operations Command Colorado and commanding officer, Nimitz Operational Intelligence Center, Office of Naval Intelligence.

Homan's decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (three awards), Bronze Star (two awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Air Medal Strike/Flight (two awards), and Navy and Marine Corps Combat Action Ribbon. Additionally, he was the inaugural Captain Joseph Rochefort Information Warfare Officer Distinguished Leadership Award recipient.

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United States Army

Brigadier General MARK J. HOVATTER

**Deputy Director, Plans and Strategic Integration
United States Africa Command, J5
Unit 29951
APO AE 09751-9951
Since: June 2020**



SOURCE OF COMMISSIONED SERVICE ROTC

EDUCATIONAL DEGREES

Ohio State University – BA – Political Science
United States Army Command and General Staff College – MMAS – Advanced Military Studies
National Defense University – MS – Joint Campaign Planning & Strategy

MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED

Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses
United States Army Command and General Staff College
Joint Advanced Warfighting School
School of Advanced Military Studies

FOREIGN LANGUAGE(S) None recorded

<u>PROMOTIONS</u>	<u>DATE OF APPOINTMENT</u>
2LT	24 May 89
1LT	23 May 92
CPT	1 Jul 94
MAJ	1 Feb 01
LTC	1 Dec 06
COL	1 Jun 12
BG	2 May 20

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
Jun 20	Present	Deputy Director, Plans and Strategic Integration, United States Africa Command, J5, Stuttgart, Germany
Jul 19	Jun 20	Deputy Director, Strategy Plans and Policy, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, United States Army, Washington, DC
Jul 16	Jul 19	Chief of Warplans, Strategy, Plans and Policy Directorate, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, United States Army, Washington, DC
Jul 14	Jul 16	Logistics Group Chief, Joint Enabling Capabilities Command, United States Transportation Command, Norfolk, Virginia
Jul 13	Jun 14	Student, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia
Jul 11	Mar 13	Chief, Conflict Assessment Branch, Future Warfare Division, later Chief, Science and Technology Division, Concept Development and Learning Division, Army Capabilities Integration Center, United States Army Training and Doctrine Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia
Jul 07	Jul 11	Military Faculty/Instructor, Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia and OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan
May 05	Jun 07	Plans Officer, later Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5 Plans, 3d Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Stewart, Georgia and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq

Aug 03	May 05	Student, United States Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
Mar 03	Aug 03	Plans and Operations Officer, United States Army Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
May 01	Mar 03	Chief Plans and Exercise Officer, 416th Engineer Command Forward Cell, Third Army/United States Army Central, Fort McPherson, Georgia and OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Kuwait
Oct 98	May 01	Chief, Engineer Branch, later Regimental Engineer, later Small Group Instructor, 3d Squadron, 16th Cavalry Regiment, United States Army Armor Center, Fort Knox, Kentucky
Oct 97	Sep 98	Chief, Facilities Branch, Test and Experimentation Command, Fort Hood, Texas
Apr 96	Sep 97	Commander, A Company, 20th Engineer Battalion (Mechanized), 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas
Nov 94	Apr 96	Assistant Brigade Engineer, 20th Engineer Battalion (Mechanized), 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas
Jun 94	Nov 94	Student, Engineer Officer Advanced Course, United States Army Engineer School, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri
Nov 90	Mar 94	Platoon Leader, later Executive Officer, 3d Airborne Battalion Combat Team, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, Southern European Task Force, Vicenza, Italy and OPERATION PROVIDE COMFORT, Iraq
Jul 90	Nov 90	Student, Engineer Officer Basic Course, United States Army Engineer School, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri
Jun 89	Jun 90	Engineer Officer, 2d Battalion, 11th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Reynoldsburg, Ohio (USAR)

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Deputy Director Strategic Plans, United States Africa Command, J5, Stuttgart, Germany	Jun 20 - Present	Brigadier General
Logistics Group Chief, Joint Enabling Capabilities Command, United States Joint Forces Command, Norfolk, Virginia	Jul 14 - Jul 16	Colonel
Military Faculty/Instructor, Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia and OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan	Jul 07 - Jul 11	Lieutenant Colonel

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5 Plans, 3d Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Multi-National Division-Center, Multi-National Corps-Iraq, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq	Mar 07 - Jun 07	Lieutenant Colonel
Plans Officer, 3d Infantry Division (Mechanized), OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq	Jun 05 - Dec 05	Major
Chief Plans and Exercise Officer, 416th Engineer Command Forward Cell with duty at Third Army/United States Army Central, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Kuwait	Nov 01 - Feb 03	Major
Platoon Leader, 3d Airborne Battalion Combat Team, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, Southern European Task Force, OPERATION PROVIDE COMFORT, Iraq	Apr 91 - Jul 91	Second Lieutenant

US DECORATIONS AND BADGES

Legion of Merit (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
 Bronze Star Medal
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
 Meritorious Service Medal (with 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
 Army Commendation Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
 Joint Service Achievement Medal
 Army Achievement Medal (with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
 Parachutist Badge
 Army Staff Identification Badge



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM H. KALE III, PE, PMP

Brig Gen William H. Kale III is the Air Force Director of Civil Engineers, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Engineering & Force Protection, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. He is responsible for providing policy and oversight for the planning, development, construction, maintenance, utilities and environmental quality of 176 Air Force bases worldwide valued at more than \$420 billion. This responsibility includes housing, fire emergency services, explosive ordnance disposal and emergency management services. He also influences resourcing for installation support functions with an annual budget of \$8 billion and is the focal point for organizing, training and equipping a 51,000-person engineering force.

General Kale entered the Air Force in 1995 as a distinguished graduate of the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Pennsylvania State University. He has commanded at the squadron, group, and wing levels. The general has also served on three headquarters staffs and as a legislative fellow. He has deployed in support of Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, JOINT FORGE, JOINT GUARDIAN, NOBLE EAGLE, ENDURING FREEDOM, and IRAQI FREEDOM.

Prior to his current position, General Kale led the Air Force Legislative Liaison Office in the U.S. House of Representatives.



EDUCATION

1993 Exchange Student, University of Leeds
1995 Bachelor of Architectural Engineering, Pennsylvania State University
2001 Master of Science, Environmental and Engineering Management, Air Force Institute of Technology
2001 Squadron Officer School
2005 Air Command and Staff College (by correspondence)
2008 Legislative Fellowship, Georgetown University
2009 Air War College (by correspondence)
2013 Master of Science, National Resource Strategy, Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy
2015 National Security Executive Leadership Seminar, Foreign Service Institute
2015 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, University of North Carolina

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1995 – March 1998, Chief of Support Group Project Team and Chief of Contract Management, 23rd and 43rd Civil Engineer Squadrons, Pope Air Force Base, N.C.
2. March 1998 – August 1999, Chief of Contract Management and Architectural Engineer, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal
3. August 1999 – April 2001, Graduate Student, Environmental and Engineering Management Department, School of Engineering, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
4. April 2001 – May 2001, Student, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
5. May 2001 – June 2004, Project Engineer and Engineering Flight Commander, 819th RED HORSE Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, Mo.
6. June 2004 – July 2007, Beddown/BRAC Program Manager and Executive Officer (Civil Engineer and then Installations and Mission Support), Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
7. July 2007 – January 2009, Legislative Fellow, Air University, Pentagon (Offices of the Secretary of the Air Force Congressional Budget and Appropriation Liaison and Legislative Liaison) and U.S. House of Representatives (Office of Congressman Daniel E. Lungren, Third Congressional District of California), Washington, D.C.

8. January 2009 – July 2010, Legislative Affairs Program Manager, Office of the Civil Engineer, Deputy Chief of Staff for Installations and Logistics, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. (Deployed November 2009 – June 2010 as Commander, 380th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, Southwest Asia)
9. July 2010 – July 2012, Commander, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany
10. July 2012 – June 2013, Student & Research Fellow, Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.
11. June 2013 – July 2015, Chief, Program and Requirements Branch, Policy and Programs Division, Deputy Directorate for Program Management Activities, Directorate for Joint Force Development (J7), Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.
12. July 2015 – July 2017, Commander, 11th Mission Support Group, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
13. July 2017 – July 2019, Commander, 501st Combat Support Wing, RAF Alconbury, United Kingdom
14. July 2019 – July 2020, Chief, House Liaison Division, Office of the Legislative Liaison, Secretary of the Air Force, Washington, D.C.
15. July 2020 – present, Director of Civil Engineers, Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

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

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2001 Professional Engineer License, State of Ohio
2002 Air Force Engineer of the Year
2002 National Society of Professional Engineers Federal Engineer of the Year Top 10 Finalist
2003 Air Force Civil Engineer Military Manager of the Year Runner-Up
2004 Army Air Assault Badge
2004 Pacific Air Forces Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award nominee
2004 Pacific Air Forces Company Grade Officer of the Year
2006 Army Combat Action Badge
2007 Project Management Professional Certification, Project Management Institute
2011 United States Air Forces in Europe Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award nominee
2012 Society of American Military Engineer Curtin Award (Air Force's Best Large Civil Engineer Squadron)
2012 United States Air Forces in Europe Senior Civil Engineer Manager of the Year
2013 Award for Outstanding Research, Center for the Study of Weapons of Mass Destruction

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 30, 1995
First Lieutenant May 30, 1997
Captain May 30, 1999
Major Oct. 1, 2005
Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2009
Colonel Oct. 1, 2014
Brigadier General Aug. 7, 2020

(Current as of June 2021)



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL DEBRA A. LOVETTE

Col. Debra A. Lovette is the Director of the Executive Action Group for the Secretary of the Air Force, Chief of Staff of the Air Force and Chief of Space Operations at Headquarters Air Force. In this capacity, she oversees the strategy and communications teams for the Department of the Air Force. Prior to this, she was Director of Human Capital for United States Space Command, established in August 2019, where she oversaw the formation of the new combatant command, establishing and resourcing requirements in collaboration with all the services and other relevant government agencies.

Colonel Lovette graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1994. She has served in a variety of assignments to include: the deputy executive assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the special assistant to the Director of the Joint Staff for General and Flag Officer Matters, and at the air staff level working assignment policy including associated budget, joint officer management, and classification policy. She deployed in support of Operation NOBLE EAGLE in June 2002 and served overseas at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea in the 51st Fighter Wing and again, as Commander of the 18th Mission Support Group, in the largest combat-coded wing in the Air Force, at Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan. She served as Commander, 81st Training Wing at Keesler Air Force Base, MS, where she commanded 12,000 Airmen and civilians, providing technical training for officers, enlisted, and civilians of the U.S. Air Force, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserves as well as other Department of Defense agencies in addition to international students.



EDUCATION

- 1994 Bachelor of Science in English, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 1996 Master of Science in Counseling and Human Development, Troy State University, Troy, Ala.
- 2000 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2004 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2006 Master of Science in Strategic Leadership, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
- 2010 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2013 Master of Science in National Security, National War College, National Defense University, Fort McNair, D.C.
- 2017 Leading Strategically, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, CO
- 2018 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, NC
- 2018 Women In Leadership, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
- 2019 Halifax International Security Forum Peace With Women Fellowship

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1994 - July 1997, Military Personnel Flight, Personnel Officer, 16th Mission Support Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
2. July 1997 - August 1998, Deputy Chief of Protocol, Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
3. August 1998 - August 1999, Chief, 51st Fighter Wing Military Equal Opportunity, Osan Air Base (AB), Republic of Korea
4. August 1999 - August 2001, Deputy Chief of Air University Personnel, Maxwell Air Force Base (AFB), Ala.
5. August 2001 - May 2003, Chief, Personnel Officer Assignments, Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Texas
6. May 2003 - June 2004, Executive Officer to the Executive Director, Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Texas
7. June 2004 - June 2005, Aide-de-camp to the Air Education and Training Command Commander, Randolph AFB, Texas
8. June 2005 - June 2006, Student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
9. June 2006 - July 2008, Chief, Assignment and Joint Officer Management Policy, Air Staff, the Pentagon, Washington DC

11. July 2008 - July 2010, Commander, 4th Force Support Squadron, Seymour-Johnson AFB, NC
12. July 2010 - July 2012, Deputy Executive Assistant to the Chairman, Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Pentagon, Washington DC
13. August 2012 - July 2013, Student, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington DC
14. July 2013 - June 2014, Special Assistant to the Director, Joint Staff for General and Flag Officer Matters, the Pentagon, Washington DC
15. June 2014 - July 2016, Commander, 18th Mission Support Group, Kadena AB, Japan
16. July 2016 - May 2017, Director, Manpower, Personnel and Services, Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale AFB, LA
17. June 2017 - May 2019, Commander, 81st Training Wing, Keesler AFB, Miss.
18. May 2019 - May 2020, Director, Human Capital, United States Space Command, Peterson AFB, CO
19. May 2020 - Present, Director, SECAF-CSAF-CSO Executive Action Group, the Pentagon, Washington DC

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Korean Defense Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 1, 1994

First Lieutenant June 1, 1996

Captain June 1, 1998

Major Sept. 1, 2004

Lieutenant Colonel Sept. 1, 2009

Colonel Oct. 1, 2014

(Current as of September 2020)



United States Combined Arms Center
and Fort Leavenworth

Brigadier General Charles J. Masaracchia

Director

**Mission Command Center of Excellence
Fort Leavenworth**

Brigadier General Charles J. Masaracchia became the eighth Director of the Mission Command Center of Excellence on 16 October 2020.

BG Masaracchia received his commission in the Infantry from Norwich University in 1992. His first assignment was with 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, at Schofield Barracks, HI, serving as a Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer. He was later assigned to 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, as a Company Executive Officer and Battalion S-5. Following the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, he was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, at Fort Campbell, KY, serving as the Battalion S-1 and Commander of Charlie Company.

In April 2000, BG Masaracchia was assigned to 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, serving as the Battalion Assistant S-3 and Bravo Company Commander, deploying in support of both Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). Following Command and General Staff College, he was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division where he served as the Division Training Officer. He would later serve as the Operations Officer for 2nd Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment (AIR), and as the 2nd Brigade, 325th AIR Operations Officer, deploying three times in support of OIF. BG Masaracchia served at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, LA, as an observer/controller, Task Force S-3 Trainer, and as the Chief of Live Fire Division. In April 2010, he assumed command of 1st Battalion, 325th AIR, and deployed his unit in support of OEF and Operation New Dawn. After leaving command he served as the 82nd Airborne Division Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, until June of 2013.

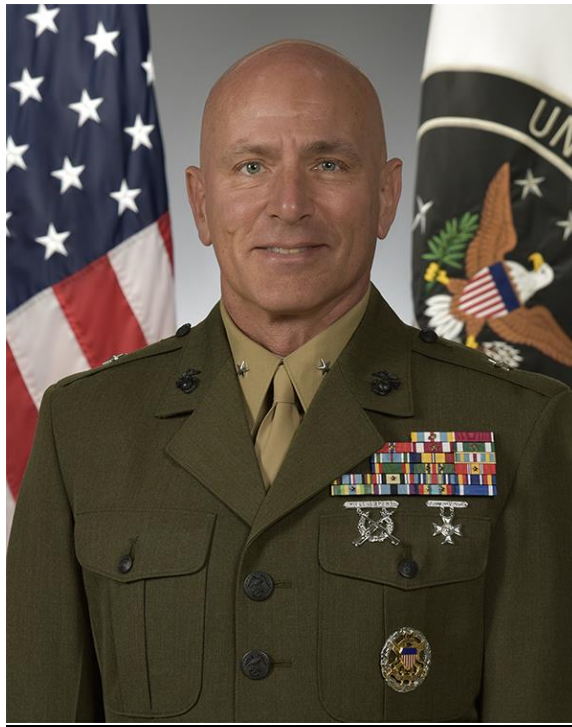
BG Masaracchia commanded the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss, TX, from July 2014 to June 2016. Following brigade command, he served as the Chief of Staff for the 1st Infantry Division, at Fort Riley, KS, deploying to Iraq in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. In 2016, he took command of the 3rd Security Force Assistance Brigade (SFAB), based at Fort Hood, TX. As SFAB Commander, he deployed to the Central Command Area of Responsibility and served in Afghanistan as the Commanding General of Train, Advise, Assist Command-East, and as Deputy Commanding General-Operations for Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan in support of Operations Freedom's Sentinel and Resolute Support.

BG Masaracchia is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and attended the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, as a United States Army Special Operations Command, War College Fellow, studying within the Triangle Institute of Strategic Studies and National Security Studies.

BG Masaracchia's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with "C" device, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal (5 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with "V" device, and the Army Commendation Medal (5 OLC). BG Masaracchia has earned the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Ranger Tab, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Air Assault Badge, and Master Parachutist Badge.

BG Masaracchia is married and has three children.





Brigadier General Joseph A. (Jay) Matos, USMC

BGen Matos is a native of Springfield, Virginia. After graduating from Virginia Tech he attended the Marine Corps Officer Candidate Course where he received his commission as a Second Lieutenant.

His operating force assignments include Marine Wing Communications Squadron-28, Communications Officer for the 22d Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) where he completed two Landing Force Sixth Fleet deployments, S-6 Regimental Combat Team-8 (RCT-8) during OIF 04-06, G6 Operations officer for 2d Marine Division, and Deputy G6 for II MEF Forward during OIF 06-08. In 2008, he assumed command of 7th Communication Battalion in Okinawa, Japan. From July 2013 to July 2016, BGen Matos commanded Defense Information Systems Agency Pacific (DISA-PAC), located on Ford Island, Hawai'i, which is responsible for operating and defending DOD networks in the Pacific.

Staff assignments for BGen Matos include Ground Standards Branch at Training and Education Command, project officer for satellite systems at Marine Corps Systems Command, Director of Communication School where he oversaw training of all Marine Corps communication officers, and the Joint Staff, J-6 where he was the Division Chief for Cyber Requirements and Capabilities, Integration and Strategic Initiatives. He also served as Assistant Chief of Staff, Information Environment Division at Marine Forces Pacific where he integrated Operations in the Information Environment for the command. He is currently assigned as Director, J6 for U.S. Space Command.

BGen Matos attended the Basic Communication Officer Course and the Command and Control Systems Course and has earned numerous industry certifications regarding information technology and project management. He is a 2001 graduate of the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California and Distinguished Graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF) in 2011.

BGen Matos' personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal with Oak Leaf cluster, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with Gold Star, the Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Gold Star, the Joint Service Achievement Medal and the Combat Action Ribbon.



United States Navy Biography

REAR ADMIRAL JOHN V. MENONI
**Commander, Joint Region Marianas/
Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas/
U.S. INDO-PACIFIC Command, Senior Military Official: Guam,
Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, Federated
States of Micronesia & Republic of Palau**

A native of Oak Park, Illinois, Rear Admiral Menoni graduated from the University of Illinois where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics and received his commission on 3 July 1991. He has also earned a Master's Degree in Business Administration, a certificate in Systems Analysis from NPS, JPME-1 credit from the Naval War College, and JPME-2 credit from the Joint Staff College.

Menoni attended naval flight training in Pensacola, Florida, receiving his wings in October 1993. He is qualified as a pilot in both the H-46 Sea Knight and MH-60S Knighthawk. He has served multiple operational flying tours including Helicopter Combat Support Squadron FIVE, Helicopter Combat Support Squadron ELEVEN, Command of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron TWENTY-FIVE, and Commander of the 2515th Naval Air Ambulance Detachment Supporting ARCENT and Multi-National Corps – Iraq.

His most recent operational tour was as the Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of USS SAN DIEGO (LPD-22).

His staff tours include serving as an Instructor Pilot at Helicopter Combat Support Squadron THREE, Flag Lieutenant at Carrier Group FOUR, the Helicopter Sea and Assistant Captain Detailer for PERS-43, a JECC Planner for USFK, CENTCOM, JTF-435/ISAF, and AFRICOM/JTF ODYSSEY DAWN, and as the Executive Assistant for Commander Naval Forces Europe, Africa and Allied Joint Force Command Naples.

He most recently served as the Executive Assistant for the Director, Integration of Capabilities and Resources (OPNAV N8).





Brigadier General Ronald R. Ragin
Commander
13th Expeditionary Sustainment Command

Brigadier General Ragin's key command assignments include: Troop Commander, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment (Fulda); Company Commander, 225th Forward Support Battalion, 25th Infantry Division (Light); Battalion Commander, Group Support Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne); Support Squadron Commander, 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment (Delta); Brigade Commander, 4th Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, 4th Infantry Division; U.S. Army Operational Test Command; and he is currently serving as the Commanding General of the 13th Expeditionary Sustainment Command.

Brigadier General Ragin's key staff assignments were in the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment (Fulda); Division Support Command (DISCOM), 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); DISCOM, 25th Infantry Division (Light); 7th Fleet Command Ship (USS Blue Ridge); 528th Special Operations Support Battalion (Airborne); Joint Special Operations Task Force - Iraq; 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force - Afghanistan; United States Special Operations Command; and the United States Army Materiel Command.

His deployments include eight combat tours, and numerous operational tours worldwide. While assigned to the United States Army Special Operations Command, he gained significant interagency, intergovernmental, and multinational experience in North Africa, the Levant, and Middle East.

His education includes a Bachelor of Science from the University of Texas, Master of Science Degree in Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, Master of Arts Degree in International Relations from Troy University, and PhD in Public Policy from Walden University. He completed the Harvard National Security Fellowship Program and is an Alumni of the Harvard John F. Kennedy School of Government in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Brigadier General Ragin's awards, decorations, and badges include: Legion of Merit (2OLC), Bronze Star Medal (2OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (1OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (2OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2OLC), Joint Meritorious Unit Award (1OLC), National Defense Service Medal (1Star), Afghan Campaign Medal (5Stars), Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Army Service Medal, Overseas Service Medal (4), NATO Service Medal, Combat Action Badge, Expert Field Medical Badge, Air Assault Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Polish Parachutist Badge, and German Efficiency Badge.

Brigadier General Ragin is happily married to the former Ms. Brandie Krzanowicz, and they have two wonderful daughters Maegan, 10 years old, and Courtney, 8 years old.



Rear Admiral Curt Renshaw

Deputy Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, U.S. Central Command/ Deputy Commander, FIFTH Fleet



Rear Adm. Curt A. Renshaw is a native of New Albany, Indiana. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. He holds a Master of Science in Operations Research from the Naval Post Graduate School.

His sea tours include Repair Officer and Aegis Fire Control Officer in USS Shiloh (CG 67); Weapons and Combat Systems Officer in USS Anzio (CG 68); and Commanding Officer of USS Patriot (MCM 7); USS Independence (LCS-2); and USS Chancellorsville (CG 62) where he also served as air defense commander for Commander, Task Force Seven Zero.

Renshaw has completed operational deployments in all Navy theaters of operation. His commands have earned Battle Efficiency Awards, Golden Anchor Retention

Excellence Awards, the CNO Safety Award, and the Spokane Trophy as the most combat ready ship in Pacific Fleet.

Ashore, Renshaw served as Executive Assistant to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations; Special Assistant to the Assistant Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Detailer and Deputy Director, Surface Warfare Officer Assignments in the Bureau of Naval Personnel; and in the Commander, Naval Surface Forces Command staff. He assumed duties as Deputy Commander, US Naval Forces Central Command in June 2019. Renshaw's awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (two awards), Navy Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Navy Commendation Medal (three awards) and the Navy Achievement Medal (two awards) and other various personal, unit, and service awards.



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL PATRICK S. RYDER

Brig. Gen. Patrick S. Ryder is the Director of Public Affairs, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. In addition to advising the Secretary, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and Chief of Space Operations on Public Affairs matters, he is responsible for developing and executing global communication processes to build understanding and support for the Air Force and Space Force. He provides guidance and support for nearly 4,500 active duty, Guard and Reserve Airmen and civilians in their mission to broadcast internal Air Force and Space Force information, conduct community and media relations, plan and synchronize Department of the Air Force communication efforts, and execute security review programs.



General Ryder was commissioned in 1992 through the Air Force ROTC program at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida. His staff assignments include serving as the Special Assistant for Public Affairs to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Director of Public Affairs for U.S. Central Command, Director of Media Operations for the Secretary of the Air Force Office of Public Affairs, and Director of Public Affairs for the Office of Defense Representative-Pakistan. During his career, General Ryder has led Public Affairs operations in numerous overseas contingency operations. He served as the PAO for the Air Force's initial cadre at Tazsar Air Base, Hungary, during the 1995 peace-keeping mission Operation JOINT ENDEAVOR and led 48th Fighter Wing Public Affairs operations in support of NATO during the 1999 Kosovo Air Campaign. In support for Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, he served as a strategic communications planner for the Coalition Provisional Authority in Baghdad, Iraq, from March–July 2004 and led the DoD Public Affairs response to highlight U.S. military humanitarian support to Pakistan during massive floods in 2010. While at CENTCOM, General Ryder oversaw the command-wide Public Affairs operations in support of the counter-ISIS campaign Operation INHERENT RESOLVE from 2014-2016 and conducted bi-weekly press briefings with the Pentagon press corps from HQ CENTCOM in Tampa, Florida.

EDUCATION:

- 1992 Bachelor of Science in Advertising, University of Florida, Fla.
- 1999 Squadron Officer's School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 1999 Master of Arts in Public Administration, Bowie State University, Md.
- 2002 Language Area Studies & Immersion Program, German, University of Salzburg, Austria
- 2004 Air Command & Staff College (In Correspondence), Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2006 Master of Science in Strategic Intelligence, Joint Military Intelligence College, Defense Intelligence Agency, Bolling AFB, Washington D.C.
- 2008 Air War College (In Correspondence), Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2013 Master of Science in National Resource Strategy, Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, National Defense University, Ft. McNair, Washington D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Jan 1993 – Aug 1994 Deputy Chief, Public Affairs, 81st Training Wing, Keesler AFB, Miss.
2. Aug 1994 – Jun 1996 Deputy Chief, Public Affairs, 39th Wing, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey
3. Jun 1996 – Jun 1999 Chief, Public Affairs, 48th Fighter Wing, RAF Lakenheath, UK
4. Jun 1999 - Jul 2001 Chief, Readiness & Evaluation, Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs, Resources & Readiness Division, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
5. Jul 2001 – Jun 2002 Executive Officer to the Director, Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
6. Jun 2002 – Jun 2003 Chief, Plans & Readiness Division, U.S. Air Forces in Europe Public Affairs, Ramstein AB, Germany
7. Jun 2003 – Jul 2005 Chief, Operations Division, U.S. Air Forces in Europe Public Affairs, Ramstein AB, Germany
8. Aug 2005 – Aug 2006 Graduate/IDE Student, Joint Military Intelligence College, Defense Intelligence Agency, Bolling AFB, Washington D.C
9. Aug 2006 – Sep 2009 Press Officer, Defense Press Operations, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
10. Oct 2009 – Oct 2010 Director, Public Affairs, Office of Defense Representative-Pakistan, Islamabad, Pakistan
11. Nov 2010 – Jul 2012 Strategic Communication Advisor to the Secretary of the Air Force, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
12. Aug 2012 – Jun 2013 Student, Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, National Defense University, Ft. McNair, Washington D.C.
13. Jul 2013 – Jul 2016 Director of Public Affairs, and Deputy Director, Communication Integration, U.S. Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.
14. Jul 2016 – Sep 2017 Chief, Air Force Media Operations Division, Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
15. Oct 2017 – Oct 2019 Special Assistant for Public Affairs to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
16. Oct 2019 – Apr 2020 Special Assistant to the Director of Air Force Public Affairs, Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
17. May 2020 – Present Director of Public Affairs, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Aug 2006 – Sep 2009 Press Officer, Defense Press Operations, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
2. Oct 2009 – Oct 2010 Director, Public Affairs, Office of Defense Representative-Pakistan, Islamabad, Pakistan
3. Jul 2013 – Jul 2016 Director of Public Affairs, and Deputy Director, Communication Integration, U.S. Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.
4. Oct 2017 – Oct 2019 Special Assistant for Public Affairs to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Pentagon, Washington D.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Joint Service Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	2 May 1992
First Lieutenant	8 Sep 1994
Captain	8 Sep 1996
Major	1 Mar 2003
Lieutenant Colonel	1 Mar 2008
Colonel	1 Jun 2014
Brigadier General	5 Aug 2020

(Current a/o Aug 20)

Captain Mark A. Schafer



Captain Mark Schafer is the Director of Operations for the Joint Special Operations Command headquartered in Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Born and raised in New Hartford, New York, he graduated with merit from the United States Naval Academy in 1994 and was commissioned in the U.S. Navy. His first assignment was as a student in Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL training where he graduated with class 197.

He has served operational tours at SEAL Team TWO, SEAL Team FOUR, and Naval Special Warfare Development Group with deployments to Eastern Europe, South America, the Middle East and Central Asia. Captain Schafer served as the Commanding Officer of Naval Special Warfare Tactical Development and Evaluation Squadron THREE and Naval Special Warfare's Basic Training Command. Most recently, he served as the Commodore of Naval Special Warfare Group TWO.

His staff assignments include two tours at the Joint Special Operations Command. He earned a Masters in Business Administration at the Naval Postgraduate School and his Joint Officer education was at the Joint and Combined Warfighting School.

Captain Schafer is married to the former Anne Wilson from Richmond, Virginia, who is an elementary school teacher. They have a son, Mark, who is an engineer living in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

2020 -- J3, Joint Special Operations Command

2018 – 2020 Commander, Naval Special Warfare Group TWO

2017 – 2018 Deputy J3, JSOC and Deputy Commander, JIATF-NCR

2016 – 2017 Deputy Commander, NSW Development Group

2014 – 2016 Commanding Officer, NSW Basic Training Command

2013 – 2014 Director of Selection and Training, NSW Development Group

2011 – 2013 Commanding Officer, TACDEVRON THREE

2010 – 2011 Deputy Operations Officer, NSW Development Group

2008 – 2010 Student, Naval Postgraduate School

2006 – 2008 Executive Officer, TACDEVRON THREE

2004 – 2006 Joint Reconnaissance Task Force action officer, JSOC Det Washington

2001 – 2004 Troop Commander, NSW Development Group

1997 – 2001 Operations Officer and Platoon Commander, SEAL Team FOUR

1995 – 1997 Assistant Platoon Commander, SEAL Team TWO

1994 – 1995 Student, Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL (BUD/S) class 197

1994 Commissioned at the U.S. Naval Academy



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



BRIGADIER GENERAL DAVID G. SHOEMAKER

Brig. Gen. David G. "Baja" Shoemaker is the Deputy Director for Operations, Headquarters, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii. As the Deputy Director for Operations, he is the deputy principal military operations advisor to USINDOPACOM Commander for joint/combined military operations in USINDOPACOM. In this position, he monitors the disposition and readiness of assigned U.S. forces and allies, conducts joint/combined training, and recommends employment options during crisis or contingency.

Brig. Gen. Shoemaker was commissioned in 1994 from the U.S. Air Force Academy. After an initial assignment as an Air Surveillance Officer in the E-3 at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, he was selected for Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, followed by F-16 training at Luke AFB, Arizona. He has held a variety of F-16 assignments including Chief of Standardization and Evaluation for the 8th Operations Group, Director of Operations for the 35th Fighter Squadron, and Chief of Safety for the 388th Fighter Wing. He commanded the 421st Fighter Squadron "Black Widows" at Hill AFB, Utah and the 8th Fighter Wing "Wolf Pack" at Kunsan Air Base, South Korea.



Brig. Gen. Shoemaker is a command pilot with more than 2,000 pilot hours in the T-37, T-38 and F-16A/B/C/D. He has flown in operations Provide Comfort, Northern Watch, Southern Watch, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, logging 100 combat sorties in the F-16. Prior to his current assignment, he served as Chief of Staff, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces.

EDUCATION

1994 Bachelor of Science, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
2002 Distinguished graduate, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2006 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2007 Master of Military Art and Science, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
2008 Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Norfolk, Va.
2010 Superior graduate, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2015 Master of Strategic Studies degree, School of Advanced Military Studies (Advanced Operational Studies Fellowship), Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
2016 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
2019 Combined Forces Maritime Component Commander Course, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1994–March 1995, Student, Undergraduate Controller Training, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.
2. March 1995–June 1999, Evaluator Air Surveillance Officer, 964th Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
3. June 1999–January 2001, Student, Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training and Fighter Introduction, Sheppard AFB, Texas
4. January 2001–October 2001, Student, F-16 Replacement Training, Luke AFB, Ariz.

5. October 2001–October 2005, Flight Commander and Instructor Pilot, 510th Fighter Squadron, Aviano Air Base, Italy
6. October 2005–December 2006, Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, 8th Operations Group, Kunsan AB, South Korea
7. January 2007–December 2007, Student, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
8. December 2007–July 2010, Instructor and Director of Operations, Air Force Element, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
9. July 2010–August 2011, Director of Operations, 35th Fighter Squadron, Kunsan AB, South Korea
10. September 2011–May 2012, Chief of Safety, 388th Fighter Wing, Hill AFB, Utah
11. May 2012–June 2014, Commander, 421st Fighter Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah
12. June 2014–June 2015, Advanced Operational Studies Fellow, School of Advanced Military Studies, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
13. July 2015–May 2017, Vice Commander, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke AFB, Ariz.
14. May 2017–June 2018, Commander, 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan AB, South Korea
15. June 2018–June 2019, Executive Assistant to the Commander, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
16. June 2019–June 2020, Chief of Staff, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
17. June 2020–present, Deputy Director for Operations, Headquarters, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. December 2007–July 2010, Instructor and Director of Operations, Air Force Element, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan, as a lieutenant colonel
2. June 2020–present, Deputy Director for Operations, Headquarters, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii, as a brigadier general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 3,900

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, F-16A/B/C/D and E-3B/C (aircrew)

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Outstanding Unit Award with "V" Device

Republic of Korea Order of National Security Merit (Samil Medal)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 1, 1994

First Lieutenant June 1, 1996

Captain June 1, 1998

Major Sept. 1, 2004

Lieutenant Colonel Aug. 1, 2009

Colonel July 1, 2015

Brigadier General July 3, 2020

(Current as of September 2020)



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL BENJAMIN W. SPENCER

Colonel Benjamin W. Spencer is the Chief, House Liaison Division, Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. He manages Department of the Air Force interactions with Members of the U.S House of Representatives and their staffs in support of Air Force and Space Force programs and Congressional travel. Col Spencer advises Air Staff, Space Staff, MAJCOMs, and COCOMs, developing strategies for the Air Force and Space Force to support Congressional engagements. Additionally, he provides staff-level interface with Congress for the Office of Secretary of the Air Force, Undersecretary of the Air Force, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Chief of Space Operations, Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and Vice Chief of Space Operations. Finally, Col Spencer analyzes national security and DoD strategic policy for engagement with Congress, committees, and staff members while working directly with Members, Congressional Staff, and Air and Space Force leaders on plans, programs, & policies impacting the Department of the Air Force.

Colonel Spencer earned his commission through Officer Training School in March 1995. He is a career aircraft maintenance officer who also completed a 3-year tour in acquisitions as part of the Acquisitions & Logistics Experience Exchange Tour. Colonel Spencer has served as a maintenance operations officer, squadron commander, and group commander. He was also the Executive Officer to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Installations, Environment and Logistics. Additionally, Colonel Spencer spent a year as the Execution Team Chief on the SecAF-CSAF Executive Action Group (HAF/CX). Colonel Spencer's most recent assignments were as the Commander, 319th Air Base Wing, Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota and the Vice Commander, Air Force Sustainment Center, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma.



In 1997, Colonel Spencer deployed as the Squadron Maintenance Officer for the 4407th Reconnaissance Squadron (Provisional) to Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH. In 1999 and 2001 he deployed to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey in support of Operation NORTHERN WATCH as the Squadron Maintenance Officer for the 77th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron. Additionally, Colonel Spencer deployed to Iraq as the Commander, 1st Expeditionary Special Operations Maintenance Squadron in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM from May - September 2007. Finally, he deployed to Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM from July 2013 - June 2014 as Commander, 455th Expeditionary Maintenance Group.

EDUCATION

1993 Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering, University of Dayton, Ohio

1998 Master of Arts in Economics, University of Oklahoma, Okla.

1999 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2005 Air Command and Staff College (correspondence)

2009 Masters in Military Studies, Marine Corps Command & Staff College, Quantico, Va.

2013 Master of Arts in National and Strategic Studies, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

2016 Depot and Arsenal Executive Leadership Program, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

ASSIGNMENTS

1. March 1995 - July 1995, Student, Aircraft Maintenance Officers Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas
2. August 1995 - November 1996, Fabrication Flight Commander, 55th Maintenance Sq, Offutt AFB, Neb.
3. November 1996 - October 1997, Sortie Generation Flight Commander, 7th Airborne Command Control Sq, Offutt AFB, Neb.
4. October 1997 - September 1998, Sortie Generation Flt Commander, 38th Reconnaissance Sq, Offutt AFB, Neb.
5. October 1998 - April 1999, Propulsion Flight Commander, 20th Component Repair Sq, Shaw AFB, S.C.
6. May 1999 - April 2002, Sortie Generation Flight Commander, 77th Fighter Sq, Shaw AFB, S.C.
7. April 2002 - July 2003, C-17 Propulsion Integration/APU Program Manager, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
8. July 2003 - April 2004, Chief, Director's Action Group, C-17 System Program Office, Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
9. April 2004 - April 2005, Executive Officer, C-17 System Program Office, Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
10. April 2005 - May 2006, Maintenance Operations Officer, 51st Aircraft Maintenance Sq, Osan AB, Republic of Korea
11. June 2006 - June 2008, Commander, 1st Special Operations Equipment Maintenance Sq, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
12. June 2008 - June 2009, Student, Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Quantico, Va.
13. June 2009 - June 2010, Chief, Studies and Analysis Branch, Weapons Systems Division, HAF, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
14. June 2010 - June 2011, Executive Officer, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, SAF, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
15. June 2011 - June 2012, Chief, Execution Team, SecAF-CSAF Executive Action Grp, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
16. June 2012 - June 2013, Student, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.
17. July 2013 - June 2014, Commander, 455th Expeditionary Maintenance Group, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan
18. August 2014 - June 2016, Deputy Commander for Maintenance, Okla City Air Logistics Complex, Tinker AFB, Okla.
19. June 2016 - June 2017, Commander, 355th Maintenance Group, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
20. June 2017 - June 2019, Commander, 319th Air Base Wing, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.
21. June 2019 - Jun 2020, Vice Commander, Air Force Sustainment Center, Tinker AFB, Okla.
22. July 2020 – present, Chief, House Liaison, Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Bronze Star

Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Afghanistan Campaign Medal with bronze star device

Iraq Campaign Medal with bronze star device

Korean Defense Service Medal

Distinguished Graduate, Officer Training School (1995)

Distinguished Graduate, Aircraft Maintenance Officer Course (1995)

Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School (1999)

Airlift/Tanker Association Young Leadership Award (2005)

General Thomas P. Gerrity Award (2008)

Distinguished Graduate, Marine Corps Command and Staff College (2009)

Graduated with "Highest Distinction" (top 5%), Naval War College (2013)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	March 17, 1995
First Lieutenant	March 17, 1997
Captain	March 17, 1999
Major	June 1, 2005
Lieutenant Colonel	March 1, 2009
Colonel	October 1, 2013



U.S. Strategic Command Biography



Brigadier General John W. Weidner
J5P Deputy Director, Plans and Policy, USSTRATCOM

Brigadier General John W. Weidner assumed the duties as Deputy Director, Plans and Policy, United States Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM), on May 4, 2020.

General Weidner was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1991 upon graduation from the Army ROTC program at St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in physics. He completed a Ph.D. in medical physics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2012, and holds Master of Science degrees in medical physics, nuclear engineering, engineering management, and strategic studies. His military education includes the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the

Combined Arms Services Staff School, the Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College. He is also a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Wisconsin.

General Weidner most recently served as the Director of the US Army Nuclear and Countering WMD Agency at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, where he led the Army's capability to integrate nuclear weapon effects into conventional operations, and supported Army service component commands with nuclear and countering WMD expertise

General Weidner previously served as the Director of the USSTRATCOM Commander's Action Group; Director for Strategic Capabilities Policy in the Defense Policy and Strategy Directorate on the National Security Council staff; Executive Director for the Office of Major Modernization Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; assistant professor in the Department of Engineering Physics at the Air Force Institute of Technology; stockpile associate for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) at Los Alamos National Laboratory, New Mexico; consequence management advisory team leader for DTRA at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico; assistant professor in the Department of Physics at the United States Military Academy at West Point; and Deputy District Engineer for the St. Paul District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He commanded B Company, 52nd Engineer Battalion at Fort Carson, Colorado and served as an Engineer Platoon Leader at Fort Riley, Kansas and in the Republic of Korea.

(Current as of April 2020)