

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



WILLIAM “Will” M. FRASER, III
GENERAL
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
(RETIRED)

Former Commander
U.S. Transportation Command



WEEKS 1-2



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

General Fraser completed 40 years of commissioned service, as Commander, United States Transportation Command—a Unified, Combatant Command—where he served as the single manager responsible for global air, land, and maritime transport for the Department of Defense. Prior to this assignment, General Fraser was Commander, Air Combat Command, the 34th Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs. He has also held a variety of additional command and staff assignments including command of two bomb wings and an operations group. He has over 4300 flight hours in a variety of aircraft and his operational assignments included the B-1, B-2 and the B-52.

General Fraser is a distinguished graduate of the ROTC program at Texas A&M University where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Technology, a University of Northern Colorado graduate with a Master of Science degree in Management Information Systems. Additionally, he completed the National Security Leadership Course National Security Studies at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University, the Executive Development Program Johnson Graduate School of Management at Cornell University, the Program for Senior Executives in National and International Security John F. Kennedy School of Government Harvard University, and the CIA Senior Intelligence Fellows Program.

General Fraser is President of W.M. Fraser Enterprises LLC and currently serving on the Texas A&M University President’s Corps of Cadets Board of Visitors and Corps of Cadets Association Board of Directors. He is also a member of the Uber Military, aVolt Incorporated and Erudite Advisory Boards, the Gordian Institute and consults for the Northrop Grumman Corporation and is a Strategic Advisor for the Sierra Nevada Corporation.



THOMAS D. WALDHAUSER
GENERAL
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
(RETIRED)

Former Commander
United States Africa Command



Week 3

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

A native of South Saint Paul, Minnesota, General Thomas D. Waldhauser (Ret.) was commissioned in 1976 as an Infantry Officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. Throughout his 43 years of military service, General Waldhauser has led at all levels, including Commanding Officer of 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (SOC); Commanding General USMC Warfighting Lab; Deputy Commander USMC Combat Development Command; Chief of Staff, U.S. Special Operations Command; Commanding General, First Marine Division; and Deputy Commandant for Plans, Policies, and Operations at Headquarters Marine Corps. He has participated in Operation Desert Storm, Desert Shield, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom.

As the Commanding General for both I Marine Expeditionary Forces (I MEF) and U.S. Marine Forces Central Command 1 (MARCENT), General Waldhauser led both wide-ranging organizations simultaneously, and was the last general officer to do so before the role was restructured into 2 separate general officer billets.

He was then selected to serve as Senior Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, operating in a highly trusted capacity to advise and shape policies and operational strategies impacting the entire DoD organization.

Subsequently, General Waldhauser was appointed Director of Joint Force Development (J7) for the Joint Chiefs of Staff. During his tenure at the J7, General Waldhauser led the development of joint operations strategies and partnered with U.S. congressional members to develop the Goldwater-Nichols Act Reform.

Prior to retiring from the military in 2019, General Waldhauser was the Combatant Commander for U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM), where he led all aspects of U.S. security operations across the entire continent of Africa, spanning 53 nations. In this role, General Waldhauser developed overarching strategies to promote defense, diplomacy, and development throughout the region. Often working with African-nation Presidents and senior officials, General Waldhauser cultivated relationships supporting allied nations while solidifying the U.S. as a preferred partner.

General Waldhauser's post-military career includes a position on the Board of Governors for the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, as well as his position as a Fellow at National Defense University where he assists with the CAPSTONE course for newly promoted Brigadier Generals and Rear Admirals.

General Waldhauser is a graduate of Bemidji State University and the National War College with an MS in National Security Strategies. His military awards include Defense Superior Service Medal (x3), Legion of Merit with Valor, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (x4), Navy Achievement Medal (x2), and a Combat Action Ribbon.

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

Colonel, U.S. Army

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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-one-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. COL 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.

COL Hall is married to Kannary Hall, has a daughter Asheley age 27, and a son Cameron age 6.

Lieutenant Colonel Anthony C. Triviso
Deputy Director - DC Scheduler



Lieutenant Colonel Triviso graduated and Commissioned in May 2002 from the United States Naval Academy.

An Infantry Officer, he has served two combat tours in Iraq and one in Afghanistan; supported humanitarian assistance operations in Haiti, and has planned and conducted multiple exercises with allied partners in Africa, Europe, and Southwest Asia.

He has served in multiple command, staff, and leadership billets in both tactical and operational commands to include several infantry battalions and Current Operations at Marine Corps Forces Command. He is also a distinguished honor graduate of Command and Staff.

LtCol Triviso currently serves as the Deputy Director – DC Scheduling for Capstone.

He is married to the former Polly Denkova, and they have three children.



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



Chief of Staff

Brigadier General Marcus Annibale

Brigadier General “Steroid” Annibale assumed the duties as Chief of Staff, Naval Striking and Support Forces, NATO in July, 2020 after previously serving as the Director, Strategy and Plans Division, Plans, Policies and Operations, Headquarters Marine Corps.

Originally from Fairfax VA, Brigadier General Annibale was commissioned in 1991 after graduating from George Mason University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. Upon completion of The Basic School, he attended flight training and was designated as an AV-8B Harrier pilot.

Brigadier General Annibale’s command assignments include serving as the Commanding Officer of Marine Attack Squadron 513 and the Commanding Officer of Marine Aircraft Group 13, both a part of the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing.

Brigadier General Annibale’s operating forces assignments primarily include Marine Attack Squadron 513 and Marine Attack Squadron 311, with several embarkations on the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, Amphibious Task Force West and the Unit Deployment Program to Japan. “Steroid” has flown combat missions in Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, IRAQI FREEDOM, and participated in numerous exercises in the Middle East and Pacific. His staff assignments include Instructor Pilot and TACAIR Department Head at Marine Aviation Weapons Tactics Squadron One, Assistant Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations and Plans at 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, in Japan and as the F-35 Branch Head, at Headquarters Marine Corps, Aviation. Additionally, he served as an Assistant Deputy Director of Operations in the J-3 Directorate of the Joint Staff, at the Pentagon.

Brigadier General Annibale is a graduate of the Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School, Tactical Air Control Party Course, Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course, Senior Planners Course and served as the Commandant’s Fellow to Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies where he earned a Masters’ Degree in International Public Policy.

Brigadier General Annibale has flown over 2,200 hours in the AV-8B, was combat qualified in the F-35B and has over 2,500 mishap-free flight hours.



Naval Striking and Support Forces

Oeiras - Portugal



His personal decorations include a Legion of Merit with two Gold Stars, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, the Air Medal with Strike numeral Two, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Gold Star, and the Marine Corps Achievement Medal with two Gold Stars.



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM D. BETTS

Brigadier General William D. Betts is the Vice Commander, 1st Air Force and Air Forces Northern Command, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. He is the principal advisor to the 1st Air Force Commander and assists in organizing, equipping and operating air defense forces for aerospace warning and control in support of the Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command. As the Deputy Combined Forces Air Component Commander for U.S. Northern Command, he ensures operational readiness of assigned, aligned, or gained forces for homeland defense, defense support to civil authorities, and theater security cooperation missions in North America.



Brigadier General Betts received his commission from the United States Air Force Academy in May 1995. He has served as an F-35 and F-16 Instructor Pilot and an F-16 Weapons Officer. He has operational experience in Far East Asia as well as combat tours in Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, NORTHERN WATCH and IRAQI FREEDOM. He has served as Deputy Chief, Joint Doctrine Division on the Joint Staff and as the Senior Air Defense Officer in the U.K.'s Joint Force Air Component Headquarters. General Betts also served as the Commander, 33rd Operation Support Squadron, Eglin AFB, Florida. Prior to his current position, General Betts served as the Headquarters Air Force A8, Engine Room Chief, Pentagon, Washington D.C.. General Betts is a Command Pilot with over 2,400 flying hours, the majority of which are in the F-16.

EDUCATION

1995, Bachelor of Science, Engineering Science, United States Air Force Academy
2001, Squadron Officer School (Residence)
2009, Advanced Command and Staff College, Shrivenham, U.K.
(Residence) 2009, Masters, Political Science, Kings College, London
2014, Air War College (Residence)

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Nov 95 - Mar 97, Student, undergraduate pilot training, Vance AFB, Okla.
2. Mar 97 - Dec 97, Student, F-16 Formal Training Unit, 308th Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.
3. Jan 98 - Oct 00, Electronic Combat Pilot, 77th Fighter Squadron, Shaw AFB, S.C.
4. Oct 00 - Jul 02, Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, 36th Fighter Squadron, Osan AB, Korea
5. Jul 02 - Dec 02, Student, Weapons Instructor Course, 16th Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
6. Dec 02 - Dec 04, Chief, Weapons and Tactics, 524th Fighter Weapons Squadron, Cannon AFB, N.M.

7. Jan 05 - Jul 08, Director of Operations, 16th Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
8. Jul 08 - Jul 09, Student, Advanced Command and Staff College, Shrivenham U.K
9. Jul 09 - Jul 10, Senior Air Defense Officer, Joint Force Air Component Headquarters, RAF High Wycombe, United Kingdom
10. Jul 10 - May 13, F-35 Initial Cadre, Chief of Safety, 33rd Fighter Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla.
11. May 11 - May 13, Commander, 33rd Operational Support Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
12. May 13 - April 14, Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
13. May 14 - Jul 16, Deputy Chief, Joint Doctrine Division, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
14. Jul 16 - Jul 17, Commander, 8th Operations Group, Kunsan AB, Korea
15. Jul 17 - Jun 19, Commander, 51st Fighter Wing, Osan AB, Korea
16. Jun 19 - Jun 20, HAF A8, Engine Room Chief, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
17. Jun 20 - Present, Vice Commander, 1st Air Force and Air Forces Northern Command, Tyndall AFB, Fla.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: 2,400 hours

Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, AT-38, F-16, F-18, and F-35

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Army Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

National Defense Service Medal with bronze service star

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Korean Defense Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 31, 1995

First Lieutenant May 31, 1997

Captain May 31, 1999

Major July 1, 2005

Lieutenant Colonel June 1, 2010

Colonel May 1, 2016

Brigadier General Aug 2, 2021

(Current as of Dec 2021)



BIOGRAPHY

REAR ADMIRAL MIKE BROOKES

Mike Brookes
Rear Admiral, United States Navy
Director of Intelligence – J2
United States Southern Command

Rear Admiral Mike Brookes assumed duties as Director of Intelligence – J2, U.S. Southern Command on 15 June 2021.

Rear Admiral Brookes is the son of a career Naval officer and a 1987 graduate of California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, California, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. He also holds a Master of Arts in National Security Affairs from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. Brookes attended Navy Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island and was commissioned in March 1989.

Brookes' operational tours include imagery intelligence officer for the Checkmates of Fighter Squadron (VF) 211 embarked aboard USS Nimitz (CVN-68); assistant intelligence officer (N21) for Cruiser-Destroyer Group One, embarked aboard USS Constellation (CV-64); assistant chief of staff for intelligence (N2) for Carrier Strike Group 7, embarked aboard USS Ronald Reagan (CVN-76); deputy director of intelligence (DJ2) for Joint Special Operations Command, where he deployed to Bagram, Afghanistan as director of intelligence (J2) for a joint special operations task force; and information warfare commander for Carrier Strike Group One, embarked aboard USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70).

Ashore, Brookes served as international programs officer for N2 Directorate, U.S. Pacific Fleet; officer in-charge (OIC), Maritime Watch, Joint Forces Intelligence Command; intelligence operations and plans officer, Naval Special Warfare Command, where he augmented a joint special operations task force in Kabul, Afghanistan, Deputy Director of Intelligence (DDI), National Joint Operations Intelligence Center (NJOIC) for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Deputy Commander, U.S. Fleet Cyber Command/U.S. 10th Fleet.

Brookes commanded the Joint Intelligence Center Central, U.S. Central Command, Tampa, Florida, and Kennedy Irregular Warfare Center, Suitland, Maryland.

Prior to his current assignment, Brookes served as the Director of Intelligence - J2, U.S. Strategic Command.

His decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and Meritorious Service Medal among other personal, campaign, unit, and service awards.



As of 28 June 2021



REAR ADMIRAL MATTHEW J. BURNS

ASSISTANT COMMANDER – NAVY
JOINT SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND

Rear Admiral Matthew J. Burns is the Assistant Commander – Navy of the Joint Special Operations Command. He previously served as Naval Special Warfare Community Manager and JSOC's Deputy J3 and J3 Operations Officer. Command assignments include Tactical Development Squadron 5, Naval Special Warfare Development Group; O5 and O6-level joint task forces during various campaigns. RDML Burns has also served with SEAL Team 2 and SEAL Team 8.

RDML Burns enlisted in the Navy in 1988, graduating from Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL Training Class 158 with subsequent tours at SDV Team 1, SEAL Team 5, and Naval Special Warfare Development Group. He was commissioned in 1995 and holds bachelor's and master's degrees in Defense Analysis from the Naval Postgraduate School.



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



BRIGADIER GENERAL DANIEL T. LASICA

Brig. Gen. Daniel T. Lasica is the Director of Current Operations, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Arlington, Virginia. The directorate is comprised of five divisions and two Field Operating Agencies: the Air Force Flight Standards Agency and the Air Force Operations Group, responsible for policy, guidance and oversight of Air Force current operations in air, space and cyberspace. The directorate provides time-sensitive situational awareness and analysis to Air Force senior leaders and links worldwide operations with core Air Force processes to enable global vigilance, reach and power.

Brig. Gen. Lasica received his commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1994. He has served at the squadron, group, wing, numbered Air Force and Joint Staff levels. He has flown combat missions in support of operations Southern Watch and Enduring Freedom, and has also supported South Korea defense obligations. Prior to his current assignment, Brig. Gen. Lasica was the 9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force-Afghanistan Commander, Kabul, Afghanistan.



EDUCATION

1994 Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

2000 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2007 Master of Aviation/Aerospace Operations, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Fla.

2008 Master of National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval Command and Staff College, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

2009 Master of Military Art and Science, School of Advanced Military Studies, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

2013 Master of National Security and Resource Strategy, Eisenhower School, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. December 1994–May 1996, Student Pilot, 37th Flying Training Squadron. Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.

2. May 1996–December 1998, T-37 Instructor Pilot, 85th FTS, Laughlin AFB, Texas

3. May 1999–December 1999, Student Pilot, 308th Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.

4. December 1999–July 2002, F-16 Instructor Pilot, Flight Commander, 523rd FS, Cannon AFB, N.M.

5. July 2002–September 2005, F-16 Instructor Pilot, F-16 Flight Examiner, Flight Commander, Assistant Operations Officer, 308th FS and 56th Operations Group, Luke AFB, Ariz.

6. September 2005–July 2007, F-16 Instructor Pilot 36th FS, 7th Air Force Weapons and Tactics, Chief, 7th Air Force Commander's Action Group, Chief of Special Technical Operations and Advanced Programs Manager, Osan Air Base, South Korea

7. August 2007–June 2008, Student, Naval Command and Staff College, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

8. July 2008–August 2009, Student, School of Advanced Military Studies, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

9. August 2009–May 2010, 56th Fighter Wing Chief of Safety, F-16 Instructor Pilot, Luke AFB, Ariz.

10. May 2010–July 2012, Commander, 309th FS, Luke AFB, Ariz.

11. July 2012–June 2013, Student, Eisenhower School, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

12. August 2013–August 2014, Commander, 838th Air Expeditionary Advisory Group, Shindand AB, Afghanistan
13. September 2014–August 2016, Operations Division Chief and Chief of Operations, J-3, Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.
14. August 2016–June 2018, Commander, 20th FW, Shaw AFB, S.C.
15. June 2018–June 2020, Commander, 31st FW, Aviano AB, Italy
16. July 2020–July 2021, Commander, 9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force-Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan
17. July 2021–present, Director of Current Operations, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Arlington, Va.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 2014–August 2016, Operations Division Chief and Chief of Operations, J-3, Joint Staff, Washington, D.C., as a colonel and brigadier general
2. June 2020–July 2021, Commander, 9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force-Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan, as a brigadier general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight Hours: more than 4,000, including more than 220 combat hours

Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, F-16 and C-208

MAJOR AWARDS

Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Bronze Star Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Afghanistan Campaign Medal

Korea Defense Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

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Lieutenant Colonel June 1, 2008

Colonel Oct. 1, 2013

Brigadier General October 4, 2018

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL CAROLINE M. MILLER

Brig. Gen. Caroline M. Miller is the Commander, 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio, Texas, which unifies 11 geographically distinct locations including JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, JBSA-Lackland, JBSA-Randolph and JBSA-Camp Bullis. The 8,000-person 502nd ABW executes 49 installation support functions to enable the largest joint base in the Department of Defense, consisting of 266 mission partners, 80,000 full-time personnel and a local community of more than 250,000 retirees. The 502nd ABW also manages and provides oversight for major projects, facilities and infrastructure worth \$37 billion.

Brig. Gen. Miller commissioned from Officer Training School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, in 1994. She has held several command and staff positions at the base, major command, Air Staff and Joint levels. Her command tours include the 1st Mission Support Squadron, 1st Force Support Squadron, 379th Expeditionary Mission Support Group and 633rd Air Base Wing.

Prior to her current position, Brig. Gen. Miller was the Director of Manpower, Organization and Resources, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Arlington, Virginia.



EDUCATION

- 1990 Bachelor of Arts Degree, Psychology, University of the Pacific, Stockton, Calif.
- 1992 Master of Arts Degree, Experimental Psychology, American University, Washington, D.C.
- 1999 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2002 Master of Arts Degree, Organizational Management, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
- 2006 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2007 Master of Arts Degree, National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval Command and Staff College, Newport, R.I.
- 2010 Master of Arts Degree, Strategic Studies, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1994 - December 1995, Squadron Section Commander, 3rd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska
2. December 1995 - May 1996, Chief, Personnel Readiness, 3rd Mission Support Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
3. May 1996 - May 1997, Chief, Customer Support, 3rd Mission Support Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
4. June 1997 - May 1999, Executive Support Officer, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Va.
5. May 1999 - July 2000, Special Actions Officer, Headquarters Air Combat Command Commander's Action Group, Langley AFB, Va.
6. July 2000 - May 2002, Student, Air Force Intern Program, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
7. May 2002 - June 2004, Flight Commander, Military Personnel Flight, Headquarters Air Force Office of Special Investigation, Andrews AFB, Md.
8. June 2004 - September 2005, Executive Officer, Air Force Senior Leader Management Office, Headquarters U.S.

Air Force, Washington, D.C.

9. September 2005 - May 2006, Assistant Executive Officer, Office of the Vice Chief of Staff, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Arlington, Va.

10. May 2006 - June 2007, Student, Naval Command and Staff College, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

11. June 2007 - April 2008, Commander, 1st Mission Support Squadron, 1st Fighter Wing, Langley AFB, Va.

12. April 2008 - July 2009, Commander, 1st Force Support Squadron, 1st Fighter Wing, Langley AFB, Va.

13. July 2009 - April 2010, Director of Staff, 633rd Air Base Wing, Langley AFB, Va.

14. April 2010 - May 2011, Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

15. June 2011 - June 2012, Executive Officer, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

16. June 2012 - July 2014, Director, Manpower and Personnel, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.

17. July 2014 - July 2015, Commander, 379th Expeditionary Mission Support Group, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar

18. July 2015 - June 2017, Commander, 633rd Air Base Wing, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.

19. June 2017 - June 2019, Chief, Senate Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

20. June 2019 - present, Director of Manpower, Organization and Resources, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Arlington, Va.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2012 - July 2014, Director of Manpower and Personnel, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb., as a colonel

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with oak leaf cluster

National Defense Service Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Jan. 21, 1994

First Lieutenant Jan. 21, 1996

Captain Jan. 21, 1998

Major April 1, 2004

Lieutenant Colonel June 1, 2008

Colonel Oct. 1, 2013

Brigadier General July 3, 2019

(Current as of September 2019)

BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN RAFFERTY

Director
Long Range Precision Fires CFT



BIOGRAPHY

BG John Rafferty, from Great Falls, Va., enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1987 and served as an infantryman with the 8th Infantry Division in Mainz, Germany before attending Longwood University, where he was commissioned as a field artillery officer. His first assignment was in the 18th Field Artillery Brigade (Airborne) at Ft Bragg, N.C., in B Battery, 5th Battalion (Air Assault), 8th Field Artillery followed by the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment at Ft. Benning, Ga., before moving to Marine Corps Base Quantico as an exchange student at the USMC Amphibious Warfare School.

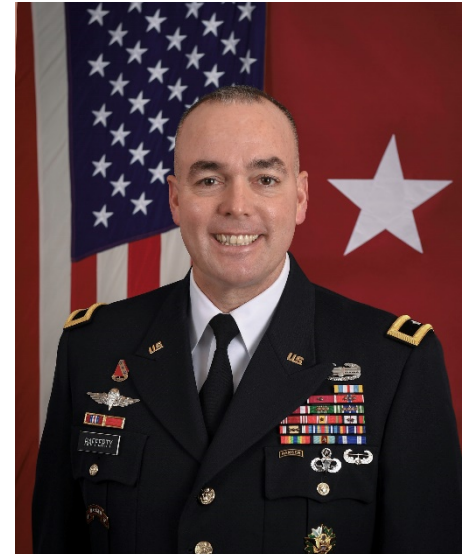
BG Rafferty then served the 1st Armored Division in Baumholder, Germany before commanding B Battery, 1st Battalion, 94th FA (MLRS), and then Headquarters Battery 1st Armored Division Artillery. In 2002, he returned to the 75th Ranger Regiment to serve in the 1st Ranger Battalion and deployed in support of both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. BG Rafferty was then selected to attend the UK Joint Services Command and Staff College in Shrivenham, England.

BG Rafferty was assigned to the newly formed 4th BCT (Airborne), 25th ID at Ft. Richardson, Alaska serving as the BCT fire support coordinator, plans officer, and BCT S3 during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Upon redeployment he served 2nd Battalion, 377th Parachute Field Artillery Regiment before being assigned to the Office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison (OCLL) in Washington, D.C. (2008).

From February 2010 until June 2012, BG Rafferty commanded the 1st Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd BCT, 82nd Airborne Division as part of the Global Response Force. He then attended the U.S. Army War College where he completed the Advanced Strategic Art Program before returning to OCLL as deputy chief of the House of Representatives division before deploying to Kabul, Afghanistan as the legislative advisor to the Commander, International Security Assistance Force/ U.S. Forces-Afghanistan.

BG Rafferty assumed command of the 18th Field Artillery Brigade at Fort Bragg, N.C., in June 2015 and deployed with the brigade headquarters to serve as both Joint Fires Cell-Syria and the CFLCC Force Field Artillery Headquarters in support of Operations Inherent Resolve and Spartan Shield. After relinquishing command in June 2017, he served as the executive officer for the Director of the Army Staff at the Pentagon before moving to Fort Sill, Okla., to assume his current duties as director of the Long Range Precision Fires Cross Functional Team.

His education includes a Bachelor of Arts from Longwood University, a Master of Arts from King's College London, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. BG Rafferty has been married for 28 years to the former Tracey Lowery of South Boston, Va. They have two children: daughter, Erin (21) at the University of Virginia, and son, Evan (20) at the University at Pittsburgh.



"Winning matters! And, to win in the future, we are improving the range, lethality and accuracy of U.S. Army artillery systems to maintain overmatch, guarantee access, and enable combined-arms maneuver."

- Brig. Gen. John Rafferty



Jeth B. Rey
Brigadier General
Director
Network Cross-Functional Team

Brigadier General Jeth B. Rey serves as the Director of the Network Cross-Functional Team within Army Futures Command focusing on integrating and modernizing the Army's network. BG Rey is responsible for the continuous improvement of network, command, control, communications and intelligence to enable mission command across the tactical network. This will enable the speed, range and convergence required to achieve decision dominance and overmatch against near-peer adversaries.

BG Rey previously served as the Director of Command and Control, Communications and Computer Systems, J6, United States Central Command (USCENTCOM), MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, where he was responsible for the implementation and management of USCENTCOM's global communications, cybersecurity, and computer networks.

BG Rey is a native of St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands; he enlisted in the Army in September 1983. After completing Basic Training at Fort Dix, NJ, and Advance Individual Training at Ft Gordon, GA, he was assigned to Korea as a combat signaller. As he progressed through the enlisted ranks over the next 9 years, he served in various positions of leadership in several Special Operations Units at Fort Bragg, NC, and the Ranger Regiment at Fort Benning, GA.

In 1994 BG Rey graduated from the Army's Warrant Officer Candidate School (WOCS), at Fort Rucker, Alabama, where he graduated as the Honor Graduate and Leadership Award winner.

In 1996 BG Rey received his commission from the Army's Officer Candidate School (OCS) and graduated as the Distinguished Honor Graduate. He was commissioned into the U.S. Army Signal Corps. He is a graduate of the Signal Officer Basic Course (1997), the Signal Captains Career Course (2000), and the Naval War College Command and General Staff Course (2007). He has received three Master's Degrees including Telecommunications Management, National Security Studies from the Naval War College (2007) and Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College (2015).

His previous assignments include ARCYBER G3 (2018-2019); Executive Officer to the Army Chief Information Officer/G-6 (2017-2018); Commander 516th Signal Brigade, Ft Shafter, HI (2015-2017); Commander of the 112th Signal Battalion (Special Operations) (Airborne), 528th Sustainment Brigade (Special Operations) (Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC (2012-2014); Commander of the Special Missions Command, White House Communications Agency Camp David Presidential Retreat (2010-2012); Commander Signal Squadron, United States Army Special Operations Command Fort Bragg, NC (2007-2010); Signal Squadron Operations Officer, United States Army Special Operations Command Fort Bragg, NC (2005-2006); Alpha Company Commander, 112th Signal Battalion Special Operations (Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC (2004-2005); Signal Squadron Executive Officer, United States Army Special Operations Command Fort Bragg, NC (2002-2004); Tactical Communications Troop Commander, United States Army Special Operations Command Fort Bragg, NC (2000-2002); Communications Officer for the Combatant Commander at the United States Southern Command, Quarry Heights, Panama/Miami, FL (1997-2000); and Signal Officer 3rd Battalion 75th Ranger Regiment (Airborne), Fort Benning, GA (1996).

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal – 1OLC, Legion of Merit – 2OLC, Bronze Star - 1OLC, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal – 3OLCs, Combat Action Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, and the Ranger Tab. Other awards include the Presidential Service Badge, Army Staff Badge, and the Signal Corps Regimental Bronze Order of Mercury.



United States Navy Biography

Rear Admiral Scott F. Robertson, USN Commander Carrier Strike Group TWO



Rear Adm. Robertson is a third-generation naval officer. He attended enlisted basic training in 1986 at Recruit Training Command, San Diego, as a non-designated Seaman. He attended the Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training (BOOST) program, earning a four-year Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) scholarship.

Rear Adm. Robertson attended Norwich University and earned a Bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering in 1991. He also holds a Master of Science in Systems Engineering from George Mason University.

Rear Adm. Robertson has served in a highly diverse range of assignments, participated in many campaigns, and conducted various operations as a Surface Warfare Officer stationed onboard Cruisers, Aircraft Carriers and Frigates. He commanded USS Rodney M. Davis (FFG 60) during a seven-month counter-narcotics deployment. He then commanded USS Normandy (CG 60), the first Aegis Baseline 9 warship with Naval Integrated Fire Control – Counter Air capability and took her on a nine-month global-circumnavigation deployment. During that deployment, he served as the Air and Missile defense commander for the USS Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Strike Group.

Rear Adm. Robertson's shore assignments include Aegis Training and Readiness Center (ATRC) as an Air Defense instructor; Joint Staff, J-8 Directorate as the resources and acquisition manager; and Commanding Officer of Surface Warfare Officers School (SWOS) Command in Newport, Rhode Island.

Following his assignment at ATRC in 1999, he spent two years away from active naval service and worked as a weapon systems engineer before voluntarily returning to active duty following the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Rear Adm. Robertson's first Flag assignment was as Commander, Naval Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center. He was responsible for increasing the tactical proficiency and lethality of the Surface Fleet. He assumed the duties as Commander, Carrier Strike Group TWO in December 2020 and led the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group on a 2021 seven-month deployment.

His personal awards include the Legion of Merit (three awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy Commendation Medal (five awards) and Navy Achievement Medals (two awards).



United States Navy Biography

Rear Admiral Derek A. Trinque **ASSISTANT COMMANDER, NAVY PERSONNEL COMMAND (PERS-4)**

Rear Admiral Derek Trinque is a native of Holliston, Massachusetts and graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science.

Rear Admiral Trinque's sea duty assignments include command of USS NORMANDY (CG 60), USS O'KANE (DDG 77), and Coastal Minehunter Crews VALOR and EXCEL (including command of USS OSPREY (MHC 51), USS CARDINAL (MHC 60), USS SHRIKE (MHC 62), USS ROBIN (MHC 54), and USS PELICAN (MHC 53)). He has also served as Operations Officer in USS NORMANDY (CG 60) and USS COLE (DDG 67), and in the Weapons, Operations, and Engineering Departments as a Division Officer in USS PHILIPPINE SEA (CG 58).



Ashore, Rear Admiral Trinque has served as the Director, Surface Officer Distribution Division (PERS-41) at Navy Personnel Command, as the Branch Head for Integrated Air and Missile Defense in the Surface Warfare Directorate of the Chief of Naval Operations' Staff (OPNAV N96) and as the Branch Head for Ballistic Missile Defense Policy on the Joint Staff in the Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate (J5). He completed a previous tour as a Surface Warfare Assignments Officer in PERS-41. His first shore tour was as a Seamanship and Navigation instructor at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, where he also qualified as an Officer in Charge of the Naval Academy's 108 foot Yard Patrol training craft. Rear Admiral Trinque currently serves as the Assistant Commander, Navy Personnel Command for Career Management (PERS-4).

Rear Admiral Trinque holds Master Degrees in International Business from the University of Maryland and in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. His awards include the Legion of Merit (three awards), Combat Action Ribbon, and Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (six awards).

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Major General Matthew J. Van Wagenen

**Deputy Commanding General -- Maneuver,
V Corps, United States Army
May 2021 -- Present**



Major General Matthew Van Wagenen assumed his role as the V Corps Deputy Commanding General for Maneuver in May 2021.

He Commissioned into the Armor branch in 1991 and has since served in a wide variety of positions throughout the United States, Europe, Asia, and has deployed on multiple combat assignments.

Prior to MG Van Wagenen assuming his post with V Corps, he was the Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations) at the Headquarters Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (HQ ARRC), DCG 3rd (UK) Division, and DCG 1CD Ft Hood, Texas.

He Commanded A. Company 1-64 Armor, 1st Battalion 34th Armor, 4th Squadron 4th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Armored Brigade Combat Team, and Task Force Southeast, Afghanistan.

He served as the G3 for 1st Infantry Division and the J3 of Regional Command-East, Afghanistan.

He's held a fellowship at the George C. Marshall Center for European Security Studies Garmisch Germany and is a graduate of Marquette University and holds a Master in Military Studies.

His awards include the Combat Action Badge, and the Bronze Star Medal with Valor and the Silver Medallion Order of ST George.

MG Van Wagenen enjoys spending time with his wife, Dr. Stefanie Van Wagenen, his two children, and their family dog.

He loves the Pittsburgh Steelers, Skiing and British Ale.

Major General Todd R. Wasmund is the first U.S. General Officer selected as an exchange officer with the French Army and began serving as the Deputy Commanding General – Operations of the 3rd (French) Division in Marseille in January 2020.

Commissioned into the Field Artillery in 1991 upon graduation from the United States Military Academy, he has served in a variety of positions throughout the United States, Europe, South Korea and Asia.

He has had the privilege to lead Soldiers on a Border Transition Team in Iraq, and he commanded the 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery in the United States and in Afghanistan. While in Afghanistan, he also served as the Chief of Staff of the Combined Training Advisory Group – Army in support of the NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan. He later commanded the 3rd Infantry Division Artillery Brigade at Fort Stewart, Georgia.

While serving as the Deputy Commanding General (Support) of the 1st Infantry Division, he commanded the Division Headquarters (Forward) in Poland.

MG Wasmund's staff experience includes Chief of the Joint Staff, J35, Joint Operations Division in support of U.S. Africa Command and Chief of Staff of the Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill in Oklahoma.

He holds degrees from the U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Postgraduate School and the Dwight D. Eisenhower School at the National Defense University, and he served as an Instructor and Assistant Professor of Economics at the U.S. Military Academy.

His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Combat Action Badge, Ranger Tab, Parachutist Badge, French Parachutist Badge, and Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge.

MG Wasmund and his wife, Tracy, are most proud of their five children and eight grandchildren.

