

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



JOHN M. PAXTON, JR.
GENERAL
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
(RETIRED)

**Former Assistant Commandant of the
Marine Corps**

CONUS and Week 5



John M. ("Jay") Paxton is employed as a Highly Qualified Expert - Senior Mentor for the Joint Staff J7 in support of Combatant Command and Joint Task Force Operations and Exercises. He is also employed as a Senior Fellow for the National Defense University in support of the Pinnacle, Capstone, and Keystone programs. Additional federal government work includes membership on the Board of Trustees for the Institute for Defense Analysis, an FFRDC, where he concurrently serves as a Senior Fellow in support of the Defense Science Study Group.

General Paxton was born in Chester, PA and raised in nearby Broomall. He graduated from Cornell University in Ithaca, NY with a Bachelor of Science (1973) and Master of Civil Engineering (1974). He then attended Officer Candidate School in Quantico, VA and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.

Initial assignments in the operating forces included Rifle and Weapons Platoon Commander and Company Executive Officer in Co. B, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines followed by Regimental Training Officer for 4th Marines and then Executive Officer, Co. G, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines. As a Captain he commanded Co. L, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines. This was preceded and succeeded by service as Battalion Operations Officer. As a Major and LtCol he served as an Operations and Exercise Officer in II MEF and subsequently commanded 1st Battalion, 8th Marines for 27 months. They were redesignated BLT 1/8 and deployed with 22nd MEU in 1993-94 as Landing Force Sixth Fleet in support of stability operations in Bosnia and later as United Nations Quick Reaction Force in Mogadishu, Somalia. Returning to II MEF he served briefly as Deputy G-3 Operations for 2nd Marine Division. As a Colonel, Paxton returned to Camp Pendleton and 1st Marine Division where he was the G-3 Division Operations officer for one year followed by command of 1st Marine Regiment for two years.

His non-fleet tours include Marine Barracks, Washington, DC where he commanded Company B as a Captain and Marine Corps Recruiting Station New York which he commanded for three years as a Major. He served in Plans Division for the Deputy Commandant for Plans, Policies, and Operations as a LtCol. This was followed by a tour as the Executive Assistant and Marine Aide to the Under Secretary of the Navy. Paxton was also designated a Joint Qualified Officer and served initially as Amphibious Operations Officer and concurrently as Executive Officer of the Crisis Action Team at Combined Forces/United States Forces/United Nations Command, Korea.

As a general officer, Paxton served initially as Director, Programs Division, Deputy Commandant Programs and Resources. This was followed by three years as Commanding General of Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region. He then assumed command of 1st Marine Division for a year followed by a subsequent year as Chief of Staff for Multi-National Forces – Iraq. He returned to the Joint Staff for just under three years serving most of that tour as J-3, Director of Operations. Returning to the Marine Corps, he assumed command of II Marine Expeditionary Force and Commander Marine Forces Africa. That was succeeded as Commanding General Marine Corps Forces Command, Commanding General Fleet Marine Force Atlantic, and Commander Marine Forces Europe. He was promoted to General on 15 Dec 2012 and served as Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps until his retirement in August of 2016, completing over 42 years of commissioned service.

General Paxton is a graduate of the U.S. Army Infantry Officer Advanced Course and the Marine Corps Command and Staff College. He also served as a Commandant's Fellow at the Brookings Institute and the Council on Foreign Relations. He lives in northern Virginia with his wife Debbie. They are the proud parents of three adult children.



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



Former Command Senior Enlisted Leader
United States Strategic Command
CONUS and Week 5

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.

As Commander U.S. Naval Forces in Europe and Africa, Admiral Locklear managed the U.S. Navy's relationships with all key navies throughout two continents, developing key partnership capabilities and capacities. To protect U.S. interests abroad and to halt the spread of terrorism in the region he successfully commanded all maritime aspects of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) in Europe and Africa. In 2011 in Libya, in response to a UN mandate to protect the Libyan people from the Gaddafi regime, Admiral Locklear designed and led the multinational Joint Task Force (Odyssey Dawn), successfully enforcing the mandate, and then commanded the follow on NATO Operation Unified Protector (OUP) until the final collapse of the Gaddafi regime.

As Commander of NATO's Allied Joint Force Command, he provided operational level command and oversight of NATO's ongoing stability operations in Kosovo and NATO's training mission in Iraq, and was a primary architect of NATO's twenty-first century command structure.

A nuclear qualified surface warfare officer, Admiral Locklear's numerous commands at sea included the US Navy's Third Fleet, USS Nimitz Carrier Strike Group during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Destroyer Squadron Two, and the Spruance class destroyer USS Leftwich (DD 984). Ashore he served as the Director of the Navy Staff, the 78th Commandant of Midshipmen at the US Naval Academy, and head of the Navy programming and assessment divisions where he oversaw the programming of the annual Navy budget of over 125 billion dollars.

Admiral Locklear is a 1977 graduate of the US Naval Academy, a 1992 graduate of the National Defense University's Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the George Washington University. He is the recipient of numerous awards and decorations including the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and decorations from South Korea, Taiwan, the Philippines, Australia and France.



**JOHN F. KELLY
GENERAL
USMC
(RETIRED)**

**Former Commander,
US Southern Command**

IPACOM Field Study



General Kelly served as the Commander, United States Southern Command, Miami, FL, from November 2012 until January 2016. He retired from active duty after 45+ years of service to the nation as a United States Marine—both as an enlisted infantryman and infantry officer—on 1 February 2016.

Born and raised in Boston, he enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1970. He was released from active duty as a sergeant of infantry in 1972. Following graduation from the University of Massachusetts (Boston) in 1975, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps and assigned an infantry occupational specialty. In addition to attaining an MA degree from Georgetown University in National Security Affairs (1984), and an MS from the National Defense University in National Security (1995), his formal military education includes The Basic School (1976), the U.S. Army's Advanced Infantry Officer's Course (1981), the Marine Corp's Command & Staff College (1991) and School for Advance Warfighting (1992), the National War College (1995), Capstone (2004), Joint Force Land Component Commander Course (2006), and Joint Flag Officer Warfighting Course (2007).

In his many assignments to the Fleet Marine Force as a company and field grade officer, General Kelly qualified in various infantry battalion staff assignments as well as commanding a number of infantry platoons and companies. He also commanded the 1st Light Armored Vehicle Battalion (LAR), Camp Pendleton, CA, as a major and lieutenant colonel. Finally, during formative years he was a proud "sea going" Marine serving aboard the aircraft carriers Forrestal and Independence (1979-1980).

General Kelly was also a trainer and an educator at The Basic School, Quantico, VA, first as the head of the Offensive Tactics Section, Tactics Group, and later as the Director of the Infantry Officer Course (1987-1990). After three years of instructing, shaping and mentoring some of the very finest young men and women this country produces to be Marine Officers, he then attended the Marine Corps Command & Staff College and the School for Advanced Warfare, both located at Quantico (1990-1992).

After completing two years in command of 1st LAR (1992-1994) and duty under instruction at the National War College, he was selected by the Commandant of the Marine Corps to serve as his personal liaison to the U.S. House of Representatives, Capitol Hill (1995-1999). Promoted to colonel while on the Hill he next served on joint duty as the Special Assistant to the Supreme Allied Commander (Generals Clarke & Ralston), Europe, Mons, Belgium.

Returning to the U.S in 2001 he was assigned to a third tour of duty at Camp Lejeune, now as the Assistant Chief of Staff for operations (G-3) with the 2nd Marine Division. Then the Trade Towers and pentagon were attacked. Selected for brigadier general that year he was transferred for duty with the 1st Marine Division as the assistant division commander assisting the commanding general in preparing the unit for the war we knew was coming. The majority of the two years with the division (2002-2004) was spent fighting in Iraq most notably participating in the "March Up" to Baghdad, then as Commander, "Task Force Tripoli," that liberated the Baghdad – Tikrit – Baiji corridor of operations, then back with the division main executing counterinsurgency operations in al Anbar Province including the cities of Fallujah, Ramadi, Hit, Rawah, and al Qaim.

Returning home from the war zone General Kelly was assigned duties as the Legislative Assistant to the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and Deputy Assistant Legislative Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy (2004-2007). During this time in the pentagon General Kelly was promoted to major general and returned to Camp Pendleton, CA. He now assumed duties as the Commanding General, I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) deploying back to Iraq in early 2008 for a 12+ month tour in the west (al Anbar and western Ninewa Provinces). Almost immediately after his return in 2009 General Kelly was nominated, confirmed by the senate, and promoted to lieutenant general. He was privileged to take command of Marine Forces Reserve and Marine Forces North, New Orleans, LA (2009-2011). A second assignment as a lieutenant general brought him back to the pentagon as the Senior Military Assistant to Defense Secretaries Gates and Panetta until October 2012. Again confirmed for promotion he was subsequently promoted to the rank of general assuming command of United States Southern Command on November 19, 2012. General Kelly relinquished command on 12 January 2016 and transferred to the retired list on 1 February.

On 20 January 2017, having been previously confirmed by the U.S. Senate for the position, he assumed duties as the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security. On 31 July 2017 Secretary Kelly was asked by the president to assume the duties of the White House Chief-of-Staff, a position he held until January 2019.



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

**Former Commander
United States Africa Command**



ARICOM Field Study

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.

EUCOM Field Study



Tod D. Wolters, Gen (ret), USAF

In 2022, General Tod Wolters completed a distinguished 40-year active-duty career in the US Air Force as the Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR) and Commander US European Command (EUCOM). As the SACEUR: he led Europe's transition out of Afghanistan; ensured the COVID health crisis did not transform to a security crisis; and, led NATO's military Allies and Partners through the largest invasion of a European nation since WWII. He united military activities alongside leadership of all 30 NATO member nations and was instrumental in advancing the future transition of Sweden and Finland to NATO. In addition to commanding all European military forces, General Wolters worked closely with Presidents, Ambassadors, and Chiefs of Defense to improve nation's ability to defend and generate peace. His comprehensive approach dramatically improved the security disposition of the European continent.

Prior to General Wolters leadership position at NATO and EUCOM, he served as the Commander, US Air Forces Europe, Commander US Air Forces Africa, Commander NATO Allied Air Command and Director Joint Air Power Competence Center from 2016 to 2019. General Wolters has also served as the Director of Operations of the US Joint Staff, Director of Operations of the US Air Force, Commander 12th Air Force/Air Component Command US Southern Command, Director of Legislative

Liaison/US Air Force, Deputy Commander of US and NATO Air Forces Afghanistan, Director of Operations US Air Force Space Command and as a Deputy Commander for Combined Security Assistance Command Afghanistan.

Additionally, General Wolters served in key leadership positions at the tactical, operational and strategic levels of the United States military. These positions included command of three Tactical Air Wings, a Fighter Group, a Fighter Squadron and staff positions at USAF Headquarters and US Pacific Command. General Wolters has fought and commanded during Operation Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan) and Southern Watch (Iraq). General Wolters awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star and the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal. Additionally, General Wolters has over 5000 flight hours primarily in the F-15C, F-22, OV-10, T-38 and A-10 aircraft.

General Wolters graduated from the US Air Force Academy in 1982. His military education includes the US Air Force Fighter Weapons School, Air Command and Staff College, Armed Forces Staff College and the US Army War College. General Wolters holds masters degrees from Embry-Riddle Aero University and the US Army War College. Additionally, General Wolters was a Senior Executive Fellow, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

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.



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Lieutenant Colonel JUSTIN R. GABBARD

Lieutenant Colonel Gabbard is currently Deputy Director, CAPSTONE, National Defense University. He has held two commands. As the Peterson-Schriever Garrison Comptroller he led 340 Comptroller Squadron and Wing Staff Agency members facilitating space and cyber space operations operating at over 14 operation locations with an annual budget of \$155M driving \$1.3B in economic impact. As the Pope Army Airfield Comptroller, he led 27 military and civilian personnel responsible for input and oversight of payroll services to approximately 2,600 military personnel and 100 civilian employees and managed \$101M directly impacting the Global Response Force.

Prior to his command assignments he was the Legislative Liaison Team Chief for the Air Combat Command Commander's Action Group. As a member of the ACC Commander's Action Group, he provided direct staff support to COMACC, preparing briefings, research and analysis to aid ACC leadership in articulating positions on key issues. His efforts supported more than 1,300 aircraft, 32 wings, 14 bases and nearly 170 operating locations worldwide with 98,000 active duty and civilian personnel.



Lieutenant Colonel Gabbard earned his commission from the United States Air Force Academy in 2006. He has deployed in support of Operations IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, and RESOLUTE SUPPORT. Additionally, while serving with NATO his efforts supported Operation UNIFIED PROTECTOR, and various missions in Iraq, Sarajevo, and Kosovo.

EDUCATION

2006 Bachelor of Science in Management, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado
2006 Basic Financial Management Officer Course, Keesler AFB, Mississippi
2007 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2012 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2014 Financial Management Squadron Officer Course, Keesler AFB, Mississippi
2014 Master of Arts in Military Operational Art & Science, Air University, Alabama
2017 Defense Financial Management and Comptroller School, Air University, Alabama
2019 Master of Arts in Military Operational Art & Science, Marine Corps University, Virginia
2023 Masters of Resource and Strategy, Ft McNair, Virginia

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Aug 06 – Feb 08, Deputy Budget Officer, 2nd Comptroller Squadron, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana
2. Feb 08 – Feb 09, Flight Commander Financial Services, 2 Comptroller Squadron, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana
3. Feb 09 – Feb 10, Lead Program Manager for Ministry of Interior, Multi-National Security Transition Command – Iraq, Baghdad
4. Feb 10 – Jun 10, Financial Commander Financial Services, 2 Comptroller Squadron, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana
5. Jun 10 – Jul 13, Crisis Response Operations Staff Officer, Financial Resources Branch, Allied Joint Force Headquarters Naples, Italy (with duties in Iraq, Sarajevo, and Kosovo)
6. Jul 13 – Jun 15, Major Command Budget Analyst, Air Combat Command, Joint Base Langley Eustis, Virginia
7. Jun 15 – Jun 16, Legislative Liaison Team Chief, ACC CAG, Joint Base Langley Eustis, Virginia

8. Jun 16 – Jun 18, Commander, 43d Comptroller Squadron, Pope Army Airfield, North Carolina
9. Jun 18 – Jun 19, Student, Marine Corps Command and Staff, Quantico, Virginia
10. Jun 19 – Jun 20, Commander, 50th Comptroller Squadron, Schriever AFB, Colorado
11. Jun 20 – Oct 20, Commander, 21st Comptroller Squadron, Peterson, AFB, Colorado
12. Oct 20 – Jun 22 Exercise Branch Chief, SAF/FMBP, Pentagon, Virginia
13. Jun 22 – June 23 Student, Eisenhower Resource & Strategy, Ft McNair, Virginia
14. Jun 23 – Present Deputy Director, CAPSTONE, Ft McNair, Virginia

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star

Defense Meritorious Service Medal (1 oak leaf cluster)

Meritorious Service Medal (3 oak leaf clusters)

Air Force Commendation Medal

Army Commendation Medal

Joint Service Achievement Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Award (1 oak leaf cluster)

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (1 oak leaf cluster)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant – May 31, 2006

First Lieutenant – May 31, 2008

Captain – May 31, 2010

Major – July 1, 2016

Lieutenant Colonel – Oct 1, 2020

(Current as of 6 July 2023)

Wheeler, Jr. Clifford E. (Cliff)
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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.

Mr. Eric Workman Deputy Director - Operations

Eric Workman is the newest member of the Capstone, Keystone, Pinnacle Program staff. Prior to joining the NDU Team, Eric worked at the Department of the Treasury.

Eric graduated from the University of Pittsburgh where he received a Bachelor of Science in Economics, a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, a Certificate in Russian, Eurasian, and Eastern European Studies, a Minor in Turkish, and a Minor in Linguistics. While at Pitt, Eric received several national scholarships including the Department of State's Critical Language Scholarship, the Department of Defense's Boren Scholarship, and the Department of Education's Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship. For his work on Russian influence operations, Eric was awarded the Brackenridge Research Fellowship by the University of Pittsburgh's Honors College. Eric has presented his research at conferences and universities throughout the country including at Yale University, Columbia University, and at the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association.

Eric grew up in a military family and moved over 15 times, but is proud to now call Washington, D.C. home. He loves traveling, trying new foods, and sports—especially running and baseball.



J7 Observer

Biography

James G. (Jim) Derdall



Jim Derdall is a retired U.S. Marine assigned to the Joint Staff J7, Deputy Director for Joint Training (DDJT). He retired from the military in April 2007, and transitioned into DoD Civil Service. He works in the Deployable Training Division (DTD) as Lead Joint Training specialist.

Jim is a 1984 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy where he lettered in water polo, and earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He was commissioned in the Marine Corps. After the Basic School he qualified as a AV-8B Harrier pilot, and then served in a variety of squadron officer billets in ‘gun squadrons’ including the VMA-513 “Nightmares” and multiple tours with the VMA-214 “Blacksheep”. He also served as Weapons and Tactics Instructor (WTI), and Training Landing Signals Officer (T-LSO); and is a plank-holder in the AV-8B Night Attack program. He was a Harrier Instructor at Marine

Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron-One (MAWTS-1), and is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School (USNTPS) class 106, with nearly 3000 hours in 35 aircraft types. He served as an acquisition professional; and as lead test pilot on numerous flight test, weapons test, and systems test programs for the AV-8B and for design of the F-35. He was twice selected as a USMC nominee to NASA’s astronaut program.

Jim served on multiple deployments in the PACOM and CENTCOM AORs; as a Forward Air Controller (FAC); and as a staff officer at Headquarters, USMC; with the 3rd Marine Division, 4th Marine Regiment; at U.S. Joint Forces Command; and on the Joint Staff.

He has over 20 years of Joint experience supporting training, exercises, and real world operations at USAFRICOM, USCENTCOM, USEUCOM, USINDOPACOM, USNORTHCOM, USSOUTHCOM, USCYBERCOM, USSOCOM, USSPACECOM, and USSTRATCOM. He has supported training and operations for U.S. Forces-Afghanistan, CJTF-76, CJTF-82, CJTF-101; HQ ISAF, ISAF Regional Commands South, Southwest, and North; CJTF-Horn of Africa; as well as numerous NATO, interagency, and U.S. Embassy training and mission rehearsal events.

He has worked on a variety of Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff directed in-stride, after action, and lessons learned efforts: COVID-19 Military Response In-stride Review, Military Response to Civil Unrest, Review of Actions Related to the 6 January 2021 Attack on the U.S. Capitol, Review of Actions Supporting the 2021 Presidential Transition, Review of Actions Related to the Retrograde from Afghanistan, In-stride Review of Crisis Management for conflict in Ukraine, and Russia-Ukraine Strategic Lessons.

Jim is a native of Chicago, IL; and has a Master’s Degree is from Regent University. He and his wife Sandy live in Chesapeake, VA and are the proud parents of four grown children.

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J7 Observer

DR. JERRY L. WEST
Education Advisor
J7 Joint Education and Doctrine Division



Dr. Jerry L. West is an applied scientist and education advisor to the Joint Staff J7 Joint Professional Military Education Division, Washington, D.C. He holds a BS degree in Mathematics from Southern University, a MS degree in Mathematics from the University of Michigan and a Doctorate in Operations Research from The George Washington University.

His professional life spans fifty years including fifteen years as a member of the research staff of the Center for Naval Analyses (CNA); two years as a consultant with the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA) and five years at the Joint Forces Command (JFCOM) as the Chief, Joint Knowledge Online Strategic Plans Division. Dr. West was founder and CEO of Engineering Applications and Scientific Technologies Incorporated, a company that developed low-cost computer-based training and decision aids for USMC pilots employing the newly acquired MAVERICK missile in OPERATION DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM.

Prior to joining the Joint Staff, J7 Dr. West served as Deputy Director of Joint Knowledge Online (JKO) and Technical Director of the Advanced Distributive Learning (ADL) Co-Laboratory. His professional career is highlighted by several years as a Principal Investigator (PI) for NASA, the Department of Education (DOE) and Department of Defense (DoD). As one of the pioneers of on-line education reforms, he has published several articles on advanced distributed learning including: *"Learning on Demand: Advanced Distributed Learning and the Future of e-Learning (2010)"* and *"Applications of Metacognition Theory to Advanced Distributive Learning- IITSEC 2002 Proceedings"* (2002) et al. His teaching experience includes: assistant professor of mathematics at Southern University (1970-71), Baton Rouge, LA; the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI (1971-73); and adjunct professor of mathematics at Old Dominion University (1975-1980).

He joined the J7 in 2012 and led the *2012 Review of Joint Education*, a study commissioned by General Martin Dempsey and referenced as the blueprint for the changes in JPME policy. In his current role, Dr. West is the Chief Architect and J7 education advisor for DoD's transition to outcomes-based military education (OBME) strategy. His research of trends and best practices in higher education was instrumental in the inclusion of outcomes-based education in the JCS

Vision and Guidance for PME and Talent Management. Over the last three years, the DoD has adopted OBME as the transformational strategy for 21st Century joint officer development.



Dr. West is also an accomplished musician with several copyrighted compositions. He is married to Vanessa (formerly) Buck and the proud father of four children and grandfather of eleven grandchildren.

ALLIED FELLOWS
(29 Jan - 9 Feb 24)

Brigadier T A Harper MBE



Brigadier Tom Harper was born and raised in Canada before joining the British Army in 1992 as an infantry soldier. Following officer training at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, in 1995 he commissioned into the Second Battalion, The Light Infantry and served as a Platoon Commander in Bosnia and Northern Ireland. After a tour as an Infantry Training Platoon Commander he returned to the Second Battalion, The Light Infantry to command the Reconnaissance Platoon which included tours in Kosovo and Northern Ireland.

After Junior Staff training, he was appointed Operations Officer which included a deployment to Sierra Leone before a Battalion move to Cyprus with a focus on internal security duties. He then spent two years as the British Exchange Officer at the US Army Joint Readiness Training Center in Fort Polk, Louisiana, where he served as an Observer Controller.

On promotion to Major he completed Intermediate Command and Staff training followed by an Infantry Force Development post with a focus on Armored Fighting Vehicles. A move to Germany followed where he commanded an Armoured Infantry Rifle Company in the 5th Battalion, The Rifles, including a tour of Iraq (OP TELIC 13). His next appointment involved force generation responsibilities in the Commitments Directorate of Army Headquarters for which, on completion, he was appointed MBE.

He continued to serve in Army Headquarters on promotion to Lieutenant Colonel where, as SO1 Organisation in the Plans Directorate, he was involved in managing the structure of the British Army. He was then privileged to command 6 RIFLES, an Army Reserve Infantry Battalion based in the South West of England. In addition to routine training and support to operations, at that time the Battalion was responsible for Army Defence Engagement in Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan. Following command, he attended Advanced Command and Staff training before deploying as Deputy J5 for the Special Operations Joint Task Force – Operation INHERENT RESOLVE in Kuwait.

On promotion to Colonel he completed two years at HQ US Africa Command in Stuttgart, Germany as the Senior UK Liaison Officer. He attended US Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania for Academic Year 2021, and graduated as a Distinguished Graduate. After a brief period of training in the UK, he has now been appointed to the British Embassy in Washington, DC, as the Strategic Command Attaché.

His hobbies include reading, mountain biking, snowboarding, hiking, and, thanks to his recent time in Pennsylvania, he has recently taken up fly fishing. He is married to Kate and he has one son named Max.

**BRIGADIER-GENERAL J.J. MAJOR, MSM, CD
COMMANDER, 4TH CANADIAN DIVISION**

Brigadier-General Josh Major was born in North Bay, Ontario. He joined the 12^e Régiment blindé du Canada as a Troop Leader in 1999. During his time with 12^e RBC he commanded at the troop and squadron level, as well as occupying several staff positions including Regimental Operations Officer and Regimental Second-in-Command. On January 23rd 2014, Brigadier-General Major became a proud member of Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) and was appointed Commanding Officer in June 2014.

Brigadier-General Major has deployed four times on operations including Op PALLADIUM in 2002, Op ATHENA in 2006 and 2009, and Op REASSURANCE in 2017.

His extra-regimental assignments include serving as an instructor and standards officer at the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps School, Army Training Authority Det Ottawa Section Head, and as Special Assistant to the Commanding General United States Army Europe. Recently he was the first Commander of Task Force Latvia and served as Chief of Staff Army Operations.

Brigadier-General Major holds a B.A. from the Royal Military College of Canada, a Masters degree in International Relations from Webster University, and a Masters degree in Military Art and Science from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. He is a graduate of the U.S. School of Advanced Military Studies, as well as the CAF's National Security Program.

He is supported by an extremely patient and tolerant wife. The couple has three great children. He enjoys all things fitness related and still attempts to play the odd game of hockey, although age has begun to dull his already average skills.

Brigadier-General Major was appointed Commander 4th Canadian Division in July 2022.





Commodore Roger Readwin Royal Navy

Naval Attaché

Commodore Readwin was born in 1972, educated at Seaford College, West Sussex and joined the Royal Navy as a Warfare Officer in 1991. Specialising initially as a Mine Clearance Diving Officer and then as a Surface Warfare Officer in 2004, he served in Mine Countermeasure Vessels, at Britannia Royal Naval College, the 2* Maritime Battle Staff, and Type 23 Frigates. His seagoing career completed with Command of the Type 23 frigate HMS SUTHERLAND, with operational service in the Mediterranean and the Gulf.

Post Sea Command he attended the US Naval War College (2012-13), reading a Masters in International Relations, followed by two years in the Pentagon as the Liaison Officer to the US Chief of Navy Operations (2013-15). On return to the UK, he Commanded the Fleet Diving Squadron, and was then promoted to Captain in 2016, assuming Command as Captain Mine Warfare and Patrol Vessels, Diving and Fishery Protection. He was then a member at the prestigious Royal College of Defence Studies (2018-19) and then selected in September 2019, as the Captain of Britannia Royal Naval College, responsible for training future Naval Officers. Thereafter, he was promoted to Commodore, and was assigned as the Naval Attaché to the USA in July 2022.

Commodore Readwin is married and has three children. A former Navy Rugby player, with six Inter-Service Caps, Director of Navy Rugby (2016-19) and Chairman of Navy Rugby (2021-22). A competitive one design yacht sailor, he also maintains close links with the merchant navy as a Freeman of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners.



Commodore Luke Ryan, CSC, RAN

Commodore Luke Ryan joined the Australian Defence Force from country South Australia in 1994, graduating from the Australian Defence Force Academy in 1996.

Early sea postings included Landing Craft, Patrol Boats, and Frigates. A Principal Warfare Officer and navigation specialist, he served as the Navigation Officer in HMA Ship's *Bendigo*, *Warramunga*, *Westralia*, *Newcastle* and *Success*, as the Fleet Navigation Officer, and as the Executive Officer of the Guided Missile Frigate HMAS *Melbourne*.

He has commanded the Royal Australian Navy Recruit School and the ANZAC Class Frigates *Warramunga* and *Stuart*.

Commodore Ryan has deployed extensively, including operational service across the Indo Pacific and Middle East and border protection duties from Northern Australia to Subantarctic waters.

Key staff roles have included duties as a Project Director in surface combatant and guided weapons capability and as the Director of Navy Career Management.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts (Economics and Politics) and Master of Arts (Strategy and Security) from the University of New South Wales, and a Master of Military and Defence Studies from the Australian National University. He is a Distinguished Graduate of the US National War College.

Commodore Ryan commenced duties as the Chief of Defence Force Liaison Officer to the Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff in December 2023.

Fellows

Rear Admiral Kristin Acquavella
Director, Logistics, Fleet Supply and Ordnance, N4,
U.S. Pacific Fleet

Rear Adm. Kristin Acquavella is a 1993 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she earned her commission through the Navy Reserve Officers' Training Corps program and played on four NCAA Championship Women's Soccer teams. She holds a Master of Science in Management from the Naval Post Graduate School and is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Wharton Executive Education Program.



Her operational tours include supply officer, PCU Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78); supply officer, USS Vella Gulf (CG 72); material officer and aviation repairable officer, USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70); supply officer, USS Brunswick (ATS-3); and Multi-National Forces-Iraq contracting officer, Baghdad, Iraq.

Her shore duty assignments include special assistant to the Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command; chief of staff, Logistics Supply Chain Operations, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, District of Columbia (DC); commander, Defense Logistics Agency Indo-Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; division chief, Joint Staff J4, Washington, DC; director, Logistics Readiness Center/Current Readiness, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; deputy force supply officer and carrier strike group readiness officer, Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic, Norfolk, Virginia; director, F/A-18 Integrated Weapons Team and Common Systems Integrated Weapons Team, Naval Inventory Control Point, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; special assistant to the director of Supply Corps Personnel and Career Counselor at Navy Personnel Command, Millington, Tennessee; procurement contracting officer, Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, DC; and aviation support division officer, Naval Air Station Sigonella, Sicily.

Acquavella's personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, and Navy Achievement Medal. She is a qualified Surface Warfare Supply Corps Officer and Naval Aviation Supply Officer and has earned Acquisition Professional Membership. She was a member on the All-Navy Women's Triathlon Team, All-Navy Women's Soccer Team and All-Armed Forces Soccer Team. She was the 1997 Commander, Fleet Air Mediterranean Aviation Supply Officer of the Year, a 2002 Vice Admiral Robert F. Batchelder Award winner, and a 2006 Elmer B. Staats Young Acquisition Professional Excellence Award winner.



Biography

UNITED STATES ARMY

Commanding General

United States Army Intelligence Center of Excellence and Fort Huachuca

Brigadier General Richard T. "Rick" Appelhans is currently serving as the Commanding General, United States Army Intelligence Center of Excellence and Fort Huachuca. Prior to assuming this position, he served as the Director of Intelligence, US Forces Korea/Deputy Director of Intelligence, Combined Forces Command.

BG Appelhans' overseas assignments and deployments include the Republic of Korea, Kuwait, Germany, the Netherlands, Afghanistan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Iraq.

BG Appelhans began his military career as an Armor Officer serving as a Tank Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, and Battalion S-4.



**BRIGADIER GENERAL
Richard T. Appelhans**

Since transitioning to Military Intelligence in 1997, Brigadier General Appelhans has served in a variety of command and staff assignments to include Detachment Commander, Battalion S-2, Company Commander, Brigade Combat Team S-2, Analysis and Control Element Chief, Region Commander, Division G-2, and Group Commander.

BG Appelhans commissioned as a Distinguished Military Graduate from Central Washington University in 1993. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Central Washington University and a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies from the United States Air War College. His military education includes the Armor Officer Basic Course, Military Intelligence Officer Transition Course, Military Intelligence Officer Advance Course, Counterintelligence Agent Officer Course, Command and General Staff College, and the United States Air War College.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, NATO Meritorious Service Medal, the Combat Action Badge, and the Parachutist Badge.



Brig. Gen. Heather W. Blackwell, USAF

Deputy Commander

Joint Force Headquarters – DOD Information Network (DODIN)

Brig. Gen. Heather W. Blackwell is currently serving as the Deputy Commander of the Joint Force Headquarters – Department of Defense Information Network.

As the JFHQ-DODIN Deputy Commander, she leads command and control of DODIN Operations and Defensive Cyberspace Operations – Internal Defense Measures, synchronizing DODIN defense and synthesizing global intelligence sharing to deter adversary attacks, and enable power projection, freedom of action, and mission assurance across all warfighting domains.

Brig. Gen. Blackwell graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1997. She has served in a variety of assignments to include: Commander of the 81st Training Wing, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi; Commander of the 690th Cyberspace Operations Group at JB San Antonio-Lackland, Texas; Commander 87th Communications Squadron at JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey; the Director of Legislative Affairs for U.S. Cyber Command, a National Security Fellow in the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, an Assistant Executive Officer for the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and as an Air Force Legislative Fellow for Senator Ben Nelson (D-NE) where she was responsible for his military and foreign relations portfolios.

She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from the U.S. Air Force Academy, a Master of Information Systems Management, from Hawaii Pacific University in Hawaii, and a Master of Business Administration from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

Her decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters.



(August 2023)



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL FRANK “LES” BRADFIELD

Brig. Gen. Frank Bradfield is the Director, Air Force Reserve Plans, Programs and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. He is responsible for planning and programming a force of 70,000 personnel and the flying hours for 17 types of aircraft in combat air forces; mobility air forces; intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; tankers, training, weather reconnaissance and special operations. Plans, Programs and Requirements analyzes a \$6.9 billion dollars-per-year program that recommends and presents options to senior leaders and is the Air Force Reserve conduit for coordinating change with the Chief of the Air Force Reserve to meet the needs of the Air Force.

Brig. Gen. Bradfield is a Distinguished Naval Graduate from The Citadel where he received his commission as a Naval officer in 1992. Serving in the United States Navy for nearly 11 years, he had various CONUS and overseas assignments.

Brig. Gen. Bradfield transitioned to the United States Air Force Reserve as a traditional reservist in 2003 where he became an A-10 fighter pilot. He became an air reserve technician in 2005. Prior to this assignment he was the Deputy Director for Politico-military affairs (Western Hemisphere), Strategy, Plans, and Policy Directorate (J5), Joint Chiefs of Staff.



EDUCATION

1992 Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, The Citadel, Charleston, S.C.
1994 Mine Countermeasures Planning & Ops, Fleet & Mine Warfare Training Center, Charleston, S.C.
1995 Division Officer's Navy Leadership Course, San Diego, Calif.
1998 Search and Rescue (SAR) Officer's Course, MCAS Iwakuni, Japan
2002 Master of Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
2005 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
2012 Leadership Today and Tomorrow, Washington, D.C.
2012 Air War College, by correspondence
2013 Joint Air and Space Operations Senior Staff Course (JSSC), Hurlburt Field, Fla.
2013 Operational Support/Strategy and War, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.
2014 Reserve Component National Security Course, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.
2015 NATO Senior Reserve Officers Course, NATO School Oberammergau, Germany
2016 NATO Senior Officer Policy Course, NATO School Oberammergau, Germany
2018 USAF Senior Leaders' Mission Generation Course, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery Ala.
2019 Enterprise Perspective Seminar, Alan L. Freed Associates, Washington, D.C.
2019 AFR Senior Leader Orientation Training, Washington, D.C.
2019-2020 MIT Seminar XXI Fellowship, Washington, D.C.
2020 National and International Security Leadership Seminar, Alan L. Freed Associates, Washington, D.C.

2022 Senior Executives in National and International Security, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge Mass.
2023 Negotiation Strategies: Building Agreement Across Boundaries, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge Mass.
2023 Senior Managers in Government, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge Mass.
2023 Executive Certificate in Public Leadership, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge Mass.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1992-Dec 1992, Assistant Naval Science Instructor, Tulane University, New Orleans, La.
2. Dec 1992-Feb 1995, Student Naval Aviator, Pilot Training at VT-3 and HT-18, NAS Whiting Field, Fla.
3. Mar 1995-Mar 1996, H-46D Student Pilot HC-3, Naval Air Station North Island, Calif.
4. Mar 1996-Mar 1999, H-46D Pilot HC-5, Anderson Air Force Base, Guam
5. Apr 1999-Apr 2002, T-34C Instructor Pilot; Flt Commander: Scheduler; VT-6, NAS Whiting Field, Fla.
6. Apr 2002-Feb 2003, Flag Aide, Vice Chief of Naval Education and Training, NAS Pensacola, Fla.
7. Feb-Sep 2003, T-38 Fixed Wing Qualification Course, 25th Flying Training Squadron, Vance AFB, Okla.
8. Oct 2003-Dec 2003, Intro to Fundamentals of Fighters (IFF), 49th Fighter Squadron, Moody AFB, Ga.
9. Jan 2004-Jul 2004, A-10 Initial Qualification, 47th Fighter Squadron, Barksdale AFB, La.
10. Jun 2004-Jun 2006, A-10 Pilot, Chief of Training, 706th Fighter Squadron, NAS JRB, New Orleans, La.
11. Jun 2006-Oct 2009, A-10 Pilot, Chief of Plans, 442nd FW, Whiteman AFB, Mo.
12. Oct 2009-Dec 2013, U-28 Instructor Pilot; Ops Officer, 5th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
13. Dec 2013-Jul 2015, Branch Chief Current Ops, A300, HQ Air Force Reserve Command, Robins AFB, Ga.
14. Jul 2015-Jul 2017, Commander, 439th Operations Group, Westover ARB, Mass.
15. Aug 2017-Aug 2019, Commander, 919th Special Operations Wing, Duke Field, Fla.
16. Aug 2019-Apr 2021, Military Dep. Director, Strategy, Posture and Assessments, The Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
17. April 2021-December 2022, Dep. Director Western Hemisphere, Strategy, Plans and Policy (J5), Joint Chiefs of Staff, The Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
18. January 2023 – Present, Director, Plans, Programs, and Requirements, The Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 2021 – December 2022, Deputy Director for Politico-Military Affairs (Western Hemisphere), Strategy, Plans, and Policy Directorate (J5), Joint Chiefs of Staff as a brigadier general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Total Flight hours: Over 4,500 Combat hours: Over 500

Aircraft flown: C-208, C-5A/B/M, U-28A, PC-12, A-10A, T-38A/C, T-34C, H-46D, TH-57B/C

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air and Space Commendation Medal

Navy Commendation Medal

Combat Readiness Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Afghanistan Campaign Medal with bronze star

Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with bronze star

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Ensign May 27, 1992

Lieutenant Junior Grade May 27, 1994

Lieutenant June 1, 1996

Lieutenant Commander July 1, 2002

Major February 2, 2003 (USAF)

Lieutenant Colonel July 1, 2009

Colonel May 8, 2015

Brigadier General April 16, 2021

(CURRENT AS OF NOVEMBER 2023)

REAR ADMIRAL JOSEPH R. BUZZELLA

RDML Joseph Buzzella currently serves as the J-7 Director of Force Development, United States Cyber Command. In this role, he enables cyber domain warfighting readiness and superiority through leading the Command's Joint Force Development mission to ensure collective and individual cyberspace training in response to national defense and operational priorities.

RDML Buzzella previously served as the Chief, Coast Guard Office of Emerging Policy (DCO-X) from 2021-22. In this role, he led a high performing team in developing, synchronizing, and articulating emerging policy to further the Coast Guard strategic vision.

RDML Buzzella completed Coast Guard Enlisted Basic Training at Cape May, New Jersey in 1986 after serving in recruit company Bravo 123. After boot camp, he was assigned to Coast Guard Base Miami Beach as a Coast Guard Reservist. He is a 1988 graduate of the Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS) and a 1992 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Management and a Coast Guard officer commission.

Following graduation, RDML Buzzella served as a Deck Watch Officer aboard the USCGC Spencer and USCGC Vindicator. Upon completion of U.S. Naval Flight Training in Pensacola, Florida, he was designated Naval Aviator 23,901 and Coast Guard Aviator 3,293 in 1996.



He then reported to Coast Guard Air Station Miami, Florida where he flew the HH-65 Dauphin Helicopter and later the HU-25 Falcon Jet where he maintained dual airframe qualifications. In 2000, he was assigned to Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod, Massachusetts where he flew HU-25 Falcon Jets. In 2005, he was assigned under the Department of Homeland Security Chief Financial Officer in Washington D.C., where he served as an Assistant Director and Budget Program Reviewer providing oversight of more than \$26 billion in annual appropriations. In 2007, he reported to Coast Guard Air Station San Francisco, California where he held the positions of Operations Officer and Executive Officer and flew the MH-65 Helicopter. In 2011, he was assigned as Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Air Station Traverse City, Michigan where he flew the MH-65 Helicopter. In 2014, RDML Buzzella reported to the Pentagon as Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Deputy Director of the Chairman's Action Group (CAG) under General Martin Dempsey, USA and General Joseph Dunford, USMC. In 2016, he was assigned as the Sector Commander of Coast Guard Sector-Air Station San Diego, California where he flew the MH-60 Jayhawk Helicopter, he also served as Captain of the Port of San Diego and led mission execution from the US-Mexico Maritime Border northward to Dana Point, California to include inland navigable Lakes and the Colorado River. In 2019, he was assigned as the Chief of Staff for the Eleventh Coast Guard District as the principle advisor to the District Commander on all Coast Guard missions in California, Arizona, Nevada, and Utah to include the offshore waters of Mexico, Central America, and Latin America.

RDML Buzzella holds a Master in National Security Strategy from the National War College, a Master in Public Administration from Harvard University, and a Master of Science in Quality Systems Management with a specialization in Homeland Security from the National Graduate School. He is a former Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government Public Service Fellow. RDML Buzzella holds numerous awards and recognitions. He hails from Miami, Florida and is married with 3 children.



RDML Chad M. Cary, NOAA



Rear Admiral (lower half) Chad M. Cary has proudly served the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Nation for over 22 years. He is currently the Deputy Director, Office of Marine and Aviation Operations and Deputy Director, NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps where he leads the agency's 15 ships, 10 aircraft, autonomous systems, health services, cyber, training, and commissioned officer corps. RDML Cary's command philosophy is to foster a safe work environment, form an inclusive charge, empower the experts, have each other's backs, and to have a little fun along the way.

RDML Cary's balanced career includes nine years of sea time and 13 years of shore time. He has previous underway command experience aboard NOAA Ships *Reuben Lasker*, *Henry B. Bigelow*, *Nancy Foster* and *John N. Cobb*. Additional diverse career experiences stem from serving as the Director, Commissioned Personnel Center and assignments in NOAA Fisheries, National Weather Service, and NOAA Headquarters.

He is an Alaska native, born in Cordova and raised in Juneau. He earned a B.S. in Environmental Science with an emphasis in marine sciences from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill before joining the NOAA Corps. RDML Cary also earned a M.S. in Geography from Portland State University and a Graduate Certificate in Legislative Studies from Georgetown University. RDML Cary is a graduate of NOAA's Leadership Competencies Development Program and remains committed to NOAA's future leaders where he serves formally and informally as a mentor.

RDML Cary is accompanied on this adventure by his wife, Dayna, and their three children. They are active in their community where they engage in school activities and sports where RDML Cary volunteers as a coach whenever possible. In his spare time he enjoys almost any outdoor pursuit, especially exploring new trails.



Ariane E. Cerlenko

NSA Principal Deputy General Counsel

CURRENT POSITION: (U) Ms. Cerlenko is the National Security Agency's (NSA) Principal Deputy General Counsel (PDGC), reporting directly to NSA's General Counsel. She is responsible for assisting the General Counsel in managing over 100 lawyers and support staff as well as OGC's delivery of legal services to the Agency, as well as OGC's recruitment, hiring, and promotion programs. She also serves as the NSA Designated Agency Ethics Official.

EDUCATION: (U) Ms. Cerlenko graduated with a Juris Doctor from the Washington College of Law, the American University. *cum laude*, in 1991, and a Bachelor of Arts from the State University of New York at Albany, *magna cum laude*, in 1988. She is licensed to practice law in the State of Maryland and Commonwealth of Virginia.

PREVIOUS POSITIONS: (U) Ms. Cerlenko first joined the National Security Agency in 1990 as a legal intern. After graduating from law school in 1991, she worked in the Department of Energy Office of Hearings and Appeals as an attorney examiner. She moved to the United States Coast Guard in 1996 where she provided legal advice in the areas of personnel law (both military and civilian), fiscal law, ethics and defending the Agency before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Merit Systems Protection Board, and Office of Special Counsel. During this period, she also served as an appellate defense counsel representing military members appealing their convictions.

(U) In 1997, Ms. Cerlenko returned to NSA as a litigation attorney, and advanced to Associate General Counsel for Litigation. In this role, she was responsible for advocating on behalf of the Agency in criminal and civil matters and defending the Agency when sued. She and her staff worked with federal agencies, state officials, and foreign governments to protect classified NSA information in litigation. She then advanced to Deputy General Counsel for Litigation and Management, overseeing the Acquisition, Research & Technology, Administrative Law & Ethics, and Litigation practice groups.

(U) From January 2021 to May 2022, Ms. Cerlenko served as the Acting General Counsel. From January 2020 to January 2021, she served as the Acting Principal Deputy General Counsel.

AWARDS: (U) Ms. Cerlenko received the Assistant Attorney General Award for Special Achievement in Supporting the National Security Divisions (NSD)'s National Security Mission on January 30, 2013. She received the 2011 and 2019 Meritorious Presidential Rank Awards and the 2011 Patriotic Employer for her support of military reservists by the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. She has also received a National Intelligence Meritorious Unit Citation and a Joint Meritorious Unit Award.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: (U) Ms. Cerlenko is married with two sons.



Brigadier General Douglas K. Clark

Commanding General, 4th Marine Division

Raised in Hampton, Virginia, Brigadier General Douglas K. Clark graduated from Virginia Tech in 1990 and received his commission in 1991. He initiated his infantry career with Company I, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment during which he participated in Operation PEACEMAKER (Los Angeles Riots-1992); the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit Special Operations Capable (MEU-SOC); and 13th MEU-SOC, including Western Pacific deployment in support of the United Nations in Operation UNITED SHIELD (Somalia-1995). He was then assigned to the Amphibious Reconnaissance School, Expeditionary Warfare Training Group Atlantic (1995-1998) and the 4th Supply Battalion, 4th Force Service Support Group (1998-1999).



Following his assignment as Platoon Commander in Company D of 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance (LAR) Battalion, Brigadier General Clark commanded Company C, 4th LAR Bn (2001-2004) deploying in 2003 to Operation IRAQI FREEDOM with Task Force Tarawa. His company then redeployed to Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, in Okinawa, Japan. His following assignments included U.S. Joint Forces Command (2004-2005); executive officer of 4th LAR Bn (2005-2006); U.S. Marine Forces Command (2006-2007) and command of 3rd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment (2007-2009).

Brigadier General Clark served as the Pakistan Planner and Civil-Military Planner for the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) Commander in Kabul, Afghanistan (2009-2010) for Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. He was then assigned as the Washington liaison for U.S. Central Command (2010-2012). He completed multiple tours in Headquarters Marine Corps as lead Force Structure Planner for the Quadrennial Defense Review Integration Group (2012-2014), Branch Head in Programs and Resources (2014-2015) and Deputy Chief of Expeditionary Policy and Assistant Director of Operations in Plans, Policy, and Operations (2015-2017). He then served as Marine Detachment Commander in the Joint Enabling Capabilities Command, U.S. Transportation Command (2017-2020) in Norfolk, Virginia. In his last tour, he became the first Marine Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff of the NATO Joint Warfare Centre in Stavanger, Norway (2020-2022).

Brigadier General Clark is a graduate of Joint Advanced Warfighting School, Joint Forces Staff College, Canadian Militia Command and Staff College, USMC Command and Staff Distance Education Program, and Amphibious Warfare School Distance Education Program. His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, and Presidential Unit Citation. He and his wife, Valerie, have two children - Jordan and Jason.



United States Navy **Biographies**

Rear Admiral Maximilian Clark, U.S. Navy

Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations, J3, Joint Force Command Naples



Rear Adm. Max Clark is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was commissioned in 1992 after earning a Bachelor of Science in Physics from the United States Naval Academy. He earned his Wings of Gold in November 1994. He holds a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College and is a graduate of the Navy's Nuclear Power Program.

As a Naval aviator, Clark flew SH-60F and HH-60H helicopters. His operational assignments include Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron 15 (HS-15) "Red Lions", Carrier Air Wing 9 (CVW-9), HS-8 "Eightballers", and executive officer/commanding officer of HS-11 "Dragonslayers." Over the course of his aviation career he deployed numerous times on several aircraft carriers, including USS Enterprise, USS Dwight D Eisenhower, USS Carl Vinson, and USS John C Stennis. He served as executive officer of USS Harry S Truman (CVN 75), commanding officer of USS Mesa Verde (LPD 19), and commanding officer of USS Nimitz (CVN 68).

Ashore, Clark served as Operational Test Director at Air Test and Evaluation Squadron 1 (VX-1), qualifying in the SH-60B and MH-60S aircraft. He was assigned to the staff of U.S. Joint Forces Command as a Washington DC and Congressional Liaison Officer. He also completed tours at Navy Personnel Command in Millington, TN as the Helicopter Commander Detailer and Deputy Director for Aviation Officer Distribution, and most recently as the Executive Assistant to the Director of Air Warfare Division, N98, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. Clark assumed current duties as Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations, J3, Joint Force Command Naples in May 2022.

He is entitled to wear the Legion of Merit, Air Medal and several other personal, unit and campaign awards. He has accumulated over 3,700 flight hours.



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL RICHARD R. DICKENS

Brig. Gen. Richard R. Dickens is the Deputy Commander, First Air Force, Air Forces Northern and Air Forces Space, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. He serves as the principal advisor to the First Air Force Commander. Additionally, he supports the deployment, sustainment, and redeployment of U.S. Air Forces in support of U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Space Command. He also oversees Defense Support to Civil Authorities, executing theater security cooperation with partner nations, and planning and executing contingency support operations for human space flight programs. He ensures Civil Air Patrol is organized, trained and equipped to fulfill Air Force assigned missions, the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center executes inland search and rescue coordination, the Air Force National Security Emergency Preparedness directorate deploys and sustains Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officers, and Detachment 3, Air Forces Space, effectively trains Department of Defense personnel for the rescue, recovery, retrieval and worldwide support of human space flight programs. As the Deputy Combined/Joint Forces Air Component Commander, he is responsible for planning and conducting air defense and air sovereignty operations in the continental United States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

Brig. Gen. Dickens received a Bachelor of Arts in Education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1994. He entered the Air Force through commission from Officer Training School in 1997 and is a graduate of both Joint Undergraduate Navigator Training in 1998 and Joint Undergraduate Pilot Training in 2002. Brig. Gen. Dickens is a graduate of Air Command and Staff College, the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies and National War College.

Brig. Gen. Dickens is a Command Pilot and previous Instructor Pilot with more than 2,650 hours and 688 combat hours in the F-15E. He has participated in Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and Freedom's Sentinel. Prior to his current position, the general served as Chief of Futures and Concepts Division, Air Force Futures, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia.



Second Lieutenant
April 18, 1997

First Lieutenant
April 18, 1999

Captain
April 18, 2001

Major
October 01, 2006

Lieutenant Colonel
December 01, 2011

Colonel
May 01, 2016

Brigadier General
March 02, 2023



EDUCATION

1994 Bachelor of Arts, English Education, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
2004 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2008 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2010 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2010 Master of Science, Aeronautics, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.
2011 School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2012 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2016 National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
2020 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Kenan-Flagler Business School, UNC Chapel Hill

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 1997–September 1998, Student Navigator, Joint Undergraduate Navigator Training, Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla.
2. September 1998–December 1999, F-15E Student Weapons System Officer, 333rd Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.
3. December 1999–October 2001, Assistant Chief of Mission Planning and F-15E WSO, 336th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
4. October 2001–December 2002, Student Pilot, Joint Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance AFB, Okla.
5. December 2002–April 2003, Student Pilot, Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, Moody AFB, Ga.
6. April 2003–February 2004, Student F-15E Pilot, 333rd Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
7. February 2004–September 2006, Flight Commander, Assistant Director of Operations, and F-15E Instructor Pilot and Flight Examiner, 494th Fighter Squadron, Royal Air Force Lakenheath, United Kingdom
8. September 2006–June 2007, Student Instructor Pilot, 333rd Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
9. June 2007–October 2008, Special Assistant to the Commander and Formal Training Unit Instructor Pilot, 333rd Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
10. October 2008–June 2009, Wing Director of Staff and FTU Instructor Pilot, 4th Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
11. July 2009–June 2010, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

12. June 2010–July 2011, Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
13. July 2011–July 2012, Strategy Plans Team Chief, 607th Air Operations Center, South Korea
14. July 2012–September 2012, Student Pilot, F-15E Tx Course, 334th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
15. September 2012–May 2013, Director of Operations, 366th Operations Support Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
16. May 2013–May 2015, Commander, 391st Fighter Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
17. August 2015–June 2016, Student, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
18. June 2016–May 2018, Commander, 4th Operations Group, 4th Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
19. May 2018–June 2019, Director of Operations, 9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force-Afghanistan and NATO Air Command-Afghanistan, Headquarters Resolute Support, Kabul, Afghanistan
20. June 2019–July 2021, Commander, 505th Command and Control Wing, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
21. July 2021–April 2022, Chief of Futures and Concepts Division, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategy, Integration, and Requirements, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
22. May 2022–present, Deputy Commander, 1st Air Force, Air Forces Northern and Air Forces Space, Tyndall AFB, Fla.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 2,860

Aircraft flown: F-15E, T-34, T-1, T-39, T-37, T-38, AT-38 and C182T

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with one device

Bronze Star Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with four devices

Air Medal with four devices

Air Force Commendation Medal

Meritorious Unit Award with one device

AF Outstanding Unit Award with five devices

Combat Readiness Medal with one device

National Defense Service Medal

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one device

Iraq Campaign Medal with one device

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Korean Defense Service Medal

AF Overseas Ribbon Short

AF Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border and two devices

AF Longevity Service with five devices

NATO Medal

(Current as of August 2023)





Brigadier General James K. Dooghan

Deputy, The Inspector General
1700 Army Pentagon 3E588
Washington, DC 20310



BG James K. Dooghan assumed duties as Deputy, The Inspector General July 17, 2023.

He was previously the Deputy Commanding General for Maneuver with the 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado from July 2021 to June 2023.

BG Dooghan was a distinguished military graduate and commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in Armor from Portland State University (PSU), Oregon in December 1992. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration-Marketing from PSU, as well as master's degrees from the Air Command and Staff College, the School of Advanced Military Studies, and the United States Army War College. BG Dooghan was raised in a military family and the son of a career U.S. Navy master chief petty officer.

His initial assignments were with the 2nd Battalion, 67th Armored Regiment, and 3rd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment (Infantry), 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division, in Ayers Kaserne, Germany, where he deployed with the Operation Joint Endeavor Implementation Force (IFOR) in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Following the Armor Officer Advanced Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky, he served in the 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, and commanded Charlie Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, then Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment (Mech).

BG Dooghan served in the Project Warrior Program at the National Training Center, and as a small group instructor and then team chief at the Armor Officers' Advanced Course at Fort Knox. He served as a plans officer in I Corps, a Stryker squadron executive officer in 8th Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, and brigade executive officer in the 5th Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, at Joint Base Lewis-McCord (JBLM), Washington.

During Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), he served as a brigade executive officer, then as a military assistant to the Department of State Senior Civilian Representative in Kandahar, Afghanistan (OEF 09-10). He then served as the commander of 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment at JBLM, and the Horn of Panjwa'i, Afghanistan (OEF 12-13). BG Dooghan then served as the G-5 for the 7th Infantry Division. Following the U.S. Army War College, Dooghan served as the Task Force Marne (3rd Infantry Division-Rear) chief of staff, then commanded the 2nd Brigade "Spartans," 3rd Infantry Division, at Fort Stewart, Georgia.

Following brigade command, he served as the executive officer to the commander of Resolute Support. He redeployed and became a survivor of a craniotomy, and subsequently was selected to serve as the first commander of 4th Security Forces Assistance Brigade at Fort Carson.

James has been married to the former Katherine Wong from Portland, Oregon, for the past 29 years. They have three adult children. James' interests and hobbies are centered around his faith, family, friends, and outdoor activities.



BRIGADIER GENERAL DAVID A. DOSS

Brig. Gen. David A. Doss is the Deputy Director of Plans and Policy (J5), United States Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. He leads over 140 military and Defense Department civilians, eight contractors and four foreign national liaison officers in their activities pertaining to the implementation of national security policy decisions and the development of the nation's global deterrence and strike war plans. Additionally, Brig. Gen. Doss interfaces with Department of Energy and the National Labs to ensure a safe and reliable nuclear weapons stockpile.

Brig. Gen. Doss commissioned in 1995 from the Virginia Military Institute. He has held multiple flying and staff positions as an instructor and evaluator B-1 Weapon Systems Officer, including Commander, 77th Weapons Squadron, Deputy Commander, 379th Air Expeditionary Group, Vice Commander, 7th Bomb Wing and Commander, 28th Bomb Wing. Additional staff tours include Air Combat Command, the Air Staff, U.S. Forces Korea, 608th Air Operations Center, and Headquarters Air Force Global Strike Command. Brig. Gen. Doss has participated in operations Desert Fox, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, New Dawn and Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa.



EDUCATION

1995 Bachelor of Arts, History, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va.
2001 United States Air Force Weapons School, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.
2002 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2005 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2007 Master of Aeronautical Science, Embry Riddle University, Fla.
2008 Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
2012 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2014 Master of National Security Strategy, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 1995–December 1995, Special Assistant to the Commander, AFROTC Detachment 880, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va.
2. December 1995–April 1997, Student Navigator, Joint Undergraduate Navigator Training, Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla.
3. May 1997–August 1997, Student Electronic Warfare Officer, Joint Aviation Electronic Warfare Training, Naval Technical Training Center Corry Station, Pensacola, Fla.
4. August 1997–June 1998, Student, B-1 Weapons Systems Officer, Initial Qualification Course, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas
5. June 1998–July 2001, B-1 Weapons Systems Officer, and Instructor Weapons Systems Officer, 37th Bomb Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
6. July 2001–December 2001, Student, U.S. Air Force Weapons Instructor Course, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
7. December 2001–July 2002, B-1 Weapons Officer, and Weapons and Tactics Flight Commander, 37th BS, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
9. July 2002–May 2006, Instructor, Flight Commander and Assistant Operations Officer, 77th Weapons Squadron, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
10. May 2006–June 2007, B-1 Weapons and Tactics Program Manager, Directorate of Air and Space Operations (A3), Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Va.
11. July 2007–June 2008, Student, Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
12. June 2008–June 2011, Director of Operations and Commander, 77th Weapons Squadron, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
13. June 2011–June 2012, Deputy Commander, 379th Expeditionary Operations Group, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar
14. June 2012–August 2013, Chief, Aircraft Nuclear Operations Branch, and Chief, Action Group, Deputy Chief of Staff Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration (A10), Headquarters Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
15. August 2013–June 2014, Student, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
16. July 2014–June 2016, Joint Targeting Chief, and Chief, Future Plans Branch, Future Plans Division, Directorate of Operations (UCJ3), U.S. Forces Korea, U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan, South Korea
17. July 2016–June 2017, Chief, Combat Operations Division, 608th Air Operations Center, Barksdale AFB, La.
18. June 2017–May 2019, Vice Wing Commander, 7th Bomb Wing, Dyess AFB, Texas
19. May 2019–June 2021, Commander, 28th BW, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.

20. June 2021–July 2023, Chief of Staff, Headquarters, Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale AFB, La.
21. July 2023–present, Deputy Director, Plans and Policy Directorate, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2014–July 2016, Joint Targeting Chief, and Chief, Future Plans Branch, Future Plans Division, Directorate of Operations (UCJ3), United States Forces Korea, United States Army Garrison Yongsan, South Korea, as a lieutenant colonel
2. July 2023–present, Deputy Director, Plans and Policy Directorate, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., as a brigadier general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: master navigator
Flight hours: more than 2,400 with 383 combat hours
Aircraft flown: T-34, T-1, T-39 and B-1B

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters
Bronze Star Medal
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air Medal
Aerial Achievement Medal
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Korean Defense Service Medal
Flying Award, U.S. Air Force Weapons School

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 30, 1995
First Lieutenant June 30, 1997
Captain June 30, 1999
Major Dec. 1, 2005
Lieutenant Colonel Oct. 1, 2010
Colonel Jan. 1, 2017
Brigadier General June 2, 2023

(Current as of August 2023)



Rear Admiral Brad Dunham

Commander, Naval Air Force Reserve/ Deputy Commander, Naval Air Forces/ Deputy Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet



Rear Adm. Brad Dunham is a native of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1992 and earned a Bachelor of Science in General Science. He was a Halsey advanced research fellow at the Naval War College and earned a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies in 2012. He completed a fellowship in National Security Strategy and Foreign Policy from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2020.

Dunham's operational tours include flying the P- 3C Orion with Patrol Squadron (VP) 9 stationed at Barbers Point, Hawaii deploying in support of Operation Southern Watch; VP-30 in Jacksonville, Florida where he was instrumental in developing the initial Weapons and Tactics Instructor (WTI) syllabus for the P-3C aircraft. He also served as officer-in-charge of a VP-30 instructor detachment flying combat operations over Afghanistan to evaluate weapons and tactics training to the fleet.

Subsequent operational tours include VP-62 in Jacksonville, Florida; VP-64, stationed at Willow Grove, Pennsylvania and execution of the squadron transition from VP-64 to Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VR) 64 flying the C-130T Hercules aircraft. Dunham performed staff tours as Joint Chiefs of Staff, J-35 Directorate as Central Command contingency source planner and as U.S. Fleet Forces Command reserve chief of staff where he served as executive director for Navy COVID-19 response operations and vaccine distribution.

Command tours include VR-64 where he led the squadron's deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom earning the 2010 Noel Davis Battle Efficiency Award and the 2010 National Defense Transportation Unit of the Year Award. Additional command tours include Navy Reserve, Office of the Secretary of Defense and Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, Defense Support to Civilian Authorities.

Dunham's first flag officer assignment was deputy commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic. He assumed the role as commander, Naval Air Force Reserve in June 2022.

He has accumulated over 5500 flight hours in naval aircraft including combat sorties in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. His decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal and various other personal, expeditionary, unit and campaign awards.



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL JON A. EBERLAN

Brig. Gen. Jon A. Eberlan is the Commander, Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia. As the Commander, he serves a world-class workforce of more than 7,200 personnel. The complex performs programmed depot maintenance and modification on all variants of the F-15, C-130, C-5, C-17 and special operations forces aircraft as well as the RQ-4, E-8C, and TH-1H. Additionally, he is responsible for the maintenance, repair, and overhaul of diverse aircraft components, avionics, and electronic warfare equipment along with development and sustainment of mission-critical software, test program sets, and automated test equipment.

Brig. Gen. Eberlan enlisted in the Air Force in 1990 and earned his commission as a distinguished graduate of Officer Training School in August 1998. Brig. Gen. Eberlan has commanded at the squadron, group, and wing levels. He has also served in key major command, Air Staff, and joint duty positions.

EDUCATION

1997 Bachelor of Science, Business Management (with distinction), Park College, Parkville, Mo.

2004 Master of Science, Logistics Management, Distinguished Graduate, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

2004 Squadron Officer School, Top-third Graduate, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2008 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2010 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2011 Advanced Program in Logistics and Technology, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2013 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2016 Master of Science, National Resource Strategy, Distinguished Graduate, Dwight D. Eisenhower School, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

2017 Depot & Arsenal Executive Leadership Program, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2017 Executive Champion Lean Six Sigma Certification, College of Engineering, North Carolina State University, Raleigh

2021 Military Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations, New York City, N.Y.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1998–November 1998, Student, Aircraft Maintenance Officer Course, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas
2. November 1998–June 2000, Sortie Generation Flight Commander, 42nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
3. June 2000–May 2001, Fabrication Flight Commander, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
4. May 2001–August 2002, Maintenance Supervisor, 355th Component Repair Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
5. August 2002–March 2004, Student, Graduate Program for Logistics Management, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
6. April 2004–August 2004, Deputy Chief, Site Activation Task Force Programs, Logistics Plans Branch, Logistics Readiness Division, Directorate of Maintenance and Logistics, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Va.
7. August 2004–August 2005, Chief, Maintenance Analysis Branch, Assessments Division, Directorate of Maintenance and Logistics, Headquarters ACC, Langley AFB, Va.
8. August 2005–August 2006, Executive Officer to the Director of Logistics, Headquarters ACC, Langley AFB, Va.
9. August 2006–July 2008, Maintenance Operations Officer, 4th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
10. July 2008–July 2009, Logistics Staff Officer, Tactical Evaluation Division, Allied Air Component Command Headquarters, Izmir, Turkey
11. August 2009–June 2010, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
12. July 2010–July 2012, Commander, 3rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
13. August 2012–August 2013, Chief, Aircraft Maintenance Officer Force Development, Force Development and Organizations Division, Directorate of Logistics, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Installations, and Mission Support, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.



EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant
August 14, 1998

First Lieutenant
August 14, 2000

Captain
August 14, 2002

Major
May 01, 2008

Lieutenant Colonel
December 01, 2011

Colonel
June 01, 2016

Brigadier General
April 02, 2023



14. August 2013–December 2013, Chief of Foreign Military Sales Logistics and End-Use Monitoring, Office of Security Cooperation-Iraq, United States Embassy, Baghdad, Iraq
15. January 2014–May 2014, Commander, 379th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar
16. May 2014–June 2015, Executive Officer to the Commander, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
17. August 2015–June 2016, Student, Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
18. July 2016–April 2018, Commander, 309th Aircraft Maintenance Group, Ogden Air Logistics Complex, Hill AFB, Utah
19. April 2018–July 2020, Commander, 75th Air Base Wing, Hill AFB, Utah
20. August 2020–June 2021, Military Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations, New York City, N.Y.
21. July 2021–June 2022, Director, Budget Programs, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
22. June 2022–present, Commander, Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex, Robins AFB, Ga.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

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

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Aug. 14, 1998
First Lieutenant Aug. 14, 2000
Captain Aug. 14, 2002
Major May 1, 2008
Lieutenant Colonel Dec. 1, 2011
Colonel June 1, 2016
Brigadier General April 2, 2023

(Current as of April 2023)



Major General William J. Edwards

Major General (MG) William J. Edwards is assigned as the Deputy Director for Strategic Initiatives, Joint Staff J-5.

Prior to joining the J-5, he served as Commander of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Headquarters Sarajevo in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) where he commanded all NATO Forces operating in BiH and advised BiH authorities on military aspects of security sector reform and the implementation of the NATO's Partnership for Peace Program.

MG Edwards earned his Bachelor of Science in Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh in 1990. He holds a Master of Science and a Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering from Cornell University. He completed a Master of Strategic Studies in residence at the U.S. Army War College in 2011.



Edwards enlisted in 1985. He commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, Infantry, in May 1990. His service includes two deployments to Iraq from 2004-2005 as battalion S-3 and 2007 while in command of 2-162 Infantry. In October 2011, Edwards took command of the 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team where he oversaw the preparation, mobilization, and deployment of over 800 Soldiers to Afghanistan in 2014. Upon his promotion to Brigadier General, he was assigned as Land Component Commander, Oregon National Guard from April 2016 to August 2018. Concurrently, he served as Deputy Commanding General, First U.S. Army Training Support Division (West) where he observed, monitored, certified, validated, and reported on the conduct of training and operational readiness of Army National Guard and Reserve units. From December 2018 to November 2019, Edwards served as Mobilization Assistant to the Director of Operations (J-3) at U.S. Indo-Pacific Command. He also served in the Army National Guard in Pennsylvania, New York, and Oregon.

A Citizen-Soldier for over 38 years, Edwards retired from his civilian employer in January 2021 after 25 years as a Research and Development Engineer and Project Manager with Hewlett-Packard Inc. in Corvallis, Oregon.

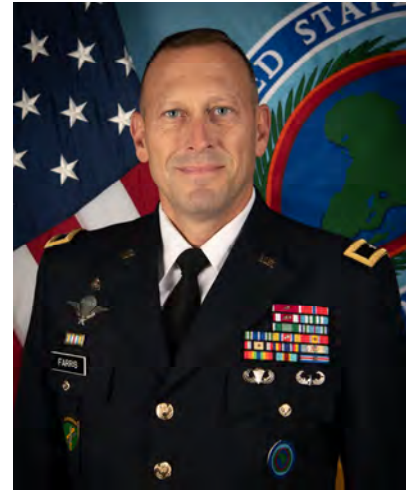
His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, among other awards. He also wears the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Army Basic Parachutist badge, and the Air Assault badge.



Brigadier General Jeff M. Farris

Deputy Director of Operations, J3
Special Assistant to the Commander
United States Africa Command

Brigadier General Jeff M. Farris is currently assigned as the Deputy Director J3 / Special Assistant to the Commander, U.S. Africa Command, Stuttgart, Germany. A native to New Orleans, Louisiana, he enlisted in the US Army in May of 1988, 205th Engineer Battalion, Louisiana Army National Guard. In August 1991, BG Farris completed Officer Candidate School (OCS) and received his commission as a Military Intelligence Officer. His initial assignment was with the 415th Military Intelligence Battalion where he served as the Interrogation of Prisoner of War (IPW) Platoon Leader.



BG Farris transferred to the Army Reserve in 1994 as a Counter Intelligence Officer, later becoming the Company Commander of Bravo Company, 321st Military Intelligence Battalion. In 2001, BG Farris deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and JTF-170 as Company Commander. After serving as the Assistant G-2, 85th Infantry Division, he joined the 308th Civil Affairs Brigade.

In 2007, BG Farris deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, as the S3, 432nd Civil Affairs Battalion and Chief of Operations (G9) for the 4th Infantry Division. Upon his return, he became the SOCSOUTH Team Chief/Planner for the 350th Civil Affairs Command. He commanded both the 402nd Civil Affairs Battalion Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico, and the 450th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne) Riverdale, Maryland. After his assignment in the J5, U.S. Special Operations Command, BG Farris served as the Brigade Commander for the 304th Civil Affairs Brigade.

As a general officer, his command assignments include 352nd Civil Affairs Command and Deputy Commanding General 108th Training Command.

BG Farris education includes a Masters in Strategic Studies from the Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, and a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism with a Minor in Marketing and Economics from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. His awards include the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster, Parachutist Badge and the Air Assault Badge.

In his civilian career, BG Farris is a Director of Financial Services for Databricks, Inc., a data and AI software company based in San Francisco, California. He and his wife Dr. Karen Farris reside in Sarasota, Florida with their daughter Olivia.



Brigadier General Walker M. Field

Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island and Eastern Recruiting Region

Brigadier General Walker M. Field enlisted in the Marine Corps in May of 1991 and served as an active duty artilleryman with 10th Marine Regiment before being commissioned through the Enlisted Commissioning Program in December 1993.

As a company grade officer, his operational assignments were as a Forward Observer, Fire Direction Officer, Liaison Officer, and Battalion S-3A with 1st Battalion, 12th Marines from 1994-97; Deputy Comptroller, 2nd FSSG from 1997-00; Bravo Battery and Headquarters Battery Commanding Officer, and as the Logistics Officer, Operations Officer, and Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 10th Marines from 2001-04. As a battery commander, he served with Task Force Tarawa during Operation Iraqi Freedom.



As a field grade officer, his operational assignments were Battalion Commander (Acting), 3rd Battalion 12th Marines 2008-09 and Executive Officer, 12th Marine Regiment 2009-10; Battalion Commander, 5th Battalion, 10th Marines from 2010-12; Division Fire Support Coordinator and Regimental Commander 11th Marine Regiment 2016-18; Chief of Staff 4th Marine Division 2018-19; and Chief of Staff, Marine Forces Reserve 2019-20.

His supporting establishment assignments include Commanding Officer, Recruiting Station Dallas 2004-07; AC/S G3, Marine Corps Recruiting Command 2015-16; CMC Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations 2020-21.

His joint duty assignment was as the Division Chief, Joint Doctrine Division, Joint Staff J7 from 2013-15.

On June 10, 2022 he assumed the duties of his current position as the Commanding General of MCRD Parris Island and Eastern Recruiting Region.

His professional military education includes: TBS Basic Officer Course (General's Honor Roll), Field Artillery Officer's Basic Course; Amphibious Warfare School; Marine Corps Command and Staff College (Masters of Military Studies); and National War College (Master of Science in National Security Strategy).

Brigadier General Field earned a BA in Banking Finance from the University of Mississippi and a resident Masters of Business Administration from Campbell University. He is married to the former Tonya Bergeron of Zachary, Louisiana. They have three children, Walker "Mac" Field Jr and twins Anna and Elizabeth and now a daughter in law, Mary Katherine, and one grandson, Walker Field III.

His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (Second award), Meritorious Service Medal (Fourth award), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with "V" (Third award), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and a Combat Action Ribbon.



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL LANCE R. FRENCH

Brig. Gen. Lance R. French serves as the Commander, Air Force Installation Contracting Center, Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. He leads more than 750 operational acquisition professionals responsible for a \$55 billion contract portfolio. In this capacity, he directs enterprise-wide installation strategic sourcing efforts for the Air Force and oversees \$9.1 billion in annual obligations in mission and installation requirements. His contracting authority extends worldwide across AFICC in support of nine major commands, 82 units and the U.S. Air Force Academy. Additionally, he is designated as the Commander of a Joint Theater Support Contracting Command upon activation. He also directs contract execution in support of the Defense Technical Information Center, Air Force Medical Readiness Agency and Air Force Civil Engineer Center.

As a career contracting officer, he has served as a squadron, group and wing commander. He has also served at major command, combatant command and Air Staff levels, and deployed in support of operations Southern Watch, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

Prior to his current assignment, Brig. Gen. French served as the Commander, Defense Contract Management Agency, Western Regional Command Carson, California, where he led a workforce of 2,500 contracting, quality assurance, engineering, and manufacturing acquisition professionals and support personnel across 12 primary and nine tertiary Contract Management offices located across the Western U.S.

EDUCATION

1995 Bachelor of Arts, Economics, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces
2000 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2002 Master of Science, Strategic Purchasing, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
2004 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2008 Master of Arts, National Security and Strategic Studies, College of Naval Command & Staff, Newport Naval Station, R.I.
2012 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2015 Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk Naval Base, Va.
2016 Executive Seminar, Darden School of Business, University of Virginia, Charlottesville
2017 Secretary of Defense Executive Fellow, Honeywell Aerospace, Tempe, Ariz.
2019 Executive Development Seminar, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1995–July 1998, Acquisition Contracting Officer, Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.
2. August 1998–June 2000, Procurement Contracting Officer, Space Based Infrared Satellite System Program Office, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.
3. July 2000–March 2002, Student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
4. April 2002–December 2003, Procurement Contracting Officer, C-130 Avionics Modernization Program and Halvorsen Loader System Program Offices, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
5. January 2003–March 2005, Chief, Contracting Force Development, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
6. April 2005–June 2007, Staff Officer and Executive Officer, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Contracting), the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
7. July 2007–June 2008, Intermediate Developmental Education Student, College of Naval Command and Staff, Newport Naval Station, R.I.
8. July 2008–June 2011, Commander, 52nd Contracting Squadron, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany (June 2011–July 2011, Acting Deputy Commander, 52nd Mission Support Group, Spangdahlem AB, Germany)



EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant
May 31, 1995

First Lieutenant
May 31, 1997

Captain
May 31, 1999

Major
September 01, 2005

Lieutenant Colonel
August 01, 2010

Colonel
October 01, 2016

Brigadier General
May 02, 2023



9. August 2011–July 2012, Commander, Kandahar Regional Contracting Center, Regional Command-South, Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan
10. July 2012–July 2014, Deputy Commander, 7th Mission Support Group, Dyess AFB, Texas
11. July 2014–June 2016, Chief, Contract Management Branch, Resource Management and Comptroller Division, Capability and Resource Integration Directorate (J8), U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.
12. June 2016–June 2017, Senior Developmental Education Student, Secretary of Defense Executive Fellowship, Honeywell Aerospace, Tempe, Ariz.
13. June 2017–June 2020, Commander, Defense Contract Management Agency Lockheed Martin Marietta/Air Force Plant 6, Marietta, Ga.
14. July 2020–July 2022, Commander, Defense Contract Management Agency Western Region, Carson, Calif.
15. August 2022–present, Commander, Air Force Installation Contracting Center, Installation and Mission Support Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star Medal
Defense Superior Service Medal
Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal
Joint Service Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster
Joint Meritorious Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal with bronze star
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with bronze star
Iraq Campaign Medal with bronze star
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 1995
First Lieutenant May 1997
Captain May 1999
Major September 2005
Lieutenant Colonel August 2010
Colonel November 2016
Brigadier General May 2023

(Current as of May 2023)





Brigadier General Fridriksson assumed duties as Deputy Director for Operations and Cyber, US Africa Command (AFRICOM) in June 2023. His previous general officer assignments were as Commanding General for 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade and Deputy Commanding General for III Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF).

Brigadier General Fridriksson enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1991, he attended MCRD San Diego, SOI-West and was designated an 0311 rifleman. He served in Guam and in 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines. In 1994, he was commissioned and graduated from The Basic School and Infantry Officer Course.

His assignments in the Fleet Marine Force include Rifle Platoon Commander and Executive Officer in 1st LAR, Battalion Landing Team 1/4; Rifle Company Commander in 3rd Battalion 8th Marines; Operations Officer of 3rd Battalion 8th Marines; Commanding Officer, Battalion Landing Team 3/1; Commanding Officer, Task Force Al Asad, Iraq; Commanding Officer, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit; and Commanding Officer, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Other assignments include staff platoon commander, and company executive officer, The Basic School; Commanding Officer, Security Company, Marine Barracks, Washington DC; JIEDDO Team Leader to 10th Mountain Division in Iraq; executive officer HQ Bn 1st Marine Division; Marjah Cell OIC Afghanistan; LtCols Ground Monitor; and the Director of Tactical Training and Exercise Control Group (TTECG).

Brigadier General Fridriksson is a graduate of the U.S. Army Cavalry Leaders Course, U.S. Army's Armor Officer's Advance Course, the Marine Corps Command and Staff College and the Marine Corps War College. He is married with two children and two grandchildren.



Brigadier General David W. Gardner

Brigadier General (BG) David W. Gardner graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1994 and has served in a variety of maneuver assignments.

Until 1998, BG Gardner served as an Infantry Platoon Leader, Mortar Platoon Leader, Headquarters Company Executive Officer, and Battalion Logistics Officer in the 2nd Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment in the 82d Airborne Division. Upon graduation from the Field Artillery Advanced Course, he was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment in the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) where he commanded in Kosovo and in the invasion of Iraq. Beginning in 2008, BG Gardner served as a Battalion Executive Officer, Brigade Operations Officer, and Brigade Executive Officer in the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82d Airborne Division, before assuming command of the 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment. He deployed that battalion to Afghanistan in 2012 under the 1st Infantry Division in Regional Command-East. BG Gardner then commanded the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, from 2016 to 2018 and deployed with that command to Europe in support of Atlantic Resolve. After commanding the Operations Group, Joint Readiness Training Center from 2018 to 2020, BG Gardner was then the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Operational Test Command until the summer of 2022.

BG Gardner's non-troop assignments include: Strategist on the Army Staff; Division Future Operations Lead Planner; Military Assistant to the Commander, International Security and Assistance Force/US Forces, Afghanistan; and, Instructor at the School of Advanced Military Studies.

BG Gardner holds a Bachelor's Degree in Physics and Masters Degrees from Harvard University, National Defense University, and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

BG Gardner's awards and decorations include the Afghanistan and Iraq Campaign Medals (with 6 Campaign Stars), Kosovo Campaign Medal, Combat and Expert Infantryman Badges, Ranger Tab, and Master Parachutist Badge.



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL JEFFREY T. GERAGHTY

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey T. Geraghty is the Commander, 96th Test Wing, Air Force Materiel Command, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. He leads more than 10,000 military, civilian, and contractor personnel, in accomplishing the 96th Test Wing's missions of developmental testing and evaluation of conventional munitions, command and control systems, aircraft avionics and guidance systems, and radar cross section measurement. The 96th Test Wing has eight groups and 32 squadrons, operates 38 uniquely modified test aircraft, and manages 120,000 square miles of over-water test ranges plus facilities in six states. He also directs all base operating support, infrastructure, and services support for the Air Force's largest installation at 724 square miles. The 96th Test Wing hosts nine tenant wings and wing equivalent units—to include the 33d Fighter Wing (F-35 Joint Strike Fighter), 53rd Wing (Operational Test), 350th Spectrum Warfare Wing, U.S. Army 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Joint Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training Center—and 37 other associate units including the U.S. Army 6th Ranger Training Battalion and the 20th Space Surveillance Squadron. As commander, he interacts with local officials across a three-county, 11-city region with an annual military economic impact of \$9.2 billion.

Brig. Gen. Geraghty earned his commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy, and later served as an F-15E pilot in operations Northern Watch and Iraqi Freedom, an F-15/F-16 test pilot, a staff officer in numerous agencies, and a program manager. He completed fellowships at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) as a Service Chiefs Fellow and at SpaceX as a Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellow. Previously a commander at the squadron, group, and complex level, he comes to Eglin after successful command of the Arnold Engineering Development Complex headquartered at Arnold Air Force Base, Tennessee.

EDUCATION

1997 Bachelor of Science, Biology, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.
 1998 Master of Science, Genetics, Pennsylvania State University
 2003 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
 2004 Congressional Operations Seminar for NASA, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
 2007 Master of Flight Test Engineering, U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School, Edwards AFB, Calif.
 2010 Master of Military Arts and Sciences, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
 2011 Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) Service Chiefs' Fellow, Arlington, Va.
 2013 Doctor of Philosophy, Strategy, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.



EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant
May 28, 1997

First Lieutenant
May 28, 1999

Captain
May 28, 2001

Major
November 01, 2006



ASSIGNMENTS

August 1997–July 1998, Graduate Student, Genetics, Pennsylvania State University
 August 1998–October 1999, Student Pilot, Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance Air Force Base, Okla.
 October 1999–November 2000, F-15E Student, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
 November 2000–March 2003, F-15E Pilot, Scheduling and Weapons Officer, 492nd Fighter Squadron, Royal Air Force Base Lakenheath, United Kingdom
 March 2003–December 2004, Air Force Intern (NASA, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Air Force Operations Group, Secretary of the Air Force/Chief of Staff of the Air Force Action Group), the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
 January 2005–June 2006, F-15E Pilot, Chief of Scheduling, Assistant Director of Operations, 336th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
 June 2006–June 2007, Student Test Pilot, U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School, Edwards AFB, Calif.
 June 2007–June 2009, F-15 and F-16 Test Pilot, Flight Commander, Weapons Officer, 40th Flight Test Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
 June 2009–June 2010, Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
 June 2010–January 2012, Deputy Chief of Strategic Engagement, Air Force/A8XS, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
 January 2012–June 2014, Current Requirements Lead, F-35 JPO/ASR, Arlington, Va.
 June 2014–June 2015, Commander, 412th Operations Support Squadron, Edwards AFB, Calif.
 June 2015–June 2016, Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellow, SpaceX, Hawthorne, Calif.
 June 2016–June 2019, Commander, 645th Aeronautical Systems Group, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
 June 2019–June 2022, Commander, Arnold Engineering Development Complex, Arnold AFB, Tenn.
 16. June 2022–present, Commander, 96th Test Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla.

Lieutenant Colonel

December 01, 2011



Colonel

May 01, 2016



Brigadier General

March 01, 2023

**FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 1900 including 290 combat hours

Aircraft flown: 50 different aircraft types, including the F-15C-E, F-16A-D, Mirage-2000, F/A-18, F-4, MiG-15, TH-57, D-140, Dauphin, CES-310, Alphajet, UH-1, A-10, T-6, T-6II, AN-2, T-38A-C, HH-60, G-103, TG-9-10, P-3, Goodyear Blimp, T-1, LJ-24, T-43, C-12C-J, T-37, Stinson 108, KC-135, T-3, AC-208, EC-130H, RC-135, and U-28

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 28, 1997

First Lieutenant May 28, 1999

Captain May 28, 2001

Major Nov. 1, 2006

Lieutenant Colonel Dec. 1, 2011

Colonel May 1, 2016

Brigadier General March 1, 2023



BIOGRAPHY

DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE SENIOR LEVEL

DIANE E. HALLADAY

Senior Defense Intelligence Analyst for Latin America and the Caribbean
U.S. Southern Command



Ms. Diane E. Halladay was appointed to Defense Intelligence Senior Level and selected as Senior Defense Intelligence Analyst (SDIA) for Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Southern Command (USSOUTHCOM) in June 2023. As SDIA, she advises USSOUTHCOM leadership and other DoD Intelligence Community officials on all-source analysis and production on Latin America and the Caribbean. She works independently across the SOUTHCOM staff to provide technical advice and facilitate all intelligence production, analytic working groups, review boards, and focus groups on emergent and enduring analytic challenges in support of the command's campaign plan and objectives.

Ms. Halladay previously served as Chief of the Iran Division in the Middle East/Africa Regional Center, where she supervised nearly 90 military, civilian, and contract employees who produced finished intelligence. Her prior assignments also include serving in the following analytic leadership positions in the Americas and Transnational Threats Center: Deputy Defense Intelligence Officer for Homeland Defense, Latin America, and the Caribbean; Intelligence Planner; and Senior Intelligence Officer. From 2018-2020, she served on a joint duty rotation as a plans advisor in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities), where she led the Unified Command Plan for 2020. Ms. Halladay also previously served at the Defense Attaché Office in Madrid, Spain as a research technician.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Ms. Halladay graduated from Bowling Green State University (BGSU), Ohio with a Bachelors of Arts and Sciences; her majors included international business, marketing and Spanish. She received a scholarship to study abroad at Spain's Alcala de Henares University (an affiliate of BGSU), where she received her Master's Degree in Spanish. She continued her academic studies with a Master of Science degree in Joint Campaign Planning and Strategy from the National Defense University, Joint Forces Staff College, Joint Advanced Warfighting School in Norfolk, VA.

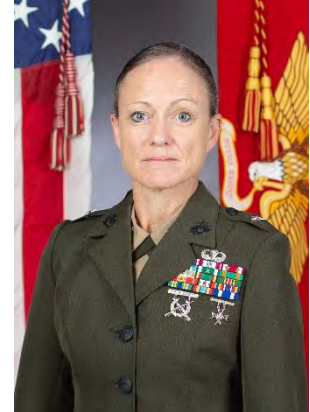
Ms. Halladay received the Office of the Secretary of Defense Exceptional Civilian Service Award (2020), Joint Forces Staff College Commandant's Writing Award for Thesis (2017), The Joint Civilian Service Commendation Award (2014), and the ODNI PDB "Ace" Award as a five-time PDB producer (2013). She was also a DIA Gordon F. Negus Analytical Excellence Finalist (2013).

Ms. Halladay resides in Manassas, Virginia with her husband Michael, a current DIA officer. They have three adult children, and their son currently serves as a U.S. Marine Corps recruiter.

June 2023

Brigadier General Hennigan is currently serving as the Commanding General, Education Command and as Marine Corps University President.

Born in Long Island, New York, Brigadier General Hennigan graduated from Mary Washington College and was commissioned through Officer's Candidate Course as a Second Lieutenant in 1994. She commanded at every level including as a platoon commander, C Company with 3d Support Battalion, 3d Force Service Support Group; as Headquarters and Services Detachment Commander, with Marine Expeditionary Unit Service Support Group 31, III Marine Expeditionary Force; Headquarters and Service Company Commander with 2d Radio Battalion, II Marine Expeditionary Force; Commanding Officer, Marine Wing Support Squadron 372, 3d Marine Aircraft Wing; and Commanding Officer Combat Logistics Regiment 3, 3d Marine Logistics Group.



Brigadier General Hennigan's staff assignments include: Protocol Officer, III Marine Expeditionary Force; Battalion S-4 at 2d Radio Battalion, II Marine Expeditionary Force; Facility S-4 and S-6, Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe Bay; G-4 Operations and Plans Officer, 3d Marine Aircraft Wing; G-4 Maritime Prepositioning Force Officer and G-4 Operations and Plans Officer, I Marine Expeditionary Force; and as the Chief of Staff for 3d Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

In the Supporting Establishment, Brigadier General Hennigan served as a Legislative Liaison for the Office of Legislative Affairs, Headquarters Marine Corps and as the Director, Marine Corps Legislative Liaison Office, United States House of Representatives.

Brigadier General Hennigan's Joint and Coalition assignments include: G-3 Watch Officer, Marine Forces Europe, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM; Deputy, Plans and Programs Vulnerability Officer, J-3 and Deputy Capabilities and Plans Officer, J-8, United States Pacific Command; and CJ-4, Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command – Afghanistan and in Special Operations Command – Yemen, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM.

Brigadier General Hennigan is a graduate of The Basic School, Logistics Officer Course, U.S. Army Combined Logistics Captains' Career Course, and Marine Corps Command and Staff College. She attended the United States Institute of Peace as a Commandant's Fellow and studied Women's Peace and Security. Brigadier General Hennigan holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies from Mary Washington College and a Masters' Degree of Public Administration and Policy from American University.

Brigadier General Hennigan's personal decorations include: Legion of Merit (2), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (2), Meritorious Service Medal (3), Joint Service Commendation (2), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2), and a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement.



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL ROBERT J. HUTT

Brig. Gen. Robert "Bobby" Hutt is the Director of Plans and Programs, Office of the Chief Strategy and Resource Officer, Headquarters, United States Space Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va. As Resourcing Lead, he is responsible for personnel executing the development, integration, and analysis of United States Space Force programs across the Future Years Defense Plan and executes the corporate process for the Program Objective Memorandum.

Brig. Gen. Hutt received his commission from the United States Air Force Academy in 1999 and initially served as an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Crew Member at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont. He transferred to Space Operations and served in Electronic Warfare and Missile Warning operational positions including commanding the 21st Operations Support Squadron, the 460th Operations Group, and as Director of Space Forces under Air Forces Central Command. In addition to his operational assignments, he served in the Office of Air Force Legislative Liaison, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, and Headquarters Staff for the Chief of Space Operations. Prior to his current position, Brig. Gen. Hutt was the Chief, Programming Division, Headquarters United States Space Force, Pentagon, Washington D.C.



EDUCATION

1999 Bachelor of Science, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.
1999 Undergraduate Space and Missile Training, Vandenberg, Air Force base, Calif.
1999 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2000 ICBM Initial Qualification Training, Vandenberg, AFB, Calif.
2004 United States Air Force Space Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nev.
2005 Principles of Space Control, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
2005 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2008 Master of Science in Civil Engineering, University of Colorado-Denver.
2011 Master of Policy Management, Georgetown University, Washington D.C.
2013 Air War College, non-resident, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2016 Master of Science in National Security Strategy, National War College, Washington D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1999 – June 2000, Student, Undergraduate Space and Missile Training and ICBM Initial Qualification Training, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
2. June 2000 – June 2002, Deputy Crew Commander, Crew Commander, and Line Instructor, 12th Missile Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.
3. June 2002 – July 2004, Evaluator and Senior Crew Evaluator, 341st Operations Group, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.

4. July 2004 – December 2004, Student: United States Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
5. January 2005 – November 2007, Weapons and Tactics Flight Commander, 76th Space Control Squadron, Peterson AFB, Colo.
6. November 2007 – June 2009, Assistant Operations Officer and Vault Chief, 21st Operations Support Squadron, Peterson AFB, Colo.
7. June 2009 – July 2010, Branch Chief, Counterspace Current Operations, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
8. July 2010 – July 2011, Student, Georgetown University, Washington D.C.
9. July 2011 – June 2013, Chief of Space and Cyber Programs, Office of Air Force Legislative Liaison, Weapon Systems Division, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
10. June 2013 – July 2015, Commander, 21st Operations Support Squadron, Peterson AFB, Colo.
11. July 2015 – June 2016, Student, National War College, Washington D.C.
12. June 2016 – June 2018, Military Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
13. June 2018 – July 2020, Commander, 460th Operations Group, Buckley AFB, Colo.
(January 2020 – June 2020, Director of Space Forces, Air Forces Central Command, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar)
14. July 2020 – September 2021, Senior Executive Officer to the Chief of Space Operations, Headquarters United States Space Force, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
15. September 2021 – November 2022, Chief, Programming Division, Headquarters United States Space Force, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
16. November 2022 – Present, Director, Plans and Programs, Headquarters United States Space Force, Pentagon, Washington D.C.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2016 – June 2018, Military Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, Washington D.C., as a colonel

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal
Legion of Merit
Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air and Space Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Combat Readiness Medal with oak leaf cluster
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with "N" device

OCCUPATIONAL BADGES

Command Space Operations Badge
Parachutist Badge
Missile Operations Badge

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 2, 1999
First Lieutenant June 2, 2001
Captain June 2, 2003
Major Dec. 1, 2008
Lieutenant Colonel Nov. 1, 2012
Colonel May 1 May, 2017
Brigadier General July 8, 2023

(CURRENT AS OF OCTOBER 2023)



BG JASPER JEFFERS
DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR SPECIAL
OPERATIONS AND COUNTER-TERRORISM



BG Jasper Jeffers graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1996 and was commissioned as an Infantry officer. His first assignment was Rifle Platoon Leader and Operations Officer in 4-31 Infantry Regiment, Fort Drum, NY. He then served as a Platoon Leader and Executive Officer in 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia.

After Infantry Officer Advanced Course graduation in Fort Benning, Georgia, he was stationed to Fort Lewis, Washington serving as a Company Commander and Air Operations Officer in 1-5 Infantry, 1/25 SBCT. BG Jeffers then served as a Company Commander and Air Operations Officer in 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, and deployed multiple times in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Following the US Army Command and General Staff Officer's Course at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, BG Jeffers was assigned to the US Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, NC where he held various leadership and command positions. These included Troop Command, Squadron Command, and Deputy Brigade Commander, while deployed multiple times in support of Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

BG Jeffers next attended Senior Service College at Duke University, North Carolina. He then assumed command of 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd ID, 7th Infantry Division. Upon completion of brigade command, BG Jeffers deployed to Afghanistan to serve as an Advisor to the Commander of Operation Resolute Support. He then returned to Fort Bragg, NC and assumed command of a Brigade within the US Army Special Operations Command and deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve, Iraq/Syria.

BG Jeffers last assignment prior to becoming the Deputy Director for Special Operations and Counter-Terrorism was the Deputy Commander – Maneuver of the Third Infantry Division in Fort Stewart, Georgia.

His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with Valor, Bronze Star with two OLC, Meritorious Service Medal with one OLC, Joint Service Commendation Medal with one OLC, Army Commendation Medal with four bronze OLC, Army Achievement Medal with two OLC, the Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Military Free Fall Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and Ranger Tab.

BG Jeffers is married to Bella and they have three children: Jack (11), Norah (9), and Brynn (6).



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United States Army Human Resources Command

"Soldiers First!"

Brigadier General Gregory S. Johnson

The 63rd Adjutant General of the Army



Brigadier General Johnson is a career Army Adjutant General Corps Officer. He was a Distinguished Military Graduate of the University of San Francisco, earning a Bachelor of Arts in United States History. He also holds a master's degree from the United States Army War College, a master's degree of Policy Management from Georgetown's Public Policy Institute, and a master's degree in Education from the University of Oklahoma.

His prior assignments include Director, Officer Personnel Management Division, Army Human Resources Command, Functional Management Division Chief for the Integrated Personnel and Pay System - Army (IPPS-A) and he served as the J1/G1 of CJFLCC-Iraq and G1 for the 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, KS. Additionally, he served as the Military Assistant to the Army G1 and as a U.S. Army Interagency Fellow at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) where he was the primary program manager

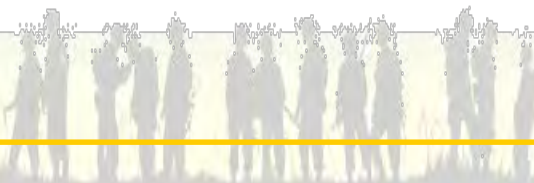
leading the design and implementation of an agricultural pre-deployment training program for United States Government stakeholders operating in Afghanistan. He also served as the Deputy G1 of the 1st Cavalry Division, and in a myriad of additional assignments including Battalion Adjutant, Platoon Leader, Executive Officer, Company Commander, Chief European Theater Human Resources Systems, and Strength Manager for the 10th Mountain Division and as a junior Military Assistant to the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Military Personnel Policy. During these assignments, BG Johnson has served overseas in Europe, Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan, and in various stateside locations.

BG Johnson is a graduate of the Adjutant General's Basic and Advance Courses; Airborne School; Army Command and General Staff College; and the U.S. Army War College.

BG Johnson's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (6th Oak Leaf Cluster), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster), Joint Services Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster), Office of the Secretary of Defense Identification Badge, Army Staff Identification Badge, and the Parachutist Badge.

BG Johnson and his spouse Tiffany, have four children; Julianna, Rafaella, Cooper, and Gregory.

SOLDIERS FIRST





MajGen John F. Kelliher III

Major General John F. Kelliher III is currently serving as Commanding General, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Reserve.

A native of Hanson, Massachusetts. He graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Studies and was commissioned in April 1992.

He was designated an unrestricted Naval Aviator in November 1994 and reported to HMLA/T-303 for training in the UH-1N.

After twelve years of service, Major General Kelliher left active duty in September 2004 and joined the Marine Corps Reserve in February 2008.

Previous Command billets include the first Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of the Squadron Augmentation Unit, Marine Light Attack Helicopter Training Squadron 303; Deployment Processing Center OIC, Reserve Support Unit Air Stations West; Commanding Officer, Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron (HMLA) 773 “Red Dogs” during its conversion to the UH-1Y and consolidation from three site locations to two; Senior Reserve Advisor, Marine Aircraft Group 49; Assistant Wing Commander, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing; Deputy Commanding General (Mobilization), I Marine Expeditionary Force; and Deputy Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic and Deputy Commander, Marine Forces Command and Marine Forces Northern Command.

As a UH-1N pilot, Major General Kelliher has deployed twice with the “Gunfighters” of HMLA-369 to Okinawa, Japan; served as a UH-1N Flight Instructor with Marine Helicopter Training Squadron 303; and served with HMLA-775. During his tour at HMX-1 he completed the series conversion to fly the CH-53E and serve as a Marine One in the VH-60 and VH-3. During his tour with VMR Det Miramar, he deployed twice to Qatar, once as the detachment OIC for both the UC-35 Det at Al Udeid and the UC-12W Det at Camp Bastion. He was subsequently qualified on the UC-12W at VMR Belle Chasse and served as the platform’s program manager. In total, Major General Kelliher has accumulated more than 4,500 mishap-free flight hours in seven different aircraft.

Major General Kelliher is a graduate of the Marine Corps Command and Staff and Air War College Distance Education Programs.



**U.S. Army Training
and Doctrine Command
at Fort Eustis, Virginia**

**Brigadier General Laurence “Scott” Linton
Deputy Chief of Staff
U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command
Fort Eustis, Virginia**

Brigadier General Laurence “Scott” Linton assumed duties as the TRADOC Deputy Chief of Staff on Aug 27, 2022. Prior to this assignment, he served as the Division Deputy Commanding General for the 88th Readiness Division.

BG Linton enlisted in the Army in 1985 and served in the 218th MP Company as a Patrolman in Garmisch, Germany. After his initial tour, he enlisted in the United States Army Reserve as a Basic Rifle Marksmanship Instructor in the 98th Training Division (IET) earning his Sergeant Stripes.



BG Linton graduated in 1992 from the State University of New York at Cortland and commissioned as an Armor Officer. His first assignment was to Alpha Troop, 5/9 Cavalry Squadron, 25th ID (L), Schofield Barracks, HI as Scout Platoon Leader. He then transitioned to the Transportation Corps and was assigned to the DISCOM serving as the Assistant Movement Control Officer (MCO), HHC Executive Officer, and deployed to Port-au-Prince Haiti as the HHC DISCOM Detachment Commander (Fwd). Following this he was assigned as the 10th ID (L) DISCOM MCO at Fort Drum, NY and deployed to Zagreb Croatia as the SFOR Support Command C3 Logistics Plans Officer. BG Linton was then selected for the Active Guard and Reserve Program with his first assignment as an Assistant Professor of Military Science at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, IN. Following this he had a series of assignments as the S2/3 at the 1173rd Transportation Battalion in Brockton, MA, Assistant Operations Officer at 1185th Transportation Brigade in Lancaster, PA where he deployed as the Plans Officer to the Port of Shuaiba Kuwait, and the Deputy Commander 1179th Transportation Brigade at Fort Hamilton, NY. Following graduation from the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, PA, BG Linton was assigned to the Army Staff in Washington, DC and assumed successive duties in the Army G4 as the Operations Contract Support Branch Chief, Current Operations Division Chief, and the G43 Deputy Director. He then was assigned as the Chief of Staff for the 311th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) in Los Angeles, CA. After this assignment, BG Linton was selected to be the Army Reserve G-4, responsible for Equipping, Sustaining, and Maintaining a force of 200,000 Soldiers worldwide. BG Linton was then assigned as the Commanding General of the 316th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) followed by selection to Chief of Staff for the Countermeasures Acceleration Group formally referred to as Operation Warp Speed.

BG Linton has deployments in support of Operation Restore Democracy, Operations Joint Guard, and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

BG Linton earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics, a Master's Degree in Human Resources Technology, and a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Joint Staff Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge and the Army Staff Identification Badge.



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL DAVID R. LOPEZ

Brig. Gen. David R. Lopez serves as the Deputy Director of Operations, U.S. Central Command. In his current role, he is responsible for developing contingency plans and assisting the Director of Operations and the Commander with overseeing joint operations across a 21-Nation area of responsibility including the Middle East, Central and South Asia, and the strategic waterways that surround them.

Gen. Lopez earned his commission through the ROTC program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1996. He is a Distinguished Graduate of Undergraduate Pilot Training, F-15C Initial Training, Squadron Officer School, and the College of International Security Affairs. The general was a member of the F/A-22 initial cadre in 2004 and later served as an Air Warfare Specialist on the Office of the Secretary of Defense Staff.

Gen. Lopez has commanded at the squadron, group, and wing levels and has deployed three times to the Middle East. The general is a Command Pilot with over 2000 hours in the F-22 and F-15C, including 84 combat hours over Southwest Asia. In his previous assignment, the general served as Commander of the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Dhafra Air Base, UAE.



EDUCATION

1996 Bachelor of Science, Aeronautics & Astronautics, MIT, Cambridge, Mass.
2002 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2007 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
2008 Master of Science, Aeronautics, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University 2010 Master of Science, Joint Advanced Warfighting School, Norfolk, Va.
2016 Master of Arts & Chancellor's Award for Excellence, College of International Security Affairs, Ft McNair, Va.
2016 Enterprise Perspective Seminar, Alan L. Freed Associates, Washington D.C.
2018 Senior Manager Course in National Security Leadership, George Washington University, D.C 2019 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, University of North Carolina, N.C.
2020 National Security Managers Course, Syracuse University, N.Y.
2021 Leading Strategically Seminar, Center for Creative Leadership, Colo.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 97 – May 98, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, AETC Commander's Trophy, Laughlin AFB, Texas
2. May 98 – June 98, Student, Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, Sheppard AFB, Texas
3. June 98 – Jan 99, Student, F-15C Formal Training Unit, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
4. Feb 99 – Sept 01, F-15C Instructor Pilot, 58th Fighter Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
5. Sept 01 – May 03, F-15C FTU Instructor Pilot/Academic Instructor, 325th OSS, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
6. May 03 – June 04, F-15C FTU Instructor Pilot/Flight Commander, 1st Fighter Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
7. June 04 – May 05, Student, F-22 Formal Training Unit, 43rd Fighter Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
8. June 05 – Sept 06, F-22 FTU Evaluator Pilot/Chief of Stan Eval, 43rd Fighter Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla 9.
Sept 06 – Sept 08, F-22 Operational Test Pilot/Division Commander, 422nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
10. Sept 08 – July 09, F-22 Operational Test Pilot/Assistant Director of Operations, 422nd TES, Nellis AFB, Nev.

11. July 09 – June 10, Student, Joint Advanced Warfighting School, National Defense University, Norfolk, Va.
12. June 10 – July 12, Joint Operational Planner/Chief, Training Division (J37), Headquarters Joint Enabling Capabilities Command, USTRANSCOM, Norfolk, Va.
13. Sept 12 – March 13, Director of Operations, 1st Operations Support Squadron, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.
14. March 13 – July 15, Commander, 1st Operations Support Squadron, JB Langley-Eustis, Va.
15. July 15 – June 16, Counter-Terrorism Fellow, College of International Security Affairs, Ft. McNair, Va.
16. June 16 – June 18, Air Warfare Specialist, Office of the Secretary of Defense Staff, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
17. June 18 – June 19, Commander, 1st Operations Group, JB Langley-Eustis, Va.
18. June 19 – July 21, Commander, 1st Fighter Wing, JB Langley-Eustis, Va.
19. July 21 – June 22, Senior Executive Officer to COMACC, JB Langley-Eustis, Va.
20. June 22 – June 23, Commander, 380th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Dhafra Air Base, UAE
21. June 23 – Present, Deputy Director of Operations, U.S. Central Command, Macdill AFB, FL.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 10 – July 12, Joint Operational Planner/Chief, Training Division (J37), Headquarters Joint Enabling Capabilities Command, USTRANSCOM, Norfolk, Va., as a major and lieutenant colonel
2. June 16 – June 18, Air Warfare Staff Specialist, Office of the Secretary of Defense Staff, Pentagon, Washington D.C., as a lieutenant colonel and colonel
3. June 23 – Present, Deputy Director of Operation, Unit States Central Command, Tampa, FL, as a brigadier general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Primary aircraft flown: F-22, F-15C

Flight Hours: More than 2300 total, 84 combat

Other aircraft flown: T-38A, T-37, AT-38

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster

Joint Service Achievement Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster

Joint Meritorious Unit Award with 1 oak leaf cluster

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with 3 oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border and 1 oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant July 21, 1996

First Lieutenant July 21, 1998

Captain July 21, 2000

Major July 1, 2006

Lieutenant Colonel Dec. 1, 2010

Colonel April 1, 2017

Brigadier General June 2, 2023

(Current as of July 2023)



U.S. ARMY



Program Executive Office Missiles and Space

BG Frank J. Lozano

Program Executive Officer

Brigadier General Frank J. Lozano is the Program Executive Officer (PEO) Missiles and Space, Redstone Arsenal, AL. He is responsible for the development, production, fielding, sustainment, and international program aspects for assigned missile and space systems. BG Lozano assumed his current position August 2022.

BG Lozano graduated from Texas A&M University in 1993 and commissioned as a second Lieutenant in the Armor Branch. He served as a Platoon Leader, Executive Officer, Cavalry Squadron Staff Officer and Cavalry Troop Commander, before transitioning into the Army Acquisition Corps in 2001. He graduated with a MBA from the University of Texas at Arlington and served with Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control in Grand Prairie, TX in 2002 as part of the Training With Industry (TWI) program.

After completion of Command and General Staff College, BG Lozano was assigned as the Assistant Product Manager for Project Manager Soldier Weapons, PEO Soldier, followed by an assignment as an Ammunition and Demolition System Acquisition Manager for the Special Operations Command (SOCOM) and the Army Research Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM).

In 2008, BG Lozano was assigned as a Department of the Army System Coordinator (DASC) for Tactical Missile Systems and Ballistic Missile Defense Systems. He was selected to be a Special Assistant for the Army's Vice Chief of Staff, GEN. In his position as the Special Assistant, he provided insight, advice, and counsel on Army acquisition programs crossing many different functional capability areas.

BG Lozano commanded the Product Management Office for Soldier Protective Equipment, PEO Soldier from 2011 until 2014. Subsequently, he was assigned to the Joint Staff, J-8 Capabilities and Acquisition Division. Upon graduation from the U.S. Army War College, he assumed the position of Project Manager for the Lower Tier Project Office, PEO Missiles and Space from 2017 until 2020, followed by an assignment as the Integrated Fires and Rapid Capability Office PM. He was subsequently selected to be the Special Assistant for the Army's Vice Chief of Staff.

BG Lozano's operational and combat experience include deployments to Bosnia, Kuwait and Iraq. His awards and decorations include the Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, the NATO Service Medal, the Army Staff Identification Badge, and the Joint Staff Identification Badge. He is certified in Program Management; Contracting; System Research; Planning and Engineering; and System Test career fields.



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(U) Benjamin Ludlow has over 20 years of Federal service, including overseas service, with significant experience on PRC, DPRK, Southeast Asia, and Counterterrorism issues.

(U) Previously, Mr Ludlow worked for the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) from 1997-1999. He was an active-duty U.S. Army officer from 1990-1997, serving with the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea, at the National Training Center (NTC) at Ft. Irwin, CA, and with the 82nd Airborne Division at Ft Bragg, NC.

(U) Mr Ludlow earned an M.A. in International Affairs from American University in 2000, and a B.A. in International Relations from the University of Southern California in 1990. He lives in Arlington, VA, with his wife and daughter.

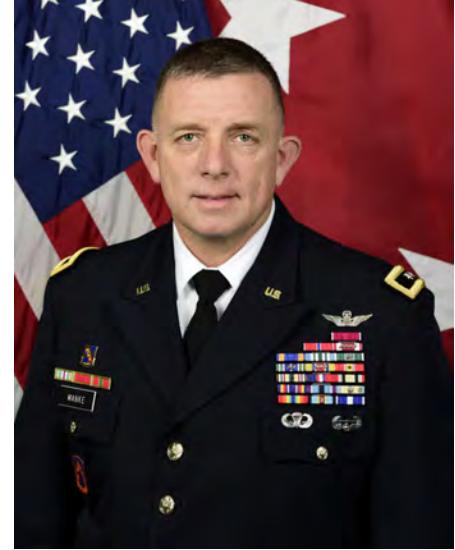
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MAJOR GENERAL SHAWN MANKE

ADJUTANT GENERAL, MINNESOTA NATIONAL GUARD

Major General Shawn Manke assumed duties as Adjutant General of the Minnesota National Guard in August 2020.

General Manke is a Distinguished Military Graduate from the Army ROTC program at the University of North Dakota. He commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Aviation branch in May 1991. After attending the Aviation Officer Basic Course and flight school, General Manke was assigned to C Co, 6-159 Aviation Regiment in Giebelstadt, Germany, where he served as an Assault Platoon Leader, Company Operations Officer, and Eagle Flight Detachment Commander while deployed in support of Operation Provide Comfort in Northern Iraq. After attending the Aviation Officer Advanced Course, General Manke was assigned to the 4th Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. He served as the Assistant Brigade S3, Division Aviation Liaison Officer, and B Co, 2-4th Aviation Commander.



After leaving the active Army as a Captain, General Manke joined the Minnesota National Guard. Prior to his current assignment, General Manke served as the Assistant Division Commander – Operations for the 34th Red Bull Infantry Division. In addition to numerous staff positions, he has commanded the 2-147th Assault Helicopter Battalion and the 34th Combat Aviation Brigade while serving in the Minnesota National Guard. General Manke deployed in support of Operation Provide Comfort (Northern Iraq), Operation Joint Guardian (Kosovo), and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He is a graduate of the United States Army War College, Command and General Staff College, Aviation Officer Advanced and Basic Course, Air Assault Course and Airborne School.

MG Manke and his wife Mary reside in Cambridge, Minnesota. They have two children, Kalie and Lucas who are both serving in the United States Army.



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL GAVIN P. MARKS

Brigadier General Gavin P. Marks is the Commandant of Cadets, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado. He commands the 4,300-member Cadet Wing and more than 200 Air Force and civilian personnel. He guides military, leadership, character development, Basic Cadet Training and Expeditionary Skills Training for the Air Force Cadet Wing in addition to providing facilities and logistical support.

Brig. Gen. Marks earned his commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1996 and his pilot wings from Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Brig. Gen. Marks has served as a T-1A instructor pilot (at both the undergraduate and graduate training levels) and flight examiner, an E-3B/C instructor pilot and flight examiner, an Air Force Intern, a staff officer on multiple joint staffs, and has commanded at the squadron and wing levels.

Prior to his current assignment, he served as the Director, Electromagnetic Spectrum Superiority, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

Brig. Gen. Marks is a command pilot with more than 3,400 flying hours in the T-3, T-37, T-1A, E-3B/C/G, RC-135S/U/V, TC-135W, OC-135B, and WC-135C aircraft.



EDUCATION

1996 Bachelor of Science, Behavioral Sciences, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.
2000 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2002 Master's of Science, Organizational Management, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
2002 Intermediate Developmental Education - Air Force Intern Program, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
2007 Intermediate Developmental Education - Air Command and Staff College, correspondence
2012 Senior Developmental Education - Air War College, correspondence
2015 Distinguished Graduate, National War College, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.
2015 Master's of Science, National Security Strategy, National War College, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.
2017 Enterprise Perspective Seminar, Alan L. Freed Associates, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1996 - February 1997, Assistant Executive Officer / Special Projects Officer, 34th Training Wing, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.
2. February 1997 - February 1998, Student, Specialized UPT, Columbus AFB, Miss.
3. February 1998 - July 1998, Student, Pilot Instructor Training, Randolph AFB, Texas
4. July 1998 - May 2001, T-1A Instructor Pilot, Squadron Programmer, Check Pilot, 32nd Flying Training Squadron, Vance AFB, Okla.
5. June 2001 - June 2002, Air Force Intern, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
6. July 2002 - July 2004, Assistant Flight Commander, E-3 Aircraft Commander, 963rd Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
7. July 2004 - March 2005, Flight Commander, E-3 Instructor Pilot, 963rd Airborne Air Control Squadron,

Tinker AFB, Okla.

8. March 2005 - September 2006, Wing Executive Officer, E-3 Instructor Pilot, 552nd Air Control Wing, Tinker AFB, Okla.

9. September 2006 - November 2007, Assistant Director of Operations, E-3 Evaluator Pilot, 964th Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.

10. November 2007 - June 2010, Observer / Trainer, J7 Joint Warfighting Center, United States Joint Forces Command, Suffolk, Va.

11. June 2010 - May 2012, Director of Operations, 99th Flying Training Squadron, Randolph AFB, Texas

12. May 2012 - May 2014, Commander, 99th Flying Training Squadron, Randolph AFB, Texas

13. May 2014 - June 2015, Student, National War College, Ft McNair, Washington, D.C.

14. June 2015 - June 2016, Executive Officer, Joint Functional Component Command for Intelligence, Surveillance & Reconnaissance, U.S. Strategic Command, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C.

15. June 2016 - July 2017, Operations Planner, Force Management Division, J-32 ISR / CCA, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

16. July 2017 - June 2019, Vice Commander, 552nd Air Control Wing, Tinker AFB, Okla.

17. June 2019 - June 2021, Commander, 55th Wing, Offutt AFB, Neb.

18. June 2021 - June 2022, Director, SECAF / CSAF Executive Action Group, Headquarters Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

19. June 2022 - June 2023, Director, Electromagnetic Spectrum Superiority, Headquarters Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

20. June 2023 - present, Commandant of Cadets, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. November 2007 - June 2010, Observer / Trainer, J7 Joint Warfighting Center, United States Joint Forces Command, Suffolk, Va., as a major

2. May 2014 - June 2015, Student, National War College, Ft McNair, Washington, D.C., as a lieutenant colonel

3. June 2015 - June 2016, Executive Officer, Joint Functional Component Command for Intelligence, Surveillance & Reconnaissance, U.S. Strategic Command, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C., as a lieutenant colonel

4. June 2016 - July 2017, Operations Planner, Force Management Division, J-32 ISR / CCA, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., as a colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot, Basic Parachutist

Flight Hours: More than 3,400

Aircraft flown: T-3, T-37, T-1A, E-3B/C/G, RC-135S/U/V, TC-135W, OC-135B, and WC-135C

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal

Distinguished Graduate, Pilot Instructor Training, Class 98-08, Randolph AFB, Texas

Daughters of the American Revolution Student Instructor Pilot of the Year, 1998

Carl Crane Award for Top Student Instructor Pilot of the Year for all Trainers, 1998

Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School, Class 00-G, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

19AF Instructor Pilot of the Year, 2000

Distinguished Graduate, Joint Targeting School, 2008

Distinguished Graduate, National War College, Washington, D.C., 2015

Dean's Award, National War College, Washington, D.C., 2015

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 29, 1996

First Lieutenant May 29, 1998

Captain May 29, 2000

Major May 1, 2006

Lieutenant Colonel December 1, 2010

Colonel March 1, 2017

Brigadier General June 2, 2023

(Current as of July 2023)



**Commander
The Judge Advocate General's
Legal Center and School
U.S. Army
Brigadier General
Alison C. Martin**



Brigadier General Alison Martin began her career in 1992 as an Air Defense Artillery Officer and served in Saudi Arabia, the Republic of Korea, and Fort Bliss, Texas. After completing the Branch Detail program, she transferred to the Transportation Corps, serving as a Commander and Assistant S3 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

After completing law school, Brigadier General Martin was assigned to Fort Bragg in XVIII Airborne Corps and the U.S. Army Special Operations Command as a trial counsel and Chief of Justice. Her next assignment was as the Chief of Justice and Chief of Administrative Law at I Corps and Fort Lewis. In 2006, she moved to the Office of The Judge Advocate General for the JAG Corps, working as the Chief of Operations for the Criminal Law Division. In 2010, she returned to Fort Bragg where she served as the Staff Judge Advocate for U.S. Army Special Forces Command (Airborne). She next served as an Associate Judge on the Army Court of Criminal Appeals before moving to the 1st Cavalry Division, where she served as the Staff Judge Advocate in Afghanistan and Fort Hood, Texas. After a tour in the Pentagon, Brigadier General Martin served as the Staff Judge Advocate for III Corps and Fort Hood, with deployments to Iraq and Kuwait in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. Most recently, she served as the Executive Officer for The Judge Advocate General.

Brigadier General Martin is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the U.S. Army Court of Criminal Appeals, and the Supreme Court of the State of Minnesota. She is a graduate of the National War College (M.S. 2016), the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the Judge Advocate Officer Graduate Course (LL.M. 2004).

Her civilian education includes The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law (J.D. 2000 – with Honors) and The Pennsylvania State University (B.S. 1992 - with Highest Distinction and with Honors).

Brigadier General Martin's awards include: the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal. She is also authorized to wear the Army Staff Identification Badge, the Parachutist Badge, and the German Parachutist Badge.



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL PATRICK G. MILLER

Brig Gen Patrick G. Miller serves as the Director of Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. He is responsible for oversight, policy, guidance, training, and resources in support of 45,000 PACAF personnel in ten wings and three numbered air forces. Additionally, he manages aircraft maintenance, munitions, transportation, supply, fuels, civil engineering, and anti-terrorism/force protection to support 396 total force combat aircraft and \$42.3 billion of infrastructure. He directly supports deployment, basing, sustainment, and redeployment of Air Force component forces across the spectrum of engagements and operations throughout the theater.

Brig Gen Miller entered the Air Force in December 1997 as a distinguished graduate of the Reserve Officer Training Corps at the Pennsylvania State University. A career civil engineer, he has served at six base level assignments; as a course director and instructor at the Civil Engineer and Services School; at Air Staff and Air Mobility Command headquarters staff tours; and as the Vice Commander for the Air Force Installations and Mission Support Center.



His expeditionary experience includes five deployments to various locales; his commands include the 628th Civil Engineer Squadron, 474th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, 6th Mission Support Group, and Task Force Phoenix. Prior to his current assignment, he was the Wing Commander, 88th Air Base Wing, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

EDUCATION

1997 Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering, Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pa
2003 Master of Science in Engineering in Civil Engineering, Arizona State University, Tempe, Ariz
2004 Top Third, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala
2007 Air Command and Staff College (by correspondence)
2009 Army Command and General Staff College (by correspondence)
2011 Distinguished Graduate, Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies, College of Naval Command and Staff, Newport, R.I.
2011 Air War College (by correspondence)
2016 Master of Science in National Security Strategy, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. February 1998 - December 2000, Project Engineer, Civil Engineer, and Chief, Systems Engineering, 45th Civil Engineer Squadron, Patrick AFB, Fla
2. January 2001 – July 2002, Chief, Base Development Engineer and Chief, Plans and Programs, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal

3. July 2002 – July 2003, Student, Air Force Institute of Technology Civil Institute program, Arizona State University, Tempe, Ariz
4. August 2003 – July 2006, Instructor and Course Director, Civil Engineer and Services School, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
5. July 2006 – April 2009, BRAC & Joint Basing Program Manager and Strategic Plans Officer, Installations and Mission Support Directorate, Headquarters, Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill
6. April 2009 – July 2010, Operations Flight Commander, 1st/633d Civil Engineer Squadron, Joint Base Langley-Eustis AFB, Va
7. July 2010 – June 2011, Student, College of Naval Command and Staff, Newport, R.I.
8. July 2011 – May 2012, MILCON Program Manager, Civil Engineer Directorate, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
9. June 2012 – June 2013, Executive Officer, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics, Installations & Mission Support, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
10. July 2013 – July 2015, Commander, 628th Civil Engineer Squadron, Joint Base Charleston, S.C., with deployment as Commander, 474th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
11. July 2015 – June 2016, Student, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.
12. August 2016 – July 2018, Commander, 6th Mission Support Group, MacDill AFB, Fla
13. July 2018 – June 2020, Vice Commander, Air Force Installation & Mission Support Center, Joint Base San Antonio – Lackland, Texas, with deployment as Commander, Task Force Phoenix, Tyndall AFB, Fla
14. June 2020 – July 2022, Commander, 88th Air Base Wing, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
15. July 2022 – Present, Director, Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection, Hickam AFB, Hawaii

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters

Meritorious Service Medal with seven oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air and Space Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air and Space Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant January 18, 1998

First Lieutenant January 18, 2000

Captain January 18, 2002

Major August 1, 2007

Lieutenant Colonel December 1, 2011

Colonel June 1, 2016

Brigadier General April 2, 2023

(CURRENT AS OF APRIL 2023)



Rear Admiral Michael E. Platt

Military Advisor to the Secretary U. S. Department of Homeland Security

U.S. Coast Guard

Rear Admiral Platt assumed the duties of Military Advisor to the Secretary of Homeland Security in June 2022. His primary responsibility is to provide counsel to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary regarding policies, plans, and other affairs between the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Defense.

Rear Admiral Platt previously served as the Executive Assistant to the 26th Commandant of the Coast Guard providing senior executive decision support, advice, and recommendations to shape, communicate, and carry out strategic direction, policy, and internal/external communications.

He is a native of Boston, Massachusetts and entered the Coast Guard through the Minority Officer Recruitment Effort (MORE), now known as the College Student Pre-Commissioning Initiative (CSPI). He graduated from Hampton University with a Bachelor of Science, American Military University with a Master of Science, and the National War College with a Master of Science in National Security Strategy. Rear Admiral Platt was a 2014 MIT Seminar XXI Fellow and is an alumnus of Harvard's National Preparedness Leadership Initiative.

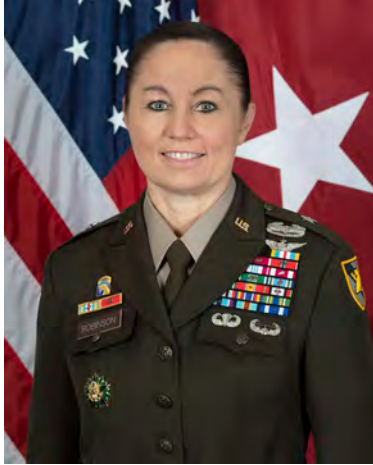


Rear Admiral Platt previously served at six Coast Guard aviation units, including the Polar Operations Division (POPDIV), and Commanding Officer of Air Station Detroit (2010-2012) and Air Station Miami (2017-2019). During his career, he accumulated over 3,600 hours of flight time in the MH-65 helicopter and the HC- 144 airplane.

Prior to attending flight training, Rear Admiral Platt served as a boarding officer and deployable officer in charge with Law Enforcement Detachment One in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and after completing National Search and Rescue School, served as a Command Duty Officer at Coast Guard Greater Antilles Section (GANTSEC) Command Center also in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Rear Admiral Platt's staff tours include First Coast Guard District Incident Management Branch, Boston, MA; Special Assistant to the 24th Commandant of the Coast Guard; Chief of the Homeland Defense Division, Joint Staff Operations Directorate (J3) and Coast Guard Liaison Officer to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Pentagon; Executive Assistant to the Director of Governmental and Public Affairs; and Executive Assistant to the 31st Vice Commandant.

Rear Admiral Platt has earned various personal, unit, and service awards, and has been designated an Honorary Chief Petty Officer.



Brigadier General Lori L. Robinson

80th Commandant, U.S. Corps of Cadets

U.S. Military Academy, West Point

Brigadier General Lori L. Robinson is a native of Paterson, New Jersey and received her commission from the United States Military Academy in 1994. She has served in command and staff positions in the United States, the Republic of Korea, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

Her tours of duty with tactical units include: 17th Aviation Brigade, 18th Aviation Brigade, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 2d Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team / 2ID, 10th Mountain Division HQ (Baghdad, Iraq), and U.S. Army Alaska Aviation Task Force.

Her commands include 3d Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii (Kandahar, Afghanistan) and 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Carson, Colorado (Bagram, Afghanistan).

She has enjoyed several broadening assignments to include: Department of Military Instruction at West Point, Assistant Chief of Staff of NATO Resolute Support Mission, Afghanistan and Executive Officer to the Commander, Resolute Support and United States Forces Afghanistan.

BG Robinson served twice at the national level in the Pentagon. She fulfilled duties as the Deputy Director of Army Aviation, HQDA G-3/5/7 and the Deputy Director of Program Analysis and Evaluation (PA&E), HQDA G8.

At more senior levels, BG Robinson served as the Deputy Commanding General (Support) for both the 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) and 2d Infantry Division (Combined).

BG Robinson holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering (Aerospace) from the United States Military Academy, a Master of Public Administration from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

BG Robinson is married to COL(R) Tom Robinson who served as a U.S. Army Field Artillery officer for 26 years.



RDML Brad Rosen Commander Navy Region Southwest

A native of Randolph, New Jersey, Rear Adm. Brad Rosen is a 1995 graduate of the United States Naval Academy where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Political Science (with Honors). He also received a Masters in Public Administration in 2005 from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

After designation as a Naval Flight Officer, Rosen reported to the War Eagles of Patrol Squadron (VP) 16. Other early operational assignments include a tour on USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67) as a Catapult and Arresting Gear Officer as well as a Department Head tour with the Pelicans of VP-45.

Ashore, Rosen has served as a Weapons and Tactics Instructor at VP-30, the Fleet Replacement Squadron for the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance community. He also served as a Strategic Planner and Special Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information, Plans, and Strategy as well the Deputy Executive Assistant to the Director, Air Warfare. Following his operational command tour, he reported to U.S. Pacific Command as the Chief of the Joint Reconnaissance Center and Deputy Director of the Current Operations Division. He was then selected for the Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellows Program and was assigned to Cisco Systems in San Jose, California. Upon completion of his fellowship, he served as a Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs. Rosen also served as the Chief of Staff for Navy Region Mid-Atlantic and Navy Installations Command.

Rosen commanded Naval Station Norfolk, the largest base in the United States Navy. While in command, the Naval Station Norfolk Team earned the Commander in Chief's Award for Installation Excellence. He also commanded VP-16, a P-3C squadron based in Jacksonville, Florida.

He is entitled to wear the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, as well as several other personal, unit, and campaign awards.

Rosen assumed command of Navy Region Southwest in May 2022.



REAR ADMIRAL KURT J. ROTHENHAUS

CHIEF OF NAVAL RESEARCH

RDML Kurt J. Rothenhaus is a native of New York City, New York. He received his commission in 1992 upon graduating from the University of South Carolina where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree. He also earned a Master of Science in Computer Science and a Ph.D. in Software Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School and transferred into the Engineering Duty Officer community in 2003.

He assumed command of the Office of Naval Research as the 27th Chief of Naval Research in June 2023 and previously served from May 2020 until May 2023 as Program Executive Officer, Command Control Computers Communications and Intelligence (PEO C4I).

His operational assignments include serving as the combat systems/C5I officer on USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75). Additionally, he served as chief engineer on USS O'Brien (DD 975), and on the staff of Destroyer Squadron 15. He also served on USS Fife (DD 991) and completed an Individual Augmentee tour in Baghdad, Iraq.

He served in acquisition tours including, commanding officer of Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Pacific and as program manager for the Navy's Tactical Networks Program Office (PMW-160). He also served as the deputy program manager for the Navy Communications and GPS Program Office (PMW/A 170), and as an assistant program manager for a number of C4I systems.

He is the recipient of the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal and various unit and sea service awards.



NGA NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL-INTELLIGENCE AGENCY



Lara Sanford
Global Issues Mission Manager

Ms. Lara Sanford is the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Global Issues Mission Manager responsible for a multitude of GEOINT budget, policy and operational issues including climate and energy security.

Ms. Sanford held a variety of positions throughout the intelligence community and the Department of Defense, as an Army, Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) and NGA employee and as a DIA and NGA senior executive. She led multiple levels of Army, DIA and NGA personnel and organizations at U.S., overseas, and deployed locations. Her responsibilities encompassed a broad range of issues, such as functional management, collection and analysis, test, exercise and experiment design, coordination and assessment, systems and technology integration, modeling and simulation implementation, enterprise logistics support, Congressional and Defense attaché liaison, and intelligence requirements program build, budget submission, execution and oversight. She completed four assignments co-located with the National Reconnaissance Office, the Department of State Bureau of Intelligence and Research, the Army National Ground Intelligence Center and the DIA.

Ms. Sanford graduated from the University of Kentucky, the George Washington University, and the National Defense University.

Brigadier General Christopher D. Schneider

Program Executive Officer Soldier



Brigadier General Christopher D. Schneider received his commission as an Infantry Officer from the United States Military Academy in 1994. His tactical assignments include: Rifle and Reconnaissance Platoon Leader, Headquarters and Headquarters Company Executive Officer, and Battalion Assistant S-3, 1st Infantry Division; Assistant G-3 Training Officer for XVIII Airborne Corps; Airborne Rifle Company Commander and an Airborne Headquarters and Headquarters Company Commander in 3-325 A.I.R., 82d Airborne Division; and Ranger Assistant Operations Officer, 75th Ranger Regiment. He has multiple operational/combat deployments to Bosnia-Herzegovina, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

Brigadier General Schneider entered the Acquisition Corp 2005 and served in numerous assignments to include: (LTC/COL) Assignment Officer in the Human Resources Command, Alexandria, Virginia; Product Manager for Soldier Maneuver Sensors in PEO Soldier; Branch Chief for the Acquisition Branch in the Human Resources Command; Military Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Acquisition; Project Manager for Soldier Sensors and Lasers and as the Assistant Program Executive Officer (APEO) for Futures and Integration in PEO Soldier. Project Manager for the Integrated Visual Augmentation System, a Rapid Prototyping initiative in PEO Soldier. He recently served as the Deputy for Acquisition and Systems Management, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology).

Brigadier General Schneider's military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Ranger School, Air Assault School, Bradley Leader Course, Scout Platoon Leader Course, Jumpmaster Course, Armor Officer Advanced Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, the Army Acquisition Basic Course, U.S. Army Command & General Staff College, and the National Defense University. Brigadier General Schneider has received a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the United States Military Academy, a M.B.A. from Liberty University, and a M.S. in National Resourcing and Strategy from the Eisenhower School.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Joint Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Afghanistan Service Medal, Iraq Service Medal, Valorous Unit and Superior Unit Award, Senior Parachutist Badge, German Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab, Air Assault Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, and Combat Infantryman Badge.

Brigadier General Schneider is a native of Louisville, Kentucky, and is married to COL (Ret) Maria Schneider, an Army Acquisition Officer and native of Miami, Florida. They have three children: Michelle, Jacob, and Luke.



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL JEFFREY T. SCHREINER

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey T. "Opie" Schreiner serves as the Director, Air, Space and Cyberspace Operations, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. He is responsible for shaping the workforce and cyber infrastructure to test, field and sustain agile war-winning capabilities. He is also responsible for the command's policy and resource allocation for test operations, flight management, airfield services, weather services, and command and control operations.

Brig. Gen. Schreiner earned his commission from the Air Force Academy in 1996. He has served multiple operational, training, and staff assignments and logged more than 4,000 hours in the B-2A, B-52H, T-38A and T-52A aircraft. His notable educational and staff assignments include the U.S. Air Force Weapons School, a fellowship at the Stimson Center, Washington, D.C., and duties as a Battle Watch Commander and Chief of Nuclear Operations at U.S. Strategic Command in Omaha, Nebraska.

Brig. Gen. Schreiner commanded the 13th Bomb Squadron and later the 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman AFB, Missouri, home to the world's only stealth bomber wing. He also served as the vice commander of the "Grand Slam Wing," 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar. Brig. Gen. Schreiner is a command pilot with 294 combat hours in multiple platforms supporting both operations Inherent Resolve and Enduring Freedom.

EDUCATION

1996 Bachelor of Science, Political Science, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
2002 Master of Business Administration, Webster University, Mo.
2004 United States Air Force Weapons School, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.
2006 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2009 Master of Leadership and Counseling, University of Colorado-Colorado Springs
2015 National Defense Fellow, Stimson Center, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1996–September 1997, Student, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas
2. September 1997–February 1998, Student, Pilot Instructor Training, Randolph AFB, Texas
3. February 1998–May 2000, T-38 Instructor Pilot, 87th Flight Training Squadron, Laughlin AFB, Texas
4. May 2000–November 2001, T-38 Instructor and Evaluator pilot and B-2A Upgrade Student, 394th Combat Training Squadron, Whiteman AFB, Mo.
5. November 2001–July 2004, T-38 and B-2 Instructor/Evaluator Pilot, Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, 393rd Bomb Squadron, Whiteman AFB, Mo.
6. July 2004–December 2004, Student, United States Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
7. December 2004–July 2006, Chief of Weapons and Tactics and Assistant Director of Operations, 393rd Bomb Squadron, Whiteman AFB, Mo.
8. July 2006–October 2007, Assistant Director of Operations, 325th Weapons Squadron, Whiteman AFB, Mo.
9. October 2007–May 2008, Assistant Director of Operations and Chief of Mission Planning Cell, 509th Operations Support Squadron, Whiteman AFB, Mo.
10. May 2008–May 2009, Student, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
11. May 2009–June 2011, Air Officer Commanding, Cadet Squadron 25, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.
12. June 2011–June 2012, Chief of Safety, 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman AFB, Mo.
13. June 2012–June 2014, Commander, 13th Bomb Squadron, Whiteman AFB, Mo.
14. June 2014–June 2015, National Defense Fellow, Stimson Center, Washington, D.C.
15. June 2015–June 2016, Branch Chief, Air Delivered Capabilities, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.
16. June 2016–June 2017, Division Chief, Conventional Global Strike, Joint Functional Component Command for Global Strike,



EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant
May 29, 1996

First Lieutenant
May 29, 1998

Captain
May 29, 2000

Major
April 01, 2006

Lieutenant Colonel
December 01, 2010

Colonel
March 01, 2017

Brigadier General
June 02, 2023



U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.

17. June 2017–July 2018, Vice Wing Commander, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar

18. July 2018–May 2019, Battle Watch Commander, USSTRATCOM, Offutt AFB, Neb.

19. May 2019–June 2021, Commander, 509th Bomber Wing, Whiteman AFB, Mo.

20. June 2021–May 2022, Chief of Nuclear Operations, USSTRATCOM, Offutt AFB, Neb.

21. May 2022–June 2023, Chief of Staff, Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve, Union III, Iraq

22. June 2023-present, Director, Air, Space and Cyberspace Operations, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 4,000 and 294 combat hours

Aircraft flown: B-2A, B-52H, T-38A, T-52A and T-37

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal

Joint Service Achievement Medal

Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf clusters

(Current as of September 2023)





Biography

National Guard Bureau

General Officer Management Office, Arlington, VA

MAJOR GENERAL DARRIN E. SLATEN

Maj. Gen. Darrin Slaten serves as the Director of Strategy, Plans, and International Affairs, NGB J5. He is responsible for development and implementation of National Guard Bureau strategy, policy, plans, initiatives and concepts related to war fighting; transformation; the State Partnership Program; theater security cooperation; federal and state homeland security; interagency, intergovernmental, and multinational coordination. Prior to his current assignment, he was the Senior Defense Official and Defense Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait.



General Slaten entered the U.S. Army in 1987 earning his commission in 1992. He completed pilot training and then proceeded to Buingen, FRG (Germany) where he was assigned as a Cavalry Scout Platoon Leader in the 1st Cavalry Squadron, 1st Armored Division. In 1999, he joined the Alaska Air National Guard serving in various operational and staff assignments, primarily as an HH-60 pilot. General Slaten deployed in support of Operations SOUTHERN WATCH and ENDURING FREEDOM. Additionally, he served as Personnel Recovery Functional Area Manager and Chief, Aviation Operations Branch, and Department of Defense LNO to Federal Emergency Management Agency.

EDUCATION

1992 Bachelor of Science in Bus Admin, Univ of Southern California, Los Angeles, Cal.
1992 Aviation Officer Basic Course, Fort Rucker, Ala.
1995 Aviation Officer Advanced Course, Fort Rucker, Ala.
1995 Aviation Maintenance Officers Course Fort Rucker, Ala.
2005 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
2012 Air War College, by correspondence
2014 Masters of Strategic Studies, National War College, Washington, D.C.
2016 Federal Emergency Managers Executive Academy, Emmitsburg, Md.
2019 Senior Leader Orientation Course, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
2020 Juris Doctorate, Loyola University, Chicago
2020 Joint Military Attaché School, Joint Base Anacostia Bolling, Washington, D.C.

2020 National Security Studies Management Course, Syracuse University, N.Y.
2021 Combined Force Air Component Commander's Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1992 - February 1993, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Fort Rucker, Ala.
2. May 1993 - February 1994, Scout Platoon Leader, E Troop, 1-1 Cavalry, Bidingen, Germany
3. February 1994 - August 1994, Executive Officer, E Troop, 1-1 Cavalry, Bidingen, Germany
4. August 1994 - April 1995, Assistant Logistics Officer, 1-1 Cavalry, Bidingen, Germany
5. April 1995 - February 1996, Aviation Officer Advanced Course, Fort Rucker, Ala.
6. February 1996 - March 1997, Platoon Leader, 23rd Avn Maintenance Company, Fort Wainwright, Alaska
7. March 1997 - April 1998, Commander, Headquarters Company, Fort Richardson, Alaska
8. April 1998 - November 1999, Aide-de-Camp, United States Army Alaska, Fort Richardson, Alaska
9. November 1999 - September 2002, Senior Controller, 11th Rescue Control Center, Fort Richardson, Alaska
10. September 2002 - October 2004, Assistant Tactics Officer, 210th Rescue Squadron, Kulis ANGB, Alaska
11. October 2004 - June 2006, Chief, HH-60 Tactics, 210th Rescue Squadron, Kulis ANGB, Alaska
12. June 2006 - June 2007, Asst Director of Operations, 210th Rescue Squadron, Kulis ANGB, Alaska
13. June 2007 - December 2010, Director of Operations, 210th Rescue Squadron, Kulis ANGB, Alaska
14. January 2011 - August 2011, Personnel Recovery/Special Missions Functional Area Manager and Scheduler, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
15. August 2011 - July 2013, Chief, Aviation Scheduling/Management Branch, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
16. August 2013 - June 2014, National Defense University, Fort Leslie McNair, Washington, D.C.
17. July 2014 - July 2015, Commander, 176th Operations Group, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
18. August 2015 - July 2017, Department of Defense Liaison to Federal Emergency Management Agency, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
19. July 2017 - February 2018, Principal Deputy Director of Air, Space and Info Ops, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
20. March 2018 - December 2019, Commander, 176th Wing, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
21. January 2020 – August 2022, Senior Defense Official/Defense Attaché, Kuwait
22. August 2022 – August 2023, Vice Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, and International Affairs (J-5), National Guard Bureau, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
23. September 2023 – Present, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, and International Affairs (J-5), National Guard Bureau, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 2015 - July 2017, Department of Defense Liaison to Federal Emergency Management Agency, Joint Staff, J33 Washington, D.C., as a colonel
2. August 2020 – August 2022, Senior Defense Official/Defense Attaché, U.S. Embassy Kuwait, as a brigadier general
3. August 2022 – August 2023, Vice Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, and International Affairs (J-5), Washington D.C., as a major general
4. September 2023 – Present, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, and International Affairs (J-5), Washington D.C., as a major general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: 2550

Aircraft flown: UH-1, OH-58A, UH-60A, HH-60G

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

Army Achievement Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Gallant Unit Citation

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device four oak leaf clusters

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Jan. 27, 1992

First Lieutenant Jan. 27, 1994

Captain Feb. 1, 1996

Major Aug. 29, 2001

Lieutenant Colonel June 15, 2008

Colonel July 8, 2014

Brigadier General April 29, 2018

Major General December 01, 2022



Brigadier General George R. Smawley
Commander, U.S. Army Legal
Services Agency
&
Chief Judge, U.S. Army Court of
Criminal Appeals

Brigadier General (BG) George R. Smawley was commissioned into the U.S. Army in 1988 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps. He deferred entry to active duty to attend the Beasley School of Law, Temple University, and entered the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps in 1992.

He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Policy Management Studies and English from Dickinson College, and completed visiting undergraduate and law school semester programs in London, Tel Aviv, and Vienna. He also holds a Masters in Military Law (LL.M) from the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's School and a Masters in Strategic Studies (MSS) from the U.S. Army War College.

BG Smawley most recently served as the Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Cyber Command, Fort Meade, MD. His previous assignments include: Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Pacific, Fort Shafter, HI; Staff Judge Advocate / NATO LEGAD for U.S. Forces-Afghanistan and Operation Freedom's Sentinel/ NATO Resolute Support Mission (Kabul, Afghanistan); Executive Officer to The Judge Advocate General of the Army; Staff Judge Advocate, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, HI, including as Staff Judge Advocate for U.S. Division-North (Tikrit, Iraq) and U.S. Division-Center (Baghdad, Iraq); Assistant Executive Officer to The Judge Advocate General of the Army; Staff Judge Advocate, 10th Mountain Division (Rear) and Fort Drum, NY; Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 10th Mountain Division including Combined Joint Task Force – 76 (Bagram, Afghanistan); Plans Officer, Office of The Judge Advocate General; Legal Advisor, U.S. Army Special Operations Command and 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Bragg, NC; Chief, Claims and Senior Trial Counsel, Fort Benning, GA; Chief, Claims, Trial Counsel, and Operational/ Administrative Law Attorney, 6th Infantry Division, Fort Wainwright, AK.

BG Smawley's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Joint Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Achievement Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal (2 stars), and the Iraq Campaign Medal (2 stars). He is entitled to wear the Ranger tab, the Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

BG Smawley has published on a variety of topics, including leadership, military history, senior leader ethics, and military justice. He has been recognized as one of the American Bar Association's Outstanding Career Judge Advocates.

BG Smawley's wife, Donna, is a nurse practitioner and retired Army Nurse Corps Officer. They have been married for 27 years and have a 17-year old daughter.



Rear Admiral Ralph R."Russ" Smith

National Security Agency, Deputy Director of Operations for Combat Support



Rear Adm. Smith is a native of Gloucester, Massachusetts, and a 1992 graduate of the Maine Maritime Academy. He holds a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies with distinction from the College of Naval Command and Staff. He is also a graduate of the Naval Operational Planner Course, now known as the Maritime Advanced Warfighting School.

His sea assignments include intelligence officer, Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 135; intelligence officer, Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 5; assistant chief of staff for Intelligence for Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 10; and information warfare commander, Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 9.

Ashore, Smith's assignments include duty as senior Iranian naval analyst, Naval Forces Central Command; officer in charge, Field Operating Base Europe Detachment Mons, Belgium; commanding officer, Southern Region Joint Operational Intelligence Cell, Naples, Italy; officer in charge, Information Dominance Corps Region Southwest; director of intelligence, Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center; commanding officer, Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center; and director of the Maritime Operations Center for Commander, U.S. Fleet Cyber Command, U.S. 10th Fleet. He most recently served as Vice Director for Intelligence, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Smith's personal awards include the Legion of Merit (three awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and

Marine Corps Commendation Medal and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, as well as various service and campaign awards.



United States Army

Brigadier General FRANK J. STANCO, JR.

Deputy Director
Politico-Military Affairs (Europe, NATO, Russia), J-5
The Joint Staff
5000 Joint Staff 2E782
Washington, DC 20318-0001
Since: May 2022



SOURCE OF COMMISSIONED SERVICE OCS

EDUCATIONAL DEGREES

Messiah College – BS – Pre-Medicine

Central Michigan University – MS – Business Administration

MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED

Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced Courses

United States Army Command and General Staff College

Senior Service College Fellowship, Harvard University United

States Army War College

Joint and Combined Warfighting School

PROMOTIONS

DATE OF APPOINTMENT

2LT	14 May 93
1LT	14 May 95
CPT	1 Jun 97
MAJ	1 Sep 03
LTC	1 Jul 09
COL	1 Aug 14
BG	2 Jun 21

FROM TO ASSIGNMENT

May 22	Present	Deputy Director for Politico-Military Affairs (Europe, NATO, Russia), J-5, Joint Staff, Washington, DC
Jun 21	May 22	Deputy Commanding General (Operations), 1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss, Texas
Jun 20	Jun 21	Deputy Commanding General (Support), 1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss, Texas
Jul 19	May 20	Post-Senior Service College Fellow, New America, Washington, DC
Jan 19	Jul 19	Executive Assistant to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe and Commander, United States European Command, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, Belgium
Nov 16	Nov 18	Commander, Division Artillery, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky and Operation FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, Afghanistan
Sep 16	Nov 16	Student, Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia
Jun 14	Feb 16	Director, Chief of Plans, United States Training Doctrine Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5, Fort Eustis, Virginia
Jul 13	May 14	Fellow, United States Army Senior Service College - Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Massachusetts
Jun 10	Jun 13	Commander, 2d Battalion, 377th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, later Deputy Chief of

		Staff, United States Army Alaska, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska and Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan
Jan 09	Jun 10	Aide-de-Camp for the Commanding General, United States Army Forces Command, Fort McPherson, Georgia
Jun 07	Jan 09	Fire Support Observer/Controller, later Operations Observer/Controller, Joint readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, Louisiana
Jun 04	Jun 07	Operations Officer, 4th Battalion, 25th Field Artillery, later Fires and Effects Coordinator, later Executive Officer, 3d Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light), Fort Drum, New York and Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan
Aug 03	Jun 04	Student, United States Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
Apr 00	Jul 03	Commander, Headquarters Support Battalion, 3d Battalion, 320th Field Artillery, 18th Field Artillery Brigade, later Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq
Apr 98	Apr 99	Fire Support Officer, later Operations Officer, 3d Battalion, 320th Field Artillery, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky
Oct 97	Apr 98	Student, Field Artillery Officer Advanced Course, United States Army Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma
May 97	Sep 97	Operations Officer, 3d Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina with duty at Joint Task Force-Bravo, Soto Cano Air Base, Republic of Honduras
Jan 95	May 97	Fire Support Officer, later Executive Officer, B Battery, 3d Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, later Operations Officer, 82d Airborne Division Artillery, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Dec 93	Jan 95	Fire Support Officer, 2d Infantry Division Artillery, 2d Infantry Division, Eighth United States Army, Republic of Korea

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Deputy Director for Politico-Military Affairs (Europe, NATO, Russia), J-5, Joint Staff, Washington, DC	May 22 - Present	Brigadier General
Executive Assistant to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe and Commander, United States European Command, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, Belgium	Jan 19 - Jul 19	Colonel
Commander, Division Artillery, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Operation FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, Afghanistan	Apr 18 - Nov 18	Colonel
Commander, 2d Battalion, 377th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan	Dec 11 - Oct 12	Lieutenant Colonel

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Commander, Division Artillery, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Operation FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, Afghanistan	Apr 18 - Nov 18	Colonel
Commander, 2d Battalion, 377th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan	Dec 11 - Oct 12	Lieutenant Colonel
Executive Officer, 4th Battalion, 25th Field Artillery 3d Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan	Jan 06 - Jun 07	Major
Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq	Feb 03 - Jul 03	Captain

US DECORATIONS AND BADGES

Legion of Merit (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
 Bronze Star Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
 Meritorious Service Medal (with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster)

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Army Commendation Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Army Achievement Medal (with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Expert Field Medical Badge

Senior Parachutist Badge

Air Assault Badge

Ranger Tab



Rear Admiral Nicholas R. Tilbrook

Commander, Submarine Group NINE



Rear Adm. Nicholas Tilbrook is a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and grew up outside Chicago, Illinois. He graduated with honors from the University of Illinois with Bachelor of Science degrees in Electrical Engineering and Physics. He was commissioned in 1993 after attending Office Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island. He earned Master's degrees in Engineering Administration from Virginia Tech and National Security Strategy from the National War College.

At sea, he served as division officer and Navy diver aboard USS Finback (SSN 670) and USS Hartford (SSN 768), engineer officer aboard USS Houston (SSN 713) and executive officer aboard USS Newport News (SSN 750). His deployment experience spans INDOPACOM, EUCOM,

CENTCOM and SOUTHCOM areas of responsibility. While in command of USS Chicago (SSN 721), he conducted a change of homeport from Pearl Harbor, Hawaii to Agana, Guam where the ship earned a Meritorious Unit Commendation and the Submarine Squadron 15 Battle Efficiency 'E'. As the commander of Submarine Squadron 17, he was responsible for the training and readiness of the strategic submarine force in the Pacific Fleet.

Ashore, he served as an engineer at Naval Reactors (NAVSEA 08), squadron engineer for Commander, Submarine Squadron 15, Branch Chief of Global Strike Systems Capabilities (J87) at U.S. Strategic Command, executive assistant to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations, executive assistant to the Deputy

Chief of Naval Operations, Integration of Capabilities and Resources (OPNAV N8), and most recently as Vice Director, Strategy, Plans and Policy (J5) at U.S. Central Command.



United States Navy Biography

REAR ADMIRAL DENNIS VELEZ **Director of Plans and Policy, U.S. Cyber Command**

Rear Adm. Dennis Velez is a native of Adjuntas, Puerto Rico. He is a 1992 graduate of the United States Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering. He also earned a master's degree in Information Technology Management from Touro University in 2004.

At sea, Velez completed tours aboard USS Stout (DDG 55), USS Carr (FFG 52), USS Gettysburg (CG 64), and USS Donald Cook (DDG 75). He served on afloat staffs with Commander, U.S. Second Fleet/Striking Fleet Atlantic aboard USS Mount Whitney (LCC 20) and as the deputy commander for Destroyer Squadron Fifteen in Japan. He was the commanding officer of USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62) and USS San Jacinto (CG 56).



Ashore, Velez served as officer in charge of Western Hemisphere Group Caribbean Area Coordinator; Surface Placement branch head, Head Junior Surface Warfare Distribution, Assistant Captain detailee and deputy director for Surface Warfare Distribution at Naval Personnel Command; Joint Staff Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate as chief, North East Asia Division and assistant director for Political-Military Affairs, Asia. He was the senior military assistant to the 76th Secretary of the Navy.

As a flag officer Velez served as Commander for Navy Recruiting Command and most recently as Commander of Carrier Strike Group Ten/George H.W. Bush Carrier Strike Group.

Velez was inducted in the Puerto Rico Military Hall of Fame in November 2021 and is the recipient of the Navy League's 2016 John Paul Jones Award for Inspirational Leadership. His personal military decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. He is most proud of his appointment as an Honorary Chief Petty Officer.

**Brigadier General Patricia R. Wallace
Commanding General
80th Training Command (TASS)**



Brigadier General Patricia R. Wallace assumed command as the First Female Commanding General of the 80th Training Command (The Army School System) on 5 December 2022. She previously served as first woman and person of color Commanding General of the 91st Training Division.

An Indianapolis native, she accepted her Reserve Officer Training Corps commission at Indiana University in 1990 in the Adjutant General Corps after serving two years of enlisted service. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice and a Master of Public Administration from Indiana University and a Master of Strategic Studies degree from the US Army War College.

Brigadier General Wallace's commissioned career includes: Commanding General, 91st Training Division, Deputy Commanding General 88th Readiness Division, FMWI and DCG MFGI; Brigade Commander U.S. Army Pacific Command – Support Unit, Fort Shafter Flats, HI; Chief of Internal Review 80th Training Command, Richmond, VA; Battalion Commander 89th Special Troops Battalion, Kansas City, MO; Chief of Internal Review, 85th Support Command, Arlington Heights, IL; Operations Officer, 97th Training Brigade (ILE), 80th Division, Fort Sheridan, IL; deployed as Executive Officer, Iraq Assistance Group, 1st Infantry Division; Assistant Brigade Operations Officer, 2nd Brigade (PD), 104th Division (IT), Waukegan, IL; Battalion Commander, 4th Battalion (CM), 3rd Brigade, 100th Division (IT), Harvey, IL; Operations Officer, 4th Battalion (CM), 3rd Brigade, 100th Division (IT), Harvey, IL; Executive Officer, HQ, 85th Division (IT), Arlington Heights, IL; Assistant Operations Officer, HQ, 85th Division (IT), Arlington Heights, IL; Detachment Commander and Adjutant, 1st Battalion, 329th Regiment, 1st Brigade, 84th Division (IT), Bloomington, IN; Adjutant, 2nd Brigade, 85th Division (EX), Indianapolis, IN; Adjutant, HHC, 4th Brigade, 70th Division (EX), Camp Atterbury, IN; and Security Officer and Adjutant, HHD, 2nd Battalion, 329th Regiment, Camp Atterbury, IN.

Her military education includes Enlisted Basic Training, Advanced Individual Training as a 76V (Unit Supply Specialist) Reserve Component (RC); Adjutant General Officer Basic Course (RC); Adjutant General Officer Advanced Course (RC); Combined Arms Services Support School; Mobilization Planning Course; Training Manager Course; Command and General Staff Course; Army War College, and the Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Joint Flag Officer Warfighting Course, Senior International Defense Management Course.

Brigadier General Wallace's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (2 OLC), Army Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (3rd OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (1 OLC), Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (1 Silver OLC and 1 OLC), National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Star), Iraqi Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Silver Hourglass and "M" device), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, and the Joint Meritorious Unit Award.

Brigadier General Wallace is married to Mr. Johnathan N. Powell, and they have two sons: Moses and Johnathan



REAR ADMIRAL MICHAEL S. WOSJE
CHIEF OF STAFF, NAVAL STRIKING AND SUPPORT FORCES NATO

Rear Adm. Michael S. Wosje, a native of Sioux Falls, SD, graduated in 1993 from the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Computer Applications and was commissioned through the NROTC program. He subsequently entered flight training and was designated a naval aviator in 1995. He holds a Master of Science in Management from Troy University.

Operationally, his fleet assignments include the Blue Diamonds of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 146 where he completed two deployments onboard USS Nimitz (CVN 68) and USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) in support of Operation Southern Watch; the Stingers of VFA-113 onboard USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76); command of the Valions of VFA-15 onboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77); and command of Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 5 as part of Forward Deployed Naval Forces Japan onboard USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76).

Ashore, Wosje's assignments include instructor and training officer of the Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN) at the Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center; transition pilot at the Hornets of United States Air Force 43rd Fighter Squadron (FS) Tyndall, FL; F-22 Operational Test Director in the Green Bats of 422nd FS Nellis, NV; Chief of the Cyberspace and Electronic Warfare Operations Division, Joint Staff, J39 Global Operations; Executive Assistant to the J3, Joint Staff; Deputy Branch Head of Carrier Strike Aircraft and Weapons for the Director of Air Warfare, Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) N98; Student at the Joint Forces Staff College; Branch Head of Carrier Strike Aircraft and Weapons for OPNAV N98; and Executive Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfighting Requirements and Capabilities N9.

Wosje is currently serving as Chief of Staff, Naval Striking and Support Forces NATO, Oeiras, Portugal.

His personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (3), Meritorious Service Medal (2), Strike and Flight Air Medal (3), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2), and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, along with various campaign and service awards.