

# **BIOGRAPHICAL DATA BOOK**



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**NDU PRESIDENT**



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

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

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

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

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

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

# **SENIOR FELLOWS**

BIOGRAPHY



## Gary Thomas

General, United States Marine Corps (retired)

Gary Thomas retired as a General after a 37 year career in the United States Marine Corps. His service culminated in his assignment as the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps. During his distinguished career, he led service, joint, and multinational organizations both at sea and ashore across all aspects of defense, including full spectrum operations, program management, strategic planning, and resource management.

As a member of the Joint Requirements Oversight Council, he collaborated closely with other senior leaders across the Department of Defense to identify key requirements and prioritize funding for the most important future capabilities for the defense of the United States and its allies.

Mr. Thomas earned a BA in computer science from the University of Texas and an MS in national security strategy from the National War College.

## CONUS and Wk 5 Senior Fellow



### Alston, Patrick "Pat"

CSM, USA (Ret)

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

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



His initial assignment was at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, as a Medical Specialist. Subsequent assignments include Medical Specialist with 3rd Battalion, 325th Infantry Regiment, and 82nd Airborne Division. In 1984 he reclassified to the Chemical Corps and was assigned as a squad leader with 4th Chemical Company, 2nd Infantry Division; NBC NCO and Squad Leader with Alpha Company, 3rd Battalion, 73rd Armor, 82nd Airborne Division; Battalion NBC NCO with 3rd Battalion, 73rd Armor, 82nd Airborne Division; Senior NBC Operations and Staff NCO with Division Chemical, 82nd Airborne Division; NBC Operations, Staff NCO and Platoon Sergeant with 34th Support Group, Korea; Senior Drill Sergeant with Alpha Company, 82nd Chemical Battalion; Detachment Sergeant for the Contingency Support Detachment (WHITE HOUSE TEAM), 84th Chemical Battalion, U.S. Army Chemical School; Career Advisor/Branch Manager Career Management Field 74D, Total Army

Personnel Command (PERSCOM); First Sergeant for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Soldier Biological Chemical Command and Technical Escort Unit; Battalion CSM of the U.S. Army Technical Escort Battalion in Edgewood, Maryland; Division Chemical Sergeant Major for the 2nd Infantry Division, Korea; Battalion CSM of the 23rd Chemical Battalion, 19th TSC, Korea; CSM of the 23rd Area Support Group, 19th TSC, Korea; 10th Regimental CSM of the Chemical Corps, Command Senior Enlisted Leader, Defense Threat Reduction Agency/STRATCOM Center for Combating WMD and finished his Army career as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader of United States Strategic Command.

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

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

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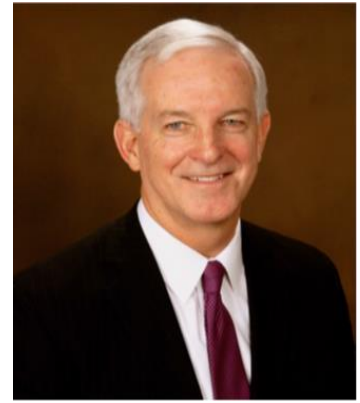
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# WHEN FIELD STUDY SENIOR FELLOW



## **DOUGLAS FRASER GENERAL UNITED STATES AIR FORCE (RETIRED)**

**Former Commander  
U.S. Southern Command**



General Douglas Fraser retired from the U.S. Air Force in January 2013 after a 37 year career.

Since retiring, General Fraser works as Senior Fellow for the National Defense University in support of the Pinnacle, Capstone, and Keystone programs. He also works as a global security consultant with several U.S. defense companies. In addition, he participates in security policy discussions with retired Chinese defense officials through a Yale University sponsored U.S.-China Track II Dialogue forum. His last assignment in the U.S. armed forces was as the Commander, U.S. Southern Command, responsible for U.S. military operations in Central and South America and the Caribbean. In this capacity, General Fraser was responsible for leading Department of Defense relief efforts following the 2010 Haiti earthquake.

Prior to commanding U.S. Southern Command, he served as the Deputy Commander, U.S. Pacific Command from 2008-2009. General Fraser commanded operational flying units across the U.S. Air Force at the squadron, group, and wing levels. As a general officer, in addition to US Southern Command, he commanded the US Air Force Space Warfare Center and four different organizations in Alaska -- Alaskan Command, the Alaskan North American Defense Region, Joint Task Force Alaska, and Eleventh Air Force. General Fraser's staff assignments include two tours in the Pentagon, first in the Headquarters US Air Force and then for the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Resources and Requirements and for the Air Force Chief of Staff. He also served as the Executive Assistant to the Commander, U.S. Pacific Command in Hawaii. He holds a bachelors degree in Political Science from the US Air Force Academy and a masters degree in Political Science from Auburn University. Prior to joining the Air Force, he lived in Bogota, Colombia, graduating from high school at Colegio Nueva Granada in 1971. He is also a graduate of the USAF Weapons School, Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, and the National War College. He is a command pilot with more than 3,300 flying hours, primarily in all variants of the F-15 and the F-16.

### **Business Affiliations:**

Consultant -- The Boeing Company's Phantom Works

### **Advisory Board Member:**

SAAB Defense and Security; Iridium Communications; Northrup Grumman Electronic Systems; Beechcraft Defense Company; and Baptist Health of South Florida

### **Other Affiliations:**

Trustee, USAF Academy Falcon Foundation  
National Association of Corporate Directors  
Orange Bowl Committee, Honorary Member  
Air Force Association, Life Member  
National War College Alumni Association, Life Member

## **SWA FIELD STUDY SENIOR FELLOW**

### **Admiral Harry Harris, USN (Ret) Former U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Korea**

Admiral Harris served as the U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Korea (ROK) from July 2018 to January 2021.



A Naval Flight Officer, he served 40 years in the U.S. Navy, retiring on 1 June 2018. He joined the State Department 3 days later. From May 2015 to May 2018, he commanded the U.S. Pacific Command (USPACOM), now known as the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM). He is the first Asian-American to hold 4-star rank in the U.S. Navy and the first to head USPACOM. He is also the first 4-star from the Navy's Maritime Patrol Aviation community. Prior to USPACOM, he commanded the U.S. Pacific Fleet, the U.S. 6th Fleet, Striking and Support Forces NATO, Joint Task Force Guantanamo, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 1, and Patrol Squadron 46. He participated in Operations Attain Document (Libya 1986), Desert Shield/Storm, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Willing Spirit (Colombian hostage recovery 2008), and Odyssey Dawn (Libya 2011). He has flown over 4400 hours, including over 400 combat hours.

From 2011 to 2013, Harris served as the representative of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to Secretaries of State Hillary Clinton and John Kerry. In this role, he traveled to over 80 different countries with the Secretary and participated in most of the Secretary's meetings with foreign leaders. He also served as the U.S. Roadmap Monitor for the Mid-East Peace Process where he travelled independently and extensively to Israel to meet with Israeli and Palestinian leaders.

Harris' personal decorations include the State Department's Distinguished Honor Award, 2 Defense Distinguished Service Medals, 3 Navy Distinguished Service Medals, 3 Defense Superior Service Medals, 3 Legions of Merit, 2 Bronze Stars, and the Air Medal (1 Strike/Flight). He received the Republic of Korea's Tong-il medal in 2014, Japan's Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun in 2018, and was made an Honorary Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) as part of the 2018 Special Honors list. He has also been decorated by the governments of France, Mongolia, the Philippines, and Singapore. He has been nationally recognized in the U.S. for his work as a champion of diversity.

Harris was born in Japan, reared in Tennessee and Florida, and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1978. He holds master's degrees from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and Georgetown's School of Foreign Service. He did post-graduate studies at Oxford University and completed the Seminar 21 fellowship at MIT. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Harris' father served in the U.S. Navy, was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War, and was stationed in Korea and Japan after World War II until he retired in 1958. Harris' mother was Japanese. She moved to Tennessee with her husband and young son in 1958 and became an American citizen in 1974.

Admiral Harris is married to Ms. Bruni Bradley, herself a retired career Naval officer.

## **AFRICA FIELD STUDY SENIOR FELLOW**



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

#### **Former Commander United States Africa Command**



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# **CAPSTONE Staff**

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Bonnie J. Swanson  
Deputy Director  
Capstone, Keystone, Pinnacle



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

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

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

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

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

In 2005 Bonnie completed a Master's Degree in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix.

## Colonel Crystal Margie Hills

Colonel Crystal Hills is currently a Deputy Director for the Capstone Program, National Defense University.

COL Hills is a 1998 graduate of South Carolina State University, where she received a Bachelor of Arts, summa cum laude, in English. She participated in SC State's ROTC program where she served as Cadet Battalion commander and was subsequently commissioned (Distinguished Military Graduate) as a second lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps. COL Hills was first assigned to Fort Bragg, N.C., where she held the following positions: executive officer, automotive platoon leader, and technical supply platoon leader in the 503rd Maintenance Company, 1st Corps Support Command. She then served as supply officer and operations officer for the 264th Corps Support Battalion.



In 2003, COL Hills was assigned to Camp Humphreys, Korea, where she served in the following positions under the 23rd Area Support Group: supply and services officer, wartime host nation officer, and commander, 348th Quartermaster Company, 194th Maintenance Battalion. While in command, COL Hills earned the General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award and was inducted into the Association of Quartermasters' Honorable Order of Saint Martin.

In 2008, COL Hills earned a Master of Arts in English, with honors, from Georgia State University. She then served as an associate professor in the Department of English and Philosophy at the U.S. Military Academy. In 2011, she relocated to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and served as the brigade logistics officer for the 45th Sustainment Brigade and the executive officer, Special Troops Battalion, 45th SB. During this tour, she deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan. Upon redeployment, COL Hills was assigned to U.S. Army Pacific where she served as the command speechwriter. In 2014, COL Hills was reassigned to the Pentagon as the Logistics, special assistant to the director of Army Staff. While there she served on the Army Transition Team. COL Hills left the Pentagon to assume command of Army Field Support Battalion-Africa in Livorno, Italy, serving from 2016 to 2018.

COL Hills then was reassigned to Fort Knox, Kentucky, where she served one year as branch chief, Quartermaster Enlisted Personnel. She then attended war college at National Defense University's Dwight D. Eisenhower School (Washington, D.C.). Here she earned a master's degree in National Security and Resource Strategy (Global Supply Chain and Logistics Management concentration); supported COVID-19 relief efforts with the White House Supply Chain Task Force and as a mentor for John Hopkins' COVID Design Challenge; and also earned a master's degree in business administration from Webster University. In 2020, COL Hills served as senior supply & logistics officer (G4) for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Rapid Deployable Corps Headquarters in Istanbul, Turkey. While in this position, she was selected as a Defense Ventures Fellow where she aided Structure Capital and defense innovation hubs to leverage dual use technology. In 2021, COL Hills served as a Chief of Staff, Senior Fellow with New America (Washington, D.C.) where she advanced research in the Army's adoption of semi-autonomous warehouses. Most recently, COL Hills commanded the 405th Army Field Support Brigade where her unit provided strategic logistics support to Europe and Africa. As such her unit led the strategic resupply and maintenance mission for Ukrainian support operations.

**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

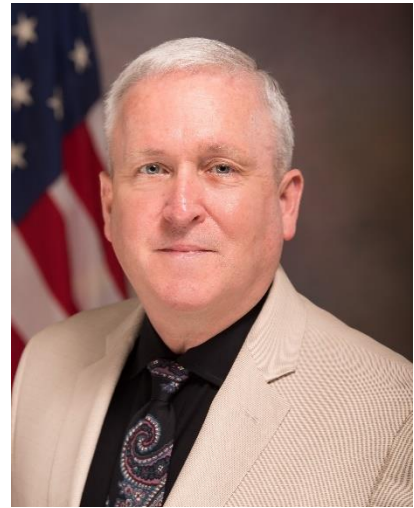
Lieutenant Colonel – Oct 1, 2020

(Current as of 6 July 2023)

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

**Allied Fellows**  
**8 - 19 Jul only**



**Brigadier James Coote DSO OBE**

**British Assistant Defence and Military Attaché  
to the United States of America**

Brigadier James Coote commissioned into The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment. Serving in Light, Mechanized, Armoured and Air Assault formations, he has deployed on operations, often under US command, to: Northern Ireland (1995-7, 2002); the Balkans (2002); Iraq (2004) and Afghanistan (2009-10, 2011-12). He has served with Regular and Reserve battalions and has twice been a Deputy Colonel of his former Regiment (an honorary appointment).

The last decade has been spent predominantly in operational planning, policy and strategy roles, in the UK's Ministry of Defence, as Head of Operations for the British Army and as an exchange officer to US Central Command, where he was an embedded planner and also spent time as the UK's Senior National Representative. He is a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, an Officer of the Order of the British Empire and an Officer of the Legion of Merit.

James has a Bachelor's degree in Engineering, attended the Higher Command and Staff Course and has a Masters' degree in International Relations from the University of Cambridge. He speaks rudimentary French and German and is making slow progress learning Arabic in his own time. He is married, has two teenage daughters, three narcoleptic cats and a needy springer spaniel.

**Brigadier-General Nicolas J.J.-L. Pilon, MSM, CD, P. Eng.**



Brigadier-General Nicolas Pilon is currently the Director General Defence Force Planning under the Chief of Programme at the National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa. BGen Pilon is a Combat Engineer in the Canadian Army and started his career as an Officer Cadet at the Royal Military College of Canada where he graduated in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. As a Combat Engineer, he served at 5 Combat Engineer Regiment in Valcartier, Quebec, in many different assignments including Field Troop Commander, Squadron Second-in-Command, unit Adjutant and Operations Officer. Later in his career, he served at 2 Combat Engineer Regiment in Petawawa, Ontario, as 23 Field Squadron Commander and also as the unit Commanding Officer from 2012 to 2014.

Between his time at the two Regiments, BGen Pilon occupied many staff positions where he worked as J5 Plans Officer at 1st Canadian Division in Kingston, as Senior Instructor Tactics at the Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering in Gagetown, as G3 Engineer advisor at Army Headquarters in Ottawa, as Chief of Staff of the 2nd Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group in Petawawa and as the Senior Engineer advisor at the Canadian Joint Operations Command in Ottawa.

BGen Pilon deployed abroad on four international missions, including in East Timor on Operation TOUCAN in 1999, at the rank of Captain, commanding the Company Group Engineer Troop; in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Operation ATHENA in 2003, at the rank of Major, in the role of the Theatre Activation Group Plans Officer; again in Kabul in 2005, at the rank of Major, commanding the Engineer Squadron as part of the Canadian Task Force; and finally in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, at the rank of Colonel, as the Chief of Staff of the United Nations Military Forces on the MINUSTAH Stabilization Mission.

Following his last deployment, from September 2016 to July 2018, he held the position of Director Land Requirements at the Army Headquarters where he was responsible for developing the Canadian Army's future equipment projects. From August 2019 to June 2021, he was the Commandant of Royal Military College Saint-Jean and led the College through its full return to university status.

BGen Pilon is a graduate of the Joint Command Staff Program in Toronto (2010) and of the Strategic Security and Defense Studies course at the Royal College of Defense Studies (2019) in London, UK. He holds a master's degree in Defence Studies from the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston and is a member of the Professional Engineers Association of Ontario.

# AIR FORCE

**AIR COMMODORE ANGUS PORTER, AM**

**Air and Space Attaché – Washington DC**

Air Commodore Porter leads and supports Australia's Air Force team in the United States. This team provides coordinated air and space power expertise to further Australia's defence and security interests and relationships.

Air Commodore Porter joined the Royal Australian Air Force in 1995 and attended the Australian Defence Force Academy. He has accumulated 4,500 hours flight time on the E-7A Wedgetail, VIP transport aircraft and the AP-3C Orion. Air Commodore Porter was Commanding Officer of No. 34 Squadron from 2016 to 2018 and Officer Commanding No. 42 Wing from 2021 to 2022. His staff tours include Aide de Camp to the Governor-General, Chief of Combat Operations (Australian Air Operations Centre) and Director Military Strategic Plans.



Air Commodore Porter has conducted operational deployments in support of border protection operations as well as Australian Defence Force operations in the Middle East. He attended USAF Air Command and Staff College where he graduated with a Masters of Military Operational Art and Science, and also the USAF School of Advanced Air and Space Studies where he graduated with a Masters of Philosophy in Military Strategy.

In 2021 he was made a Member of the Order of Australia for his exceptional service in air combat operations management, organisational development, and the strategic planning for the Australian Defence Force.

Air Commodore Porter is married to his wonderful and very patient wife Kirsten. He enjoys snow skiing, following Australian rugby and spending time with his family. He has two young children, Thomas and Mae.





# BIOGRAPHY

## Royal Navy



**Andy P. Watkins**

Brigadier

Deputy Director

Headquarters

United States Central Command

MacDill AFB, Tampa Florida 33621

Royal Marine

Born in the United Kingdom, then raised overseas in Libya, Kenya and Hong Kong, Andy returned to the United Kingdom to complete his schooling and earn a Bachelor of Science degree from Royal Holloway, University of London. He was commissioned into the Royal Marines in May 1995, embarking on a career which, to date, has seen him deployed on operations in Northern Ireland, Sierra Leone, Bosnia Herzegovina, Iraq and Afghanistan. He has been decorated for gallantry in combat and has enjoyed the privilege of command at troop, sub-unit, and unit level, including command of 40 Commando Royal Marines.

Throughout his career, Andy has regularly worked alongside a wide variety of partner nation armed forces in command, staff, and mentor & liaison roles. Post 9/11, he accrued considerable experience in campaign planning and assessment on operations in the US CENTCOM Area of Responsibility. He deployed twice to Iraq as a plans officer for Headquarters Multi-National Division (South East). In two of his four tours of Afghanistan he deployed as a planner; in 2006 joining the Headquarters 12 (Mechanised) Brigade led Task Force Helmand and in 2012 with Headquarters I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) as they assumed command of Task Force Leatherneck in Regional Command (South West).

Away from operations, Andy's staff career has been orientated towards Management of Defence and Defence Engagement appointments. He was employed as a strategist in the Naval Staff in the Ministry of Defence, served as the Military Assistant to three Ministers of State for the Armed Forces, and was seconded to the National Security Secretariat of the Cabinet Office in the run up to Strategic Defence and Security Review 2015. He was employed in the Finance and Military Capability directorate of the Ministry of Defence, working on the National Security and Capability Review 2017 and Modernising Defence Programme 2018. Most recently, he spent a year as Chief of Staff for the Capability Sponsor in the UK's Naval Command Headquarters in Portsmouth.

Other career highlights include two appointments instructing at the Commando Training Centre, and two tours in the British Embassy, Washington D.C. He has completed the United Kingdom's Advanced Command and Staff Course and earned a Masters degree in Defence Studies with King's College, London. Andy is married to Hannah, and has three children, all of whom were born in the US; they demand much of his spare time and other scarce resources.

**Fellows**



# United States Northern Command Biography

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## **REAR ADMIRAL AREX B. AVANNI** **UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**



Rear Admiral Arex B. Avanni is the Deputy Director of Operations for Headquarters, United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM). The Directorate of Operations is the principal advisor to the Commander USNORTHCOM on all operational matters, providing strategic guidance to plan and execute USNORTHCOM missions within the area of responsibility; conducting Homeland Defense including land, air, and maritime operations, as well as Defense Support of Civil Authorities.

RDML Avanni most recently served as Chief of Staff for the Eighth Coast Guard District in New Orleans, LA from June 2022 to April 2024. Serving as the District Commander's principal advisor on all Coast Guard safety, security, and stewardship missions from the outer continental shelf of the Gulf of Mexico, throughout the Gulf coast from the panhandle of Florida to our Nation's border with Mexico, and further includes inland waterways of the Mississippi, Ohio, Missouri, and Tennessee River systems.

His other operational tours include: Deck Watch Officer aboard the Coast Guard Cutter MORGENTHAU (1994-1996), Marine Inspector and Federal On-Scene Coordinator Representative at Marine Safety Office in Morgan City, Louisiana (1998- 2001), Chief of Sector San Francisco's Command Center and then as its Chief of Incident Management (2004-2008), Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Gulf Strike Team (2010-2013), Deputy Sector Commander of Coast Guard Sector Honolulu (2013-2016) and then as Commander of Sector Honolulu (2019-2022).

From May 2017 to May 2019 RDML Avanni served as the Senior Operational Advisor to the Deputy Secretary for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, where he advised the Deputy Secretary on department-wide unity of effort initiatives, including the maturation of DHS policies and the effective employment of the DHS's Joint Task Forces. His other staff tours include: Company Officer at the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, Rhode Island (1996-1998), Regional Response Team Coordinator for New England and then Port Security and Waterways Management Program Manager in Boston, Massachusetts (2001-2004), USCG Congressional Fellow on the United States Senate Committee on Appropriations where he worked on congressional budget and resource approval for the Department of Homeland Security (2008-2010).

Throughout his career, RDML Avanni has been involved with and/or led many major national level incident responses. Most notably, he managed the First Coast Guard District's Incident Management Team which coordinated all USCG port security efforts in response to the September 11th, 2001 Terrorist Attacks in New York City. He also served as Operations Section Chief for the State of Louisiana and then as the Gulf Coast Deputy Incident Commander and Federal On-Scene Coordinator for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill response in the Gulf of Mexico from July 2010 to December 2011.

RDML Avanni is a 1994 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Management and holds a Master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the United States Naval War College. In 2016, he was the US Coast Guard's Federal Executive Fellow at The Brookings Institution, one of the world's top ranked think tanks located in Washington, DC.

RDML Avanni's military awards include 7 Meritorious Service Medals, 3 Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the 9/11 medal, 3 Coast Guard Achievement Medals, the Navy Achievement Medal, the Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon and various unit awards.

(Current as of May 2024)

# Major General Janeen L. Birckhead



Major General Janeen L. Birckhead is the 31st Adjutant General of the Maryland National Guard. In this capacity, Maj. Gen. Birckhead serves as military advisor to the Governor of Maryland and commands a force of more than 6,300 Soldiers, Airmen, and federal and state civilian employees. The Maryland National Guard provides highly trained forces ready to for both domestic emergencies and natural disaster response, and global expeditionary missions in support of U.S. national security.

Maj. Gen. Birckhead has commanded Army units at the company, battalion, and brigade levels. Before her current role, Maj. Gen. Birckhead served as Commander of the Maryland Army National Guard and the Deputy Commandant for Reserve Affairs at the U.S. Army War College. Under her leadership, the Maryland Army National Guard-led the statewide Vaccine Equity Task Force, ensured COVID-19 testing vaccination access to vulnerable populations across Maryland. Later, Maj. Gen. Birckhead commanded more than 15,000 National Guard members from across the nation during the National Guard mission to secure the U.S. Capitol following the events of January 6, 2021. During her command, the Maryland Army National Guard deployed dozens of units and hundreds of Soldiers to defend the United States at home and abroad; and to deepen State Partnership relationships with Estonia and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

In 2004, Maj. Gen. Birckhead mobilized for Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom, serving as Tiger Team Leader and Designated Military Officer - Office of Administrative Review for the Detention of Enemy Combatants. In 2011, she deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, to serve as the NATO International Security Assistance Force deputy current operations officer for security partnering.

Maj. Gen. Birckhead's military decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, the NATO Medal, and the Afghanistan Campaign Medal.

Maj. Gen. Birckhead graduated with honors with a B.A. in political science from Hampton University and earned her commission as a distinguished military graduate through the Army Reserve Officers Training Corps. She later completed an M.A. in management from the University of Maryland University College and a master's in strategic studies at the U.S. Army War College.

In her civilian career, Maj. Gen. Birckhead began as an aide in the U.S. Senate in Washington, D.C. She later served as a state equal employment opportunity manager, Special Agent in Charge for the Defense Security Service, and Deputy Chief of Equal Opportunity and Civil Rights at the Office of Personnel Management, before joining the Department of the Interior. There, she served as senior advisor for the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Trust Fund Administration, with responsibility for issues related to the organization's personnel, management policies, and organizational culture.

Among her volunteer commitments, Maj. Gen. Birckhead is a strong advocate for military veterans' outreach, fundraising and recognition events, lending her support to Women Veterans Initiatives and the Salvation Army's annual Red Kettle Campaign. She is a life member of American Legion Post 166, and a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Married and mother of two, she is a native of Maryland's eastern shore where she was raised by her Navy veteran father and her community leader mother, who served as a Judge of the Worcester County Orphan's Court.



# United States Navy Biography

**RDML W. D. Brafford, SHCE, USN**  
**Commander, Naval Medical Forces Support Command**  
**Chief, United States Navy Dental Corps**

RDML Brafford is a native of Southwest Missouri. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Drury College and a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Missouri School of Dentistry. His graduate degrees include a Master of Science in Oral Health Sciences from The George Washington University and a Master's of National Security and Resource Strategy degree from the Dwight D. Eisenhower School, and a Certificate in Periodontology from the Naval Postgraduate Dental School.

Brafford's assignments include Naval Dental Center Parris Island where he completed a one-year Advanced Education in General Dentistry program, followed by his division officer tour aboard USS HARRY S TRUMAN (CVN-75).



He served as Administrative Assistant to the Chief, Navy Dental Corps at the U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth as Department Head and Specialty Advisor for periodontics and Associate Director for Dental Services. RDML Brafford then reported to Naval Hospital Beaufort where he served as Director of Dental Services and Director for Clinical Support Services.

Following his tour at Naval Hospital Beaufort, RDML Brafford served as the Senior Dental Executive, Navy Medicine East in Portsmouth, Virginia, directly supporting 19 commands while serving as lead for the Secretary of Defense Military Health Systems review. RDML Brafford then reported to Naval Health Clinic New England as the Executive Officer, followed by Navy Personnel Command (PERS-4415) in Millington, Tennessee as the Head Dental Corps Assignment Officer; Naval Health Clinic Annapolis/Navy Medicine Readiness & Training Command Annapolis, Maryland where he served as the Commanding Officer; and the Bureau of Medicine & Surgery, Falls Church, Virginia, where he served as the Assistant Deputy Chief for Medical Operations (M3), Deputy Chief of Operations, Plans & Readiness (OP&R), and Director, Commander's Action Group (CAG). RDML Brafford currently serves at Fort Sam Houston, TX as Commander of Naval Medical Forces Support Command (NMFSC) and the 40<sup>th</sup> Chief of the Navy Dental Corps.

RDML Brafford is qualified to wear the following awards and decorations: the Legion of Merit (2), Meritorious Service Medal (5), Navy Commendation Medal (2), Navy Achievement Medal (2), and various individual and unit awards. He earned the Surface Warfare Medical Department Officer warfare device while onboard USS HARRY S TRUMAN (CVN-75).



**BRIGADIER GENERAL JONATHAN BYROM**  
**Director of Army Safety and**  
**Commanding General**  
**U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center**



Brigadier General Jonathan Byrom, a native of Galion, Ohio, received his commission as an Armor Officer following graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1995. After completing the Armor Officer Basic Course, he began his military career as a Division Cavalry Tank and Scout Platoon Leader and Cavalry Troop Executive Officer with 1-1 Cavalry in Büdingen, Germany.

Brigadier General Byrom then commanded A Troop and Headquarters and Headquarters Troop in 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Irwin, California. Following his time in command, he taught economics at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

Upon completion of intermediate-level education in 2008, Brigadier General Byrom was assigned to Grafenwoehr, Germany, where he served as the Battalion S3 and Brigade Executive Officer for the 172nd Infantry Brigade until 2010. After his time in Germany, he became a Senior Instructor for the Army Joint Support Team in Las Vegas, Nevada, before being assigned to Fort Hood, Texas, where he assumed command of 3rd Squadron, 3rd Cavalry Regiment in November 2011. Upon completion of Squadron Command, Brigadier General Byrom then moved to Fort Knox, Kentucky, in July 2013, where he served as the Armor Branch Chief at Human Resources Command.

In July 2015, Brigadier General Byrom arrived at Fort Riley, Kansas, where he became the 1st Infantry Division G3 until 2017. He then returned to Fort Hood, Texas, where he commanded the 3rd Cavalry Regiment from July 2017 until June 2019. He transitioned to the First Cavalry Division Chief of Staff in June 2019 until March 2020. Brigadier General Byrom transitioned to the Pentagon, where he served as the Executive Officer to the Chief of Staff of the Army until July 2021. He served as the Commander for the 2nd Multi-Domain Task Force in Wiesbaden, Germany, before assuming command of the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center in June 2023.

Jon is married to his much better half, Marsha. They have three young children who keep life very interesting.



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## UNITED STATES TRANSPORTATION COMMAND

Office of Public Affairs, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois 62225-5357

### Brigadier General Ivory D. Carter

Brig. Gen. Ivory D. Carter is the Director of Command, Control, Communications and Cyber (C4) Systems, for U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. Additionally, he is the USTRANSCOM Deputy Director for Cyberspace Operations. He is responsible for the planning, integration, operations, and maintenance of USTRANSCOM's C4 systems, cyberspace operations and effects. He also serves as the command's chief information officer, responsible for the investment strategy for all information technology resources.

Brig. Gen. Carter began his Air Force career as an enlisted Information Manager in 1990. In 1994, he was selected for the Reserve Officer Training Corps and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 1996 after completing his Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice.

His staff experience includes serving as Action Officer and Executive Officer at Headquarters Air Combat Command and Action Officer and Liaison Officer to the Joint Staff, United States Strategic Command. Fully joint qualified. Prior to his present assignment, Brig. Gen. Carter was assigned to the Brookings Institution in Washington D.C. as a National Defense Fellow. He was selected from a small number of carefully chosen field-grade officers to attend the Brookings Institution. Here he gained insight into civilian defense policy & corporate communities where he broadened his perspectives and developed critical skills as a strategic & creative thinker.



#### EDUCATION:

- 1996 Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska, Omaha, Neb.
- 1996 Basic Personnel Officer Course, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.
- 2000 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2002 Master of Science, Business Administration, Bellevue University, Bellevue, Neb.
- 2006 Advanced Communications Officer Training, Scott AFB, Ill.
- 2007 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2008 Joint Professional Military Education II, Norfolk, Va.
- 2011 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2016 Master of Arts, Economics, American University, Washington, D.C.
- 2017 National Defense Fellow, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.
- 2018 Certificate in Public Leadership, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.
- 2018 Certificate of Policy Strategy, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.
- 2020 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.
- 2023 Cyber Enterprise Operations Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2024 Joint Flag Officer Warfighting Course Maxwell AFB, Ala.

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. May 1996 – July 1997, Chief of Relocations and Separations, 305th Mission Support Squadron, McGuire AFB, N.J.
2. July 1997 – July 1999, Executive Officer, 305th Support Group, McGuire AFB, N.J.
3. July 1999 – July 2001, Commander, Headquarters Squadron Section/Executive Officer, Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, IL
4. July 2001 – July 2005, Flight Commander, Space Control Flight, 21st Space Communications Squadron, Peterson AFB, CO.
5. July 2005 – August 2006, Chief, Financial Management, Headquarters Air Combat Command A6, Langley AFB, VA.
6. August 2006 – May 2007, Executive Officer, Headquarters Air Combat Command A9, Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, VA.
7. May 2007 – July 2009, Action Officer, Headquarters Air Combat Command A9 (Deployed, DISA Central Command, USCENTCOM).
8. July 2009 – June 2011, USSTRATCOM/JIOWC LNO to Joint Staff, USSTRATCOM/Joint Information Operations Warfare Center Liaison to Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
9. June 2011 – June 2013, Commander, 461st Air Control Networks Squadron, Robins AFB, GA.
10. June 2013 – April 2015, Deputy Commander, 87th Mission Support Group, Joint Base McGuire-Dix- Lakehurst, N.J.
11. April 2015 – August 2016, Chief, Commanders Action Group, USAF Expeditionary Center, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.
12. August 2016 – July 2017, Airpower Strategist (Skunk Works), Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
13. July 2017 – July 2018, National Defense Fellow, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.
14. July 2018 – July 2020, Commander, 96th Mission Support Group, Eglin AFB, FL
15. July 2020 – June 2023, Director, Legislative Liaison, Fort George Meade, Maryland VA
16. July 2023 – Present, Director, Director of Command, Control, Communications and Cyber (C4) Systems Scott Air Force Base, IL.

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Legion of Merit  
Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal, four oak leaf clusters  
Joint Service Commendation Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal, oak leaf cluster  
Joint Service Achievement Medal  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, two oak leaf clusters  
National Defense Service Medal, oak leaf cluster  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant May 1996  
First Lieutenant May 1998  
Captain May 2000  
Major Jun 2006  
Lieutenant Colonel Sep 2011  
Colonel Nov 2017  
Brigadier General Frocked

(Current as of Jan 2024)



## **Rear Admiral Adam A. Chamie**

### **Assistant Commandant for Response Policy (CG-5R)**



Rear Admiral Adam Chamie assumed the duties as the Coast Guard Assistant Commandant for Response Policy in May, 2024. In this capacity, he is responsible for the development of strategic response doctrine and policy guidance for all Coast Guard forces. These policies encompass seven of the eleven operational maritime missions including law enforcement, search and rescue, maritime security, counterterrorism, defense operations, marine environmental response, and emergency management and disaster response programs.

In RDML Chamie's previous assignment, he served as the Coast Guard's Chief of Congressional and Governmental Affairs. In this role, he was the Commandant's strategic advisor for legislative affairs and was responsible for coordinating all engagements with Congress.

Raised in Deep River, Connecticut, RDML Chamie earned a Bachelor of Science in Management and received his commission as an Ensign from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1996.

From 2019 to 2022, RDML Chamie served as the Commander of Coast Guard Sector Key West, Florida. He previously served on Capitol Hill from 2017 to 2019 as Liaison to the House of Representatives.

RDML Chamie served on six Coast Guard cutters over 11 years, patrolling the waters from the Bering Sea to the Eastern Pacific, the Caribbean Ocean, and the Arabian Sea. RDML Chamie commanded three cutters: CGC VALIANT in Mayport, Florida, CGC KEY LARGO in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and CGC MONOMOY forwarded deployed to the Persian Gulf in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Between sea tours, RDML Chamie served as Comptroller at Training Center Cape May, New Jersey, as Afloat Assignment Officer at the Coast Guard's Personnel Service Center in Arlington, Virginia, and as the Coast Guard's Liaison to US Naval Forces Europe, US Naval Forces Africa, and US Navy's Sixth Fleet in Naples, Italy.

In 2017, RDML Chamie completed a one-year National Security Fellowship at the Harvard Kennedy School. Previously, he received his MBA from the University of California, Irvine Graduate School of Management. He is a graduate of the Naval War College Command and Staff program, non-resident course.

His military awards include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with operational device, among other personal, campaign, and unit awards. In 2023, RDML Chamie was designated an honorary Chief Petty Officer by the Commandant and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard. RDML Chamie was the 2002 Coast Guard Elite Athlete of the Year in the sport of powerlifting.



## **Brigadier General John P. Cogbill**

Brigadier General John Cogbill was commissioned as an Infantry officer from the United States Military Academy in 1994 and has held a variety of positions in both conventional and special operations units.

His first assignment was as a Platoon Leader and Executive Officer in the 82nd Airborne Division. John then served two years in the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment as a Platoon Leader and Civil-Military Affairs Officer. Next, he served three years in Alaska where he served as an Airborne Rifle Company Commander and the Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General.

After earning his MPA from Harvard Kennedy School, BG Cogbill taught Economics in the Social Sciences Department at West Point.

Following the Command and General Staff College, he spent two years as a Combined Arms Battalion Executive Officer in the 1st Cavalry Division. He then served as the Strategic Plans and Requirements Officer for the 75th Ranger Regiment. BG Cogbill commanded the Reconnaissance and Surveillance Squadron for the U.S. Army Third Corps and then spent a year at Stanford University as a Senior Service College Fellow.

Following that, BG Cogbill served as the Deputy Regimental Commander (Operations) for the 75th Ranger Regiment, and then as the Commander of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team "Rakkasans" in the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). BG Cogbill then served as the Chief of Staff of the Joint Special Operations Command. After his time at JSOC, he served as the Deputy Commander for Operations of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault) and the Chief of Staff of the XVIII Airborne Corps. He is currently serving as the Deputy Operations Officer for the United States Central Command. His deployments include tours in Iraq, Afghanistan, Haiti, Kosovo, and, most recently, Operation European Assure, Deter, and Reinforce in Europe. BG Cogbill married his high school sweetheart, Jenny, and together they have three children: Jack, Emma, and Madeline.



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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

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## BRIGADIER GENERAL JASON E. CORROTHERS

Brigadier General Corrothers is the Director, Budget Operations and Personnel, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Budget, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. He is responsible for planning and directing the execution of the Department of the Air Force's Operations and Maintenance and Military Personnel budgets. Collectively, these budgets total more than \$110 billion annually. He leads a team of military and civilian budget professionals who develop, integrate, and justify readiness and personnel budgets for the Department of the Air Force and defend the Department of the Air Force budget requirements as they are addressed by the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Office of Management and Budget, and Congress.



Prior to his current assignment, Brigadier General Corrothers served as the Director of Financial Management and Comptroller for Pacific Air Forces. He has multiple joint deployments, including service in Iraq, Afghanistan and also with the Joint Improvised Explosive Defeat Organization. Brigadier General Corrothers is a multiple time Commander, most recently commanding the 737<sup>th</sup> Training Group at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas – Air Force's only Basic Military Training organization, comprised of nine squadrons and more than 8,000 personnel. In addition to his depth of experience as a Comptroller, he is also a former Congressional liaison, Senior Military Assistant and assignments officer. He is married to Lt Col Heather Corrothers, an active duty Air Force attorney and member of the Judge Advocate General corps.

### EDUCATION

1994 Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration, Cameron University, Lawton, OK

1998 Master of Science, Administrative Management, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI

2000 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL

2009 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL

2015 Distinguished Graduate, Master of Science, National Resource Strategy, The Eisenhower School, National Defense University, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C..

2021 Executive Leadership Seminar: Leading Strategically, Center for Creative Leadership

2022 Executive Leadership Seminar: Enterprise Leadership, Keenan-Flagler Business School, UNC-Chapel Hill

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1996 – September 1997, Chief of Budget, Technology Transition Office, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH

2. October 1997 – June 1999, F-22 Acquisition Analyst, Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH

3. July 1999 – December 2002, Flight Commander, Financial Analysis, 325th Fighter Wing, Tyndall AFB, FL

4. January 2002 – January 2003, Flight Commander, Financial Services, 51st Fighter Wing, Osan AB, ROK

5. February 2003 – February 2005, Assignments Officer, Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, TX

6. March 2005 – March 2006, Chief, Flying Operations Branch, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C

7. April 2006 – July 2008, Appropriations Liaison, U.S. Congress, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

8. August 2008 – June 2009, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
9. July 2009 – June 2011, Commander, 21st Comptroller Squadron, Peterson AFB, CO
10. July 2011 – January 2013, Chief, Budget Operations, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, VA
11. February 2013 – July 2014, Senior Military Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
12. July 2014 – June 2015, Student, The Eisenhower School (ICAF), National Defense University, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.
13. July 2015 – June 2017, Budget Director, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH
14. June 2017 – June 2019, Commander, Air Force Basic Military Training, 737th Training Group, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, TX
15. June 2019 – June 2022, Director, Financial Management and Comptroller, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI
16. June 2022 – Present, Director, Budget Operations and Personnel, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Budget, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

#### **DECORATIONS AND AWARDS**

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster  
Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster  
Meritorious Service Medal with seven oak leaf clusters  
Joint Service Commendation Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal  
Air Force Achievement Medal  
Afghanistan Campaign Medal  
Iraq Campaign Medal  
Korean Defense Service Medal  
NATO International Security Assistance Force Medal

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

Second Lieutenant January 26, 1996  
First Lieutenant January 26, 1998  
Captain January 26, 2000  
Major March 1, 2006  
Lieutenant Colonel December 1, 2010  
Colonel March 1, 2017  
Brigadier General December 5, 2023

(Current as of December 2023)



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## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### MAJOR GENERAL KONATA A. CRUMBLY

Maj. Gen. Konata A. Crumbly is the Assistant Adjutant General - Air, Georgia National Guard. His duties and responsibilities include commanding and developing policies and programs affecting more than 2,900 Georgia Air National Guard Airmen and civilians serving in two flying wings, seven geographically separated units and training center across six locations. In addition, General Crumbly serves as the Air National Guard Assistant to the Commander, United States Transportation Command.

General Crumbly graduated from the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Florida A & M University, Tallahassee, in April 1996. He attended Army Aviation Flight School at Fort Rucker, Alabama and earned his wings as a UH-60 A/L Blackhawk pilot. After completing his Army Aviation service commitment which included Operation Allied Force and the initial invasion of Iraq with the 3rd Infantry Division, General Crumbly joined the Georgia Air National Guard as an E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System (JSTARS) pilot in 2004.

General Crumbly is a command pilot with more than 3,500 flying hours to include over 1,300 combat hours. He has flown combat missions in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom as well as missions in support of United States Africa Command. He is a qualified instructor/pilot, supervisor of flying, and has held a multitude of positions at group, wing, and headquarters levels. Prior to his current assignment, General Crumbly was the Director, Joint Staff - Georgia National Guard, Marietta, Georgia.



### EDUCATION

1996 Bachelor of History and Geography, Florida A & M University, Tallahassee  
2001 Army Military Intelligence Advance Course, Fort Huachuca, Ariz.  
2001 Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.  
2009 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence  
2016 Air War College, by correspondence  
2021 Senior Leader Orientation Course (SLOC), Joint Base Andrews, Md.  
2021 Introduction to Artificial Intelligence for National Security Leaders, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge  
2023 Homeland Security Executive Seminar (GFOS), Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Mass.  
2023 Executive Leadership Program in Managing for Inclusion, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1996–August 1996, Tactical Officer, ROTC Advance Camp, Fort Bragg, N.C.
2. December 1996–January 1998, Student, Army Aviation Flight Training, Fort Rucker, Ala.
3. February 1998–March 2001, UH-60L Pilot, 12th Aviation Brigade, 5-158th Aviation Battalion Giebelstadt, Germany
4. March 2001–April 2001, Military Intelligence Transition Course, Fort Huachuca, Ariz.
5. January 2002–February 2002, Airborne School, Fort Benning, Ga.

6. March 2002–August 2003, BN S-2, 2-3 Aviation Regt, 3rd Infantry Division, Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, Ga.
7. August 2003–May 2004, Asst. S-3, 2-3 Aviation Regt, 3rd Infantry Division, HAAF, Savannah, Ga.
8. August 2004–June 2005, Executive Officer, 116th Air Control Wing, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.
9. June 2005–May 2006, Student Pilot, USAF Fixed Wing Qualification Course, Vance AFB, Okla.
10. July 2006–August 2006, USAF Survival School, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
11. August 2006–February 2007, Student Pilot, 330th Combat Training Squadron, Robins AFB, Ga.
12. March 2007–August 2008, Chief of Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance, 12th Airborne Command and Control Squadron, Robins AFB, Ga.
13. August 2008–January 2010, Assistant Flight Commander, 128th ACCS, Robins AFB, Ga.
14. January 2010–January 2011, Flight Commander, 128th ACCS, Robins AFB, Ga.
15. January 2011–July 2013, Chief of Safety, 116 ACW, Robins AFB, Ga.
16. February 2013–April 2013, Commander, 12th Expeditionary Airborne Command and Control Squadron, Moron AFB, Spain
17. July 2013–April 2015, Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, 116th Operations Group, Robins AFB, Ga.
18. April 2015–December 2016, Commander, 128th ACCS, Robins AFB, Ga.
19. December 2016–August 2017, Director of Staff, Headquarters Georgia Air National Guard, Clay National Guard Center, Marietta, Ga.
20. August 2017–August 2018, Commander, 116 OG, Robins AFB, Ga.
21. August 2018–January 2020, Commander, 116 ACW, Robins AFB, Ga.
22. January 2020–September 2020, Director of Operations, Headquarters Georgia Air National Guard, CNGC, Marietta, Ga.
23. September 2020–February 2023, Director, Joint Staff, Georgia Joint Force Headquarters, CNGC, Marietta, Ga.
24. May 2021–April 2024, Air National Guard Assistant to the Commander, Air Force Recruiting Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas
25. February 2023–Present, Assistant Adjutant General-Air, Headquarters Georgia Air National Guard, CNGC, Marietta, Ga.; dual hatted, April 2024–Present, Air National Guard Assistant to the Commander, United States Transportation Command, Scott AFB, Ill.

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 3,500 including more than 1,300 combat hours

Aircraft flown: TH-67, OH-58 A/C, UH-60 A/L, T-37B, T-1, and E-8C

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

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Army Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

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

Second Lieutenant June 13, 1996

First Lieutenant April 19, 1998

Captain May 1, 2000

Major Sept. 1, 2006

Lieutenant Colonel April 14, 2011

Colonel Feb. 2, 2017

Brigadier General Oct. 29, 2020

Major General Feb. 28, 2023

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Joint Warfare Centre

Stavanger - Norway



**Brigadier General**  
**Mark A. Cunningham**

## DEPUTY COMMANDER AND CHIEF OF STAFF

Stavanger, 29 August 2022

### Biography



**BRIGADIER GENERAL MARK A. CUNNINGHAM** is from Lancaster, Ohio and enlisted in the Marine Corps in July 1992. After graduating from the Ohio State University in 1996, he was commissioned as an officer. His first officer assignment was Analysis and Plans Officer at 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing in Southern California. He also deployed with the 13th Marine Expeditionary (MEU) as the Composite Squadron Intelligence Officer, where he supported Operation SOUTHERN WATCH in Kuwait.

In 2000, he moved to Miami, Florida, where he served as the Colombia Branch Chief, Joint Intelligence Center, U.S. Southern Command. He led a team of 40 analysts conducting intelligence in support of counterterrorism operations in Colombia. During this tour, he also served as the Senior Intelligence Analyst in Bogota, Colombia, for a U.S. hostage rescue operation. Later in 2003, he left active duty to take an assignment with the National Air and Space Intelligence Center (NASIC) to conduct intelligence analysis on adversary air, space, and missile systems. At the same time, he served in the Marine Corps Reserves as a Branch Chief and Senior Intelligence Analyst for U.S. European Command's Regional Analysis Branch, Joint Reserve Intelligence Center, Ohio.

In 2009, he transferred to serve as a Plans Officer for Marine Forces Pacific (MARFORPAC), G-2, Hawaii, where he supported several exercises and real world crises. He mobilized in February 2011 to serve as the Senior Intelligence Analyst for a Joint Task Force in Afghanistan, during which he provided intelligence for over 110 combat operations.

In 2012, Brigadier General Cunningham was assigned as the Commander for Bravo Company, Intelligence Support Battalion (ISB) in Colorado. He served in this position for three years, until he became the Commanding Officer of ISB in 2015 where he led over 500 Marines and Sailors from four geographically dispersed companies stationed across 19 sites throughout the United States.

After battalion command, he joined 3rd Civil Affairs Group as a detachment commander until he was promoted to Colonel in May 2018 when he was activated for five months to serve as the Chief of Staff for Force Headquarters Group. Subsequently, he was selected as the Commanding Officer, 3rd Civil Affairs Group in March 2019, while also dual-hatted as the III Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) G9. During his tenure, he served as a Combined/Joint Task Force Commander in Thailand for Exercise Cobra Gold in 2020, and spearheaded the development of new concepts and capabilities for Marine Corps Civil Affairs. He relinquished command in June 2021 and assumed the duties as Deputy Commander, Force Headquarters Group, Marine Forces Reserve, where he led the command's campaign plan and future force design efforts.

Brigadier General Cunningham assumed duties as the Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff of the NATO Joint Warfare Centre on August 29, 2022.

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**BG Sean P. Davis**  
**Commanding General**  
**13th Armored Corps Sustainment Command**  
**Fort Cavazos, TX**

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BG Sean Davis was commissioned in the Infantry upon graduation from Valley Forge Military College in 1991. His first assignment was with the 116th Infantry Regiment in Lexington, Virginia. He then transitioned over to Ft. Campbell, Kentucky where he served in the 187th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). After completion of the Field Artillery Advanced Course (FAAC) and a year with the 8<sup>th</sup> Army in Korea, BG Davis returned to Ft. Campbell where he served as the Commander for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division.

Following the Command and General Staff College (CGSC) and the School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS) in June 2007, BG Davis moved to Ft. Hood, Texas and worked as the 1st Cavalry Division Material Management Center Chief. This was followed by an assignment at the 115th Brigade Support Battalion, 1st BCT, 1st Cavalry Division, where BG Davis served as the Support Operations Officer.

BG Davis commanded 526th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky. Later, he served as the Chief Logistics Proponent for the Sustainment Center of Excellence at Ft. Lee, Virginia. After completion of National Defense University in 2015, BG Davis went to the Pentagon where he served as the Supply Deputy Director to the Army G-4. After this, he served as the Commander of the 59th Ordnance Brigade at Ft. Lee, Virginia and then went back to Washington, DC where he served as the Executive Officer to the Director of the Defense Logistics Agency. He then served as the Executive Officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4. In July 2021, he went to Ft. Knox, Kentucky as the Deputy Commander for the 1st Theater Sustainment Command.

BG Davis holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the Virginia Military Institute, a Master's in Business Administration from Webster University, a Master's in Military Art and Science from the Command and General Staff College, and a Master's of National Security and Strategic Studies from the National War College. His operational experience includes four deployments to Iraq, and two to Afghanistan.

BG Davis is happily married to Mrs. Camille Davis, his elementary school classmate. They have been married for 28 years. Sean and Camille have two children: Alexandra and Joshua. Alexandra recently graduated from Liberty University and Josh is currently attending Baylor University.

Sean's interests and hobbies are centered on his family. An avid sports fan, Sean enjoys watching his son play hockey at Baylor University. As a family, the Davis' enjoy being outdoors, camping, and walking.

**Brigadier General (BG) Kelly M. Dickerson**  
**Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7**  
**Office of the Chief Army Reserve**  
**Fort Belvoir, Virginia**

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BG Kelly Dickerson enlisted in the U.S. Army in September 1988 and attended Basic Training at the Armor School at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Following his deployment as a tank gunner to Desert/Shield with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment, he was awarded a Green-to-Gold scholarship earning a commission as an Armor Officer in 1995. Upon graduating from the Armor Officer Basic Course, Scout Platoon Leader Course, and Long-Range Reconnaissance Course, he was assigned to the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment where he served as a Scout Platoon Leader and Troop Executive Officer. In 2001 he transitioned into the U.S. Army Reserve where he served as an Executive Officer and later as Commander for Bravo and Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 317th Infantry Regiment. Following this assignment, BG Dickerson served back on active duty as Commander for Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 518th Infantry Regiment at Fort Jackson, SC.

BG Dickerson deployed to Iraq in 2005, serving as a Team Leader for the Syrian Border Transition Team. He later attended the Civil Affairs Qualification Course in 2007 and deployed with Alpha Company, 448th Civil Affairs to Anbar Province, Iraq. His post deployment follow-on assignments include Ground Operations Chief, J3 Director, and Civil Affairs Liaison Officer under Special Operations Command – Joint Capabilities (SOC-JC) in Norfolk, VA.

After completing the Command and General Staff College (CGSC), BG Dickerson returned to Civil Affairs as an Operations Officer and deployed as the Deputy J3 Operations Officer for Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve (CJTF-OIR), and as Commander of the 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion, Fort Story, VA. After graduating from the U.S. Army War College in 2019, BG Dickerson served as the G3 Operations Chief and as the Chief of Staff for the 352<sup>nd</sup> Civil Affairs Command at Fort Meade, MD. He later served as Commander of the 308<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Brigade in Homewood, IL. He would later serve in his first General Officer position as the Deputy Commanding General for the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School (USAJFKSWCS), Special Operations Center of Excellence (SOCoE) at Fort Liberty, N.C.

His operational experience includes deployments in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Operation Joint Guard, Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Inherent Resolve.

BG Dickerson holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Virginia Polytechnical and State University, a Master of Science in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College and completed the Executive Entrepreneurial Program at Babson University.

In his civilian capacity, BG Dickerson is Vice President, Head of Global Seller Risk for PayPal and has served with several Financial Technology firms across various banking, consumer/commercial lending, venture capital, and SAAS technology platforms. His passion for offering consumers and small businesses value-based products on-par with mainstream markets has provided a very diverse experience in financial risk-based analytics integrated with delivering global technology applications.

**Mary Comans (Dunne)**  
**Chief Financial Officer**  
**Federal Emergency Management Agency**



Ms. Mary Comans serves as FEMA's Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Ms. Comans assumed the role of CFO in December 2017 after supporting the FEMA Administrator and Deputy Administrator as Deputy CFO. Under her leadership, FEMA has sustained financial excellence, ensuring the Agency is properly resourced and ready to help the American people before, during, and after disasters. Ms. Comans is a dedicated longtime public servant who has served as FEMA's Acting Chief Operating Officer and Acting External Affairs Director. Ms. Comans joined the Department of Homeland Security in 2005 and has served in numerous positions across the Headquarters and its operational components. In each of these roles, Ms. Comans has brought professionalism and leadership that has reinforced her reputation as one of the most efficient, effective managers within the federal government.

Ms. Comans holds a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy from the Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security & Resource Strategy and a Master of Public Administration from New York University. Her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Fordham University.

# **MG Richard A. Harrison**

## **Commanding General 32d Army Air and Missile Defense Command**



Major General Richard A. Harrison serves as the incoming Commanding General of the 32d Army Air and Missile Defense Command. A native of Sunbury, N.C., MG Harrison received his commission through Army ROTC as an Air Defense Artillery (ADA) officer in 1994 from Elizabeth City State University (ECSU), Elizabeth City, N.C.

MG Harrison has served in a variety of command and staff positions throughout his career. His previous assignments include: 44th Commandant of the U.S. Army ADA

School, Chief of ADA, and Deputy Commanding General of the Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Executive Officer to the Commanding General of United States Forces Korea; Executive Assistant to the Joint Staff J-3; Division Chief for the Protection Division, Commander of the 69th ADA Brigade; Assistant Chief of Staff G-3 (Forward) for the 32d Army Air Missile Defense Command (AAMDC); Commander of the 3rd Battalion, 4th ADA Regiment; and Deputy Commanding Officer for the 108th ADA Brigade.

Prior to this assignment, he served as the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, United States Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC).

MG Harrison's military awards and decorations include two awards of the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, three awards of the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, six awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, three awards of the Army Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, three awards of the Army Achievement Medal, the U.S. Army Parachute Badge, the Air Assault Badge, the Office of the Secretary of Defense Identification Badge, the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge, and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

MG Harrison holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from ECSU, a Master of Arts in Policy Management from Georgetown University, and a Master of Science in Strategic Military Studies from the United States Army War College. MG Harrison's military education includes the ADA Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the United States Army War College.

He is married to the former Tyra Jones, and they have three children, Aliyah (27), Alexa (22), and Collin (17).



**Captain Jeffrey L. Heames**  
**Assistant Commander, Navy Personnel Command (PERS-4)**

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Captain Jeff Heames is a native of Sierra Vista, Arizona. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and a Master of Science in Global Leadership from the University of San Diego. He is a graduate of the Australian Command and Staff College where he earned a Master of Military Studies from the Australian National University.

Heames' sea tours include USS VALLEY FORGE (CG 50), Destroyer Squadron TWENTY-ONE, USS HOWARD (DDG 83), and Destroyer Squadron FIFTEEN. He commanded USS PREBLE (DDG 88) where he received the 2015 Secretary of the Navy Innovation Leadership Award. His major commands were Destroyer Squadron TWENTY-THREE and Surface Development Squadron ONE.

Assignments ashore include Executive Assistant to the Deputy Director, Missile Defense Agency in Arlington, Virginia, Assignments Detailer in the Surface Warfare Assignments Branch (PERS-41), Navy Personnel Command, Millington, Tennessee, Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations, Training and Readiness (N3/N7) at the Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center (SMWDC) Headquarters in San Diego, California and Director of Surface Warfare Assignments (PERS-41), Navy Personnel Command, in Millington, Tennessee,.

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

**Rear Admiral John W. Hewitt**  
**Commander, Navy Region Southeast**



A native of Smithtown, New York, Rear Adm. Hewitt enlisted in the United States Navy in 1987 and deployed aboard USS Independence (CV 62) and USS Forrestal (CV 59) as an Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Launch & Recovery). He received his commission in 1995 through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Program and was designated an E-2 Hawkeye Naval Flight Officer in 1997.

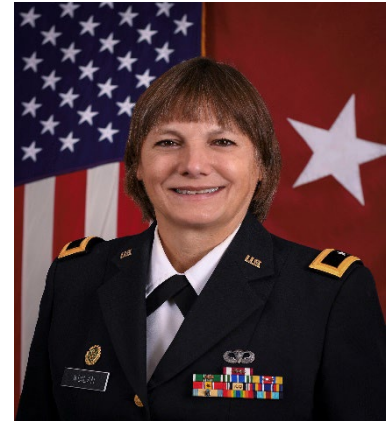
Hewitt graduated with distinction from New York Maritime College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marine Business and Commerce and earned a U.S. Merchant Marine Third Officer's License. He is a graduate of both the United States Naval War College, where he earned a Master of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies, and the Joint Forces Staff College.

At sea, he has served with the VAW-117 Wallbangers, Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group 2, the VAW-112 Golden Hawks, and was the Executive and Commanding Officer of the VAW-126 Seahawks, where he saw the squadron awarded the 2013 Commander, Naval Air Forces Atlantic Battle Efficiency Award. Hewitt also commanded the VAW-120 Greyhawks Fleet Replacement Squadron. He has accumulated 2,500 flight hours, 450 arrested landings, and 62 combat missions in the E-2 Hawkeye and is a graduate of the E-2 Weapons School. Hewitt has deployed worldwide aboard numerous aircraft carriers and supported Operations Southern Watch, Desert Fox, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom.

Ashore he has served with VAW-120 as a Fleet Replacement Squadron Instructor, with U.S. Joint Forces Command's Joint Deployment Training Center, with the Joint Staff J-7's Deployable Training Division, as the Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station Oceana, as the Chief of Staff for Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, and as the Executive Assistant and Chief of Staff to Commander, Navy Installations Command. He began serving as Commander, Navy Region Southeast in May 2024.

Hewitt's decorations include three Battle Efficiency Awards, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, and numerous other individual and unit awards. Hewitt is also authorized to wear the French Republic National Defense Medal (Médaille de la Défense nationale).

Brigadier General Susie S. Kuilan, Deputy Commander for the 108<sup>th</sup> Training Command graduated from Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, AR with a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communications in 1988. She went on to complete her Master's Degree in English from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, LA and her PhD in English from Louisiana State University. Brigadier General Kuilan is graduate of the United States Army War College, where she received a Master's in Strategic Studies in 2011. She received her initial commission for Active Army after completing Officer Candidate School in January 1989. While on active duty, she served in various positions with the 5<sup>TH</sup> Infantry Division from 1989 thru 1991 at Fort Johnson (Polk), Louisiana.



Upon completion of active duty, Brigadier General Kuilan, spent a little over a year in the Inactive Ready Reserve and shortly after joined the Army Reserve in December 1992. She served in various positions, primarily with the 360<sup>th</sup> Regiment, 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 91<sup>st</sup> Division from 1992 thru 1999 at Salt Lake City, UT. She also served in various assignments in Institutional Training Commands ranging from an S1 Adjutant, Officer, in Charge of a Site Support Team, S3 Operations Officer, Executive Officer, Battalion Commander, Brigade Deputy Commander, and Brigade Commander.

After Brigade Command, she went on an Active Duty tour as a Military Fellow with the Chief of Staff of the Army, Strategic Studies Group and then was selected by LTG Jeff Talley to be the inaugural holder of the John Parker Chair of Reserve Component Studies at the Army War College where she was a faculty member and researcher within the Department of Command, Leadership, and Management. After that position, she went on to be the Chief of Staff of the 80<sup>th</sup> Training Command (TASS) and the Assistant Division Commander of the 102d Training Division (MS). Upon promotion to Brigadier General, she served as the Deputy Commanding General for Operations of the 200<sup>th</sup> Military Police Command and prior to her current position, she was the Commanding General for 95<sup>th</sup> Training Division (IET).

In 2005, Brigadier General Kuilan deployed to Iraq in Support of "Operation Iraqi Freedom" where she served as the LOGCAP Support Officer for Task Force 134 Detainee Operations, Camp Bucca, Iraq returning stateside in 2006 to take command of the 2-95<sup>th</sup> MP BN, then with the 95<sup>th</sup> Division.

Her awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with 5 oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, with 3 oak leaf clusters, National Service Defense Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" Device, and the Parachutist Badge.

Brigadier General Susie Kuilan resides in DeBary, Florida with her husband Joe Bryant. Together they have three adult children who live in their home state of Arkansas and 3 four-legged "children" that rule their household.



**BG Jake S. Kwon**  
**Director of Strategic Operations**  
**HQDA G-3/5/7**

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BG Jake S. Kwon is a graduate of Vanderbilt University where studied Sociology prior to commissioning through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps as a Quartermaster Officer. He currently holds the specialties of Logistics and Strategic Intelligence.

BG Kwon's command assignments include the 316th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), Coraopolis, Pennsylvania; the 77th Sustainment Brigade, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey; the 378th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion in Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania; the 5th Battalion (Ordnance), 80th Regiment in Abingdon, Maryland; and the Headquarters Detachment, Joint Reserve Element (J-9), Defense Logistics Agency at Fort Belvoir.

BG Kwon's key staff assignments include the Chief of Staff, 143d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) in Orlando, Florida, S-3 for the 3rd Brigade (Ordnance), 94th Division (Force Sustainment); Joint Strategic Planner for The Joint Staff J-7; Executive Officer for the 5th Battalion (Ordnance), 80th Regiment. BG Kwon assumed his duties as the Director of Strategic Operations, Headquarters Department of the Army G-3/5/7 on 23 July 2023.

BG Kwon holds a Bachelor of Science from Vanderbilt University, a Master of Science in Logistics Management from the Florida Institute of Technology, a Master of Science in Strategic Intelligence from the National Intelligence University, a Master of Defense Studies from the Royal Military College of Canada, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College. He has multiple overseas tours to include service in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Spartan Shield, Inherent Resolve, and service in the Republic of Korea.

BG Kwon is the son of a career Airman and grew up in a variety of locations to include California, Okinawa, and Korea. He is married to his wife Lauren, and they have three children, Liam (14), Wyatt (11), and Harper (6) and live in Springfield, Virginia. In his civilian career, Jake is a Regional Sales Manager at a cybersecurity company specializing in endpoint security and threat intelligence.



**Brigadier General John W. Lubas**  
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BG Lubas is the Director of Operations, Readiness and Mobilization, G-3/5/7, Headquarters Department of the Army. As Director, he supervises the Army's Title 10 support to global operations, readiness programs, mobilization activities, and select functional responsibilities including Continuity of Operations, Special Operations, Army Protection Program, Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Special Access Programs.

A native of Belle Mead, New Jersey, BG Lubas was commissioned as an Infantry Officer in 1997. As a junior officer, he served as a Rifle Platoon Leader in 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Aide-de-Camp to the Assistant Division Commander (Operations) and Executive Officer, Long Range Surveillance Detachment, 25th Infantry Division. BG Lubas later served as a staff officer and Company Commander in 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry, 25th Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Washington. He then served as staff officer and Company Commander for 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Lewis, Washington and deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Following completion of the Command and General Staff College, BG Lubas returned to 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment and served as the Battalion Liaison and Plans Officer, Operations Officer, and Executive Officer. During this time, he deployed to Afghanistan as the J3 and Commander of JSOTFs in Kandahar, Logar and Salerno Provinces. In 2012, BG Lubas was assigned to Headquarters, 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Moore, Georgia as the Regimental Operations Officer and served as the J3 for the JSOTF in Bagram, Afghanistan.

From February 2014 to May 2015, BG Lubas commanded 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and deployed his battalion to Laghman, Afghanistan. From June 2015 to June 2017, BG Lubas commanded the Regimental Special Troops Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment at Fort Moore, Georgia, and commanded a JSOTF in Kabul, Afghanistan. From July 2018 to May 2020, BG Lubas commanded 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Following Brigade Command, BG Lubas served as the Executive Officer to the Secretary of the Army from June 2020 to July 2021. From August 2021 to August of 2023, BG Lubas served as the Deputy Commanding General-Operations, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault), and deployed to Poland and Romania.

BG Lubas holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business from Wake Forest University, a Master of Science in Defense Analysis from the Naval Postgraduate School, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.



## BIOGRAPHY DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE SENIOR LEVEL

### **KARIN T. LUM**

Deputy Chief for Operations  
Indo-Pacific Regional Center  
Deputy Director for Global Integration

As Deputy Chief for Operations, Indo-Pacific Regional Center, Dr. Karin Lum is responsible for leading, integrating, enabling and the conduct of all-source intelligence operations. She interacts with all divisions, senior defense intelligence analysts/experts, other centers, functional offices, defense intelligence officers, external Intelligence Community and combatant command partners, and allies on a wide range of intelligence activities.

Dr. Lum's prior leadership positions in the Directorate for Operations include service as Chief, East Asia and Africa Divisions; Chief, Strategic Plans and Engagement; and Chief of Intelligence. She completed a stretch tour as Deputy Defense Intelligence Integration Officer for Scientific and Technical Intelligence and Space and Counter Space. She also served as the Chief of the Intelligence Support Division for U.S. Special Operations Command J53 Combating WMD-T Support Program.

Born in Boston, Massachusetts, Dr. Lum holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biochemistry from Smith College in Massachusetts and a Ph.D. in Toxicology from Texas A&M University, College Station, where her doctoral research and dissertation focused on the use of genetically engineered enzymes in order to effectively detoxify chemical warfare agents such as Sarin, Soman, and VX.

Dr. Lum is a Gold Star wife and resides in Maryland with her two sons.





# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### BRIGADIER GENERAL CHRISTOPHER E. MENUHEY

Brigadier General Menuey is the Principal Assistant Deputy Administrator for Military Application, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. He assists the Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs to maintain the safety, security, and reliability of the nation's nuclear weapons stockpile.

Brigadier General Menuey received his commission through the U.S. Air Force Academy in May 1996. He has held a variety of operational, staff, and command assignments. He commanded the 90th Operations Support Squadron, 341st Operations Group, and 91st Missile Wing. His staff assignments included the Joint Staff, U.S. Strategic Command, and Air Force Space Command. Brigadier General Menuey is a School of Advanced Air and Space Studies graduate and was a National Defense Fellow at Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs.

Prior to his current position, Brigadier General Menuey was the Director, Commander's Action Group, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Nebraska, where he led a Joint team to develop and implement the Commander's vision, engagements, and communication.



#### EDUCATION

1996 Bachelor of Science, Behavioral Sciences, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

2001 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2002 Master of Science, Human Resource Management, Troy State University, Troy, Ala.

2005 Marine Corps Command and Staff College, by correspondence

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

2011 Master of Philosophy, Military Strategy, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell, AFB, Ala.

2014 Air War College, by correspondence

2016 National Defense Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

2019 Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1996 - January 1997, Executive Officer, First Cadet Group, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.
2. January 1997 - October 1997, Student, Undergraduate Space and Missile Training, and Initial Qualification Training - Minuteman III, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.
3. October 1997 - September 2002, Missile Combat Crew, 564th Missile Squadron; Chief Training Requirements and Senior Instructor Crew Commander, 341st Operations Support Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.
4. September 2002 - December 2005, ICBM Test Operations Officer, 576th Flight Test Squadron; Group Executive Officer, 595th Space Group, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
5. December 2005 - July 2009, Plans Division, Programs Division, and Directorate Executive Officer, Directorate of Plans and Programs; Commander's Action Group, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
6. July 2009 - June 2010, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
7. June 2010 - July 2011, Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

8. July 2011 - June 2012, Chief of Wing Safety, 90th Missile Wing, F. E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
9. June 2012 - July 2013, Commander, 90th Operations Support Squadron, F. E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
10. July 2013 - July 2015, Deputy Commander, 90th Operations Group, F. E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
11. July 2015 - July 2016, Student, National Defense Fellow, Belfer Center for Science & International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
12. July 2016 - July 2017, Chairman's Exercise Program Division, Joint Staff, J7, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
13. July 2017 - June 2018, Deputy Division Chief, Operations, Training and Standardization Division, Joint Staff, J33, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
14. July 2018 - July 2020, Commander, 341st Operations Group, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.
15. July 2020 - June 2022, Commander, 91st Missile Wing, Minot AFB, N.D.
16. June 2022 - August 2023 - Director, Commander's Action Group, United States Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.
17. August 2023 - Present, Principal Assistant Deputy Administrator for Military Application, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, Washington, D.C.

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

1. July 2016 - July 2017, Chairman's Exercise Program Division, Joint Staff, J7, Pentagon, Washington, D.C., as a lieutenant colonel
2. July 2017 - June 2018, Deputy Division Chief, Operations, Training and Standardization Division, Joint Staff, J33, Pentagon, Washington, D.C., as a colonel
3. June 2022 - August 2023 - Director, Commander's Action Group, United States Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb., as a colonel
4. August 2023 - Present, Principal Assistant Deputy Administrator for Military Application, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, Washington, D.C., as a colonel and brigadier general

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

Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster  
 Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster  
 Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
 Air Force Commendation Medal  
 Air Force Achievement Medal  
 Combat Readiness Medal with oak leaf cluster  
 National Defense Service Medal with bronze star device  
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
 Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with 'N' device and four oak leaf clusters

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

Second Lieutenant	May 29, 1996
First Lieutenant	May 29, 1998
Captain	May 29, 2000
Major	May 1, 2006
Lieutenant Colonel	July 1, 2011
Colonel	October 1, 2017
Brigadier General	Frosted

( Current as of May 2024)



# Rear Admiral Kurtis (Kurt) A. Mole

## Deputy Commander, Navy Space Command



Rear Adm. Kurt Mole is a native of Bowie, Maryland. He enlisted in the Navy in 1988 as a Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) and completed training at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California. Rear Adm. Mole graduated and commissioned as a Surface Warfare Officer from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1995 with a Bachelors of Science in Economics and minor in Chinese. Rear Adm. Mole also holds an Information Systems Certificate from Naval Postgraduate School, a Masters of Business Administration from National University, and a Masters of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College.

Rear Adm. Mole served as a Surface Warfare Officer aboard USS Leftwich (DD 984) and at Assault Craft Unit 5 as Officer-in-Charge of a detachment of Landing Craft Air Cushion. Following his re-designation as a Cryptologic Warfare Officer in 2000, he was the Information Warfare team leader for USS Constellation and USS Carl Vinson Strike Groups, the senior cryptologist for USS Kitty Hawk Strike Group, the Information Operations Officer for Commander, U.S. Seventh Fleet embarked USS Blue Ridge; and finally the Information Warfare Commander for USS Ronald Reagan Strike Group. He has completed multiple deployments to the Arabian Gulf and western Pacific.

His duties ashore include Mission Director at the Aerospace Data Facility-Colorado, Executive Officer at Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Whidbey Island and NIOC Maryland, Head of Information Warfare Community Enlisted Assignments at Navy Personnel Command, Director's Fellow at the National

Security Agency, Senior Operations Officer at the National Security Operations Center, Deputy Chief, NSA/CSS Cybersecurity Threat Operations Center, and Commanding Officer of NSA/CSS Hawaii.

Rear Adm. Mole is the recipient of multiple unit and personal awards. He is a qualified surface and information warfare officer.



## BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

## BRIGADIER GENERAL BRIAN R. MOORE

Brig. Gen. Brian R. Moore is the Commander of the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Complex, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. He leads a team of more than 10,000 military and civilian professionals delivering combat power for America. The complex performs programmed depot maintenance and modifications on KC-46, KC-135, B-1B, B-52, E-3 and Navy E-6 aircraft, as well as maintenance, repair and overhaul for F100, F101, F108, F110, F117, F118, F119, F135 and TF33 engines, and a wide variety of commodities for the Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and foreign military sales partners. He is responsible for the development and sustainment of a diverse portfolio of worldwide mission critical aircraft battle damage repair capability for multiple weapon systems.

Moore earned his commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Central Washington University. He has held positions at the Wing, MAJCOM, Air Staff and Joint Staff levels, to include squadron, group, and wing command, and the Vice Commander of the Air Force Sustainment Center, Air Force Materiel Command. Prior to this assignment, Moore served as the Director of Staff and Deputy Director of Strategic Plans, Programs, Requirements, and Analyses, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. He was responsible for administration of 1,300 headquarters staff personnel and direct integration of six Centers and nine Wing's and three Air Logistics Complexes. He ensured command-wide strategic planning, programming, enterprise analyses, wargaming, and operational requirements. He governed the Program Objective Memorandum process for AFMC including Agile Combat Support requirements and Weapons Sustainment components worth in excess of \$40 billion. Additional responsibilities included leading capabilities development, strategic basing, transformational activities, integrated life cycle management policies and processes, and acquisition workforce development for the Command.



Second Lieutenant  
June 08, 1996

First Lieutenant  
July 02, 1998

Captain  
July 02, 2000

Major  
July 01, 2006

Lieutenant Colonel  
March 01, 2010

Colonel  
August 02, 2015

Brigadier General  
December 06, 2023



## EDUCATION

1996 Bachelor of Arts Degrees in Psychology & Sociology, Central Washington University, Ellensburg  
1996 AF Reserve Officer Training Corps, Central Washington University, Ellensburg  
2001 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
2002 Master of Science Degree in Aeronautical Science, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Langley AFB, Va.  
2008 Master of Science Degree in National Security & Strategic Studies, Navy Command & Staff, Newport, R.I.  
2012 Air War College, by correspondence  
2014 Master of Science Degree in National Security Strategy, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.  
2016 U.S. Air Force Leadership Development Program: AF Transnational Issues Seminar, Washington, D.C.  
2018 U.S. Air Force Leadership Development Program: AF China and Asia & Global Engagement Seminars, Okla.  
2018 U.S. Air Force Leadership Development Program: Enterprise Perspective Seminar; Public Policy Seminar, Washington, D.C.  
2018 Air Force Forces Senior Staff Course, Hurlburt Field, Fla.  
2023 DoD LogTech Executives Course, Chapel Hill, N.C.

## ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1996 – August 1999, Section Commander, 374th Mission Support Squadron, Yokota Air Base, Tokyo, Japan
2. August 1999 – June 2000, Section Commander, 1st Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Langley AFB, Va.
3. June 2000 – February 2001, Executive Officer, 1st Logistics Group, Langley AFB, Va.
4. February 2001 – August 2002, Flight Commander, Accessories & Sortie Support, 1st Fighter Wing, Langley AFB, Va.
5. August 2002 – August 2003, Maintenance Supervisor, 49th Maintenance Squadron, Holloman AFB, N.M.
6. August 2003 – January 2005, 9th AMU Officer-In-Charge, 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Holloman AFB, N.M.
7. January 2005 – June 2005, Operations Officer, 49th Maintenance Squadron, Holloman AFB, N.M.
8. June 2005 – July 2006, Chief Company Grade Assignments, HQ Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Texas
9. July 2006 – July 2007, Chief Maintenance Officer Assignments, HQ Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Texas

10. July 2007 – July 2008, Navy Command and Staff College, Newport, R.I.
11. July 2008 – July 2011, Commander, 552d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 552d Air Control Wing, Tinker AFB, Okla.
12. July 2011 – July 2012, Chief, Logistics Strategic Initiatives Branch, AF/A4L, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
13. July 2012 – August 2013, Executive Officer, AF/A4/7, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
14. August 2013 – June 2014, National War College, Ft McNair, Washington, D.C.
15. June 2014 – September 2015, Strategic Assessments Branch Chief, JCS/J5, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
16. September 2015 – December 2015, Deputy Division Chief, Joint Strategy & Plans, JCS/J5, Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
17. December 2015 – August 2016, Assistant Deputy Director, Joint Strategy & Plans, JCS/J5, Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
18. August 2016 – June 2018, Commander, 552d Maintenance Group, 552d Air Control Wing, Tinker AFB, Okla.
19. June 2018 – July 2019, Vice Commander, Air Force Sustainment Center, Tinker AFB, Okla.
20. July 2019 – July 2021, Commander, 78th Air Base Wing, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.
21. July 2021 – July 2022, Director of Staff, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
22. July 2022 – Jun 2023, Deputy Director, Strategic Plans, Program, Requirements, and Analyses, Air Force Material Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
23. Jun 2023 – Present, Commander, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Complex, Tinker AFB, Okla.

## SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2014 - September 2015, Chief, Strategic Assessments Branch (J5), Directorate of Strategy, Plans and Policy, the Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a Lieutenant Colonel
2. December 2015 - August 2016, Assistant Deputy Director, Joint Strategy and Plans (J5), Directorate of Strategy, Plans and Policy, the Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a Colonel

## MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal  
Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster  
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Joint Service Achievement Medal  
Joint Meritorious Unit Award  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters, one with valor  
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award  
National Defense Service Medal  
Korea Service Medal  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal  
Air Expeditionary Service Medal  
GWOT Service Medal

## EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 8, 1996  
First Lieutenant July 2, 1998  
Captain July 2, 2000  
Major July 1, 2006  
Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2010  
Colonel Aug. 2, 2015  
Brigadier General Dec. 6, 2023



## RDML Cassidy Norman

RDML Cassidy “Dudley” Norman, a native of Austin, Texas, graduated from the University of Texas with a B.S. in Aerospace Engineering in 1993. Soon after, he left an engineering position at NASA’s Johnson Space Center to join the U.S. Navy. He graduated from Aviation Officer Candidate School in 1993 and earned his “wings of gold” in 1995. He earned master’s degrees in Aviation Systems from the University of Tennessee and National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College, where he graduated with distinction. He is also a graduate of Naval Test Pilot School, Joint Forces Staff College, and the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program.

During 10 aircraft carrier deployments over the last two decades, he supported Operations Southern Watch in the Arabian Gulf, Iraqi Freedom in Iraq, Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, and Inherent Resolve in Syria. He moved to Japan for a tour in VFA-192, integrated the JDAM while underway as Strike Operations Officer in CVW-17, led each of the main departments in VFA-136, and managed an aircraft carrier as the Executive Officer of USS Harry S. Truman, which earned the Battle “E” Award twice during his tour.



Norman commanded VFA-83 on USS Dwight D. Eisenhower in 2010, earning back-to-back Golden Wrench Awards for Maintenance Excellence. Homeported in Italy, he also commanded the U.S. Sixth Fleet Flagship, USS Mount Whitney, in support of multiple NATO, U.S. Second Fleet and U.S. Sixth Fleet exercises in the Baltic and Mediterranean Seas in 2019 and 2020. He recently commanded USS John C. Stennis during her refueling and first two years of mid-life overhaul in Newport News Shipbuilding, setting the gold standard for what is now called Quality of Service, establishing high-tech and high-performance standards for fire prevention and response, and setting all-time records for his crew’s performance of ship maintenance well ahead of schedule.

Ashore, he served as the Navy’s AMRAAM Project Officer and as a test pilot for over 40 weapons test programs out of Point Mugu, CA, where he was selected as the 2003 VX-30 Test Pilot of the Year. In the Pentagon, he served in the Joint Chiefs of Staff (J8), where he supported several Strategic Seminars and Interagency war games for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He also served as the Chief of Staff for Navy Warfare Development Command in Norfolk, VA. He served as the Chief of Staff for the Commander of Naval Air Force Atlantic for one year. He took over as Director, Joint/Fleet Operations, U.S. Fleet Forces Command in June of 2024.

Norman logged 702 traps across the six most recent classes of aircraft carriers, from USS Independence to USS Gerald R. Ford. He has flown 116 combat missions in the F/A-18 and over 3,100 flight hours in 44 different types of aircraft.



## BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

## BRIGADIER GENERAL KENNETH J. OSTRAT

Brig. Gen. Kenneth J. Ostrat is the Mobilization Assistant to the Director, Integration and Innovation, Deputy Chief of Staff, Air Force Futures, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. In this position, he leads advanced efforts for future force design, data analytics, capability development integration, innovative solutions/disruptive technology, and Headquarters Air Force wargaming across the total force for multi-domain concepts. Air Force Futures (HAF A5/7) identifies prioritized ways and means to guide resourcing priorities, improving Air Force lethality and enhancing the joint and coalition fight.

Brig. Gen. Ostrat enlisted in the Air National Guard in 1990. He graduated from San Jose State University in California and received his commission through the ANG Academy of Military Science in 1994. Prior to his current position, he served as the Inspector General, Air Force Reserve Command. In his career, he has served in numerous group, wing, numbered air force and major command level positions. He flew search and rescue missions in the California ANG before transferring to the Air Force Reserve, where he has flown weather reconnaissance, airlift and air refueling missions. He is a command pilot with more than 4,200 hours.

Brig. Gen. Ostrat has participated in numerous contingency operations, including operations Southern Watch, Northern Watch, Coronet Oak, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, New Dawn, Unified Response in Haiti, Pakistani Flood Relief, Inherent Resolve and Resolute Support.

## EDUCATION

1994 Bachelor of Science in Aviation Management, San Jose State University, Calif.  
 2001 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.  
 2007 Master of Business Administration, William Carey University, Gulfport, Miss.  
 2007 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence  
 2008 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence  
 2013 Reserve Components National Security Course, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.  
 2013 Advanced Joint Professional Military Education, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.  
 2016 Director of Mobility Forces Course, Hurlburt Field, Fla.  
 2018 Executive Leadership Seminar University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

## ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1990–November 1994, Intelligence Specialist, 129th Rescue Squadron, Moffett Federal Airfield, Calif.
2. November 1994–November 1995, Student Pilot, Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.
3. November 1995–September 1996, C-130 Student Pilot, Little Rock AFB, Ark., and Kirtland AFB, N.M.
4. September 1996–June 2000, Scheduler, Current Operations and Training Officer, 129th RQS, Moffett FAF, Calif.
5. June 2000–January 2002, WC-130H Instructor Pilot, 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, Keesler AFB, Miss.
6. January 2002–October 2004, C/WC-130J Instructor Pilot, WC-130J Program Manager and Chief of Tactics, 403rd Operations Support Squadron, Keesler AFB, Miss.
7. October 2004–July 2008, Tactics and Tactical Airlift Training Officer, 22nd Air Force, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga.
8. July 2008–December 2012, Director of Operations, 357th Airlift Squadron, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
9. December 2012–April 2015, Commander, 514th Operations Group, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.
10. April 2015–March 2017, Chief, Programs Division, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, Robins AFB, Ga.
11. March 2017–February 2020, Commander, 908th Airlift Wing, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
12. February 2020–December 2021, Inspector General, HQ AFRC, Robins AFB, Ga.
13. December 2021–present, Mobilization Assistant to the Director, Integration and Innovation, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategy, Integration and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

## FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 4,200



## EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTIONS

Second Lieutenant  
November 17, 1994

First Lieutenant  
November 11, 1996

Captain  
January 15, 1999

Major  
April 15, 2004

Lieutenant Colonel  
August 11, 2009

Colonel  
March 22, 2014

Brigadier General  
August 01, 2022



Aircraft flown: C-130, C-17, and KC-10

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal with three devices

Air Medal with two devices

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with device

Air Force Achievement Medal

(Current as of October 2022)





# MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION

**Brigadier General Kimberly A. Peeples**  
*President*



Brig. Gen. Kimberly A. Peeples assumed command of the Mississippi Valley Division (MVD), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), July 12, 2023. Peeples serves as the senior military officer in the division, headquartered in Vicksburg, Mississippi, responsible for water resources engineering solutions in a 370,000-square-mile area, extending from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico and encompassing portions of 12 states. The mission of the division is to serve the Mississippi Valley region by providing vital public engineering services and stewardship of water resource infrastructure, partnering in peace and war, to strengthen our nation's security, energize the economy and reduce risks from disasters. The division's work is carried out by district offices located in St. Paul, Minnesota; Rock Island, Illinois; St. Louis, Missouri; Memphis, Tennessee; Vicksburg, Mississippi; and New Orleans, Louisiana.

Prior to coming to MVD, Brig. Gen. Peeples served as Commander of the Great Lakes and Ohio Rivers Division (LRD) from 11 June 2021 to 11 July 2023. During her command, Brig. Gen. Peeples was responsible for delivering engineering and water resources solutions for the Great Lakes and Ohio River region, which covers 335,000 square miles and encompasses portions of seventeen states.

Prior to LRD Peeples served as commander of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall and Fort McNair from 6 April 2018 to 6 May 2021. Engineer Bridge Platoon Leader in the 74th Engineer Company, Vertical Construction Platoon Leader in Alpha Company, and Executive Officer of the 74th Engineer Company, 62nd Engineer Battalion (Combat Heavy) at Fort Hood, TX. Executive Officer of the 74th Engineer Company, Commander of Bravo Company, 864th Engineer Company at Fort Lewis, WA. Project Engineer at Fort Leonard Wood, MO, Program Manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the Kansas City District, Kansas City, MO. Brigade Engineer of the 4th Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, GA. Program Manager in the White House Military Office, Commander of the U.S. Army Garrison Carlisle Barracks, PA. And the Deputy Director for Operations for the U.S. Army Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management HQDA G9 at the Pentagon. Peeples' deployments include support of Operation Joint Endeavor (Bosnia) and two deployments supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Peeples' military education includes the Engineer Officer Basic Course, the Air Defense Artillery Advanced Course, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College. She holds a master's degree in Construction Management from the University of Washington in Seattle and a master's degree from the U.S. Army War College in Strategic Studies.

Her awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit Award with Oak Leaf Cluster Award, Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Joint Service Achievement Medal. She is also a recipient of the General Douglas MacArthur Army Leadership Award.

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Since 1879, the seven-member Presidentially appointed Mississippi River Commission has developed and matured plans for the general improvement of the Mississippi River from the Head of Passes to the Headwaters. The Mississippi River Commission brings critical engineering representation to the drainage basin, which impacts 41% of the United States and includes 1.25 million square miles, over 250 tributaries, 31 states, and two Canadian provinces.

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# National Guard

Major General JAMES W. RING

The Adjutant General-Virginia  
Richmond, VA  
Since: June 2023



SOURCE OF COMMISSIONED SERVICE ROTC

EDUCATIONAL DEGREES

Virginia Military Institute - BA - Liberal Arts

United States Army Command and General Staff College - MMAS - Military Arts and Science

United States Army War College - MSS - Strategic Studies

MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED

Infantry Officer Basic Course

Initial Entry Rotary Wing Aviator

Aviation Officer Advanced Course

Combined Arms and Services Staff School

Command and General Staff Officer Course

United States Army Command and General Staff College, Brigade Pre-Command Course

United States Army Judge Advocate General's School, Senior Officer Legal Orientation Course

United States Army War College

Aviation Pre-Command Course

National Guard Fiscal Law Course

Leadership in Homeland Security, Harvard University

National Security Studies Management Course (NSSMC)

Dual Status Commanders Course

Army Senior Leader Development Seminar (SLDS)

General and Flag Officer Homeland Security Executive Seminar (GFOS)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE(S) None Recorded

PROMOTIONS

DATE OF APPOINTMENT

2LT	14 May 88
1LT	24 May 91
CPT	18 Aug 94
MAJ	3 Oct 01
LTC	4 Feb 08
COL	10 Nov 11
BG	8 May 18
MG	6 May 23

FROM

TO

ASSIGNMENT

Jun 23	Present	The Adjutant General-Virginia, Richmond, Virginia
May 23	Jun 23	Temporary Assistant Adjutant General, Richmond, VA
May 18	May 23	Director, Joint Staff - (VA) Joint Force Headquarters (JFHQ), Richmond, VA
Feb 16	May 18	Chief of Staff, Virginia Army National Guard, Fort Pickett, Virginia
Nov 15	Jan 16	Human Resources Officer, Joint Force Headquarters - Virginia, Virginia National Guard, Sandston, Virginia
Oct 13	Oct 15	Commander, Operational Support Airlift Agency, Fort Belvoir, Virginia
Sep 12	Sep 13	J-3, Joint Force Headquarters - Virginia, Virginia National Guard, Sandston, Virginia

May 11	Aug 12	J-7, Joint Force Headquarters - Virginia, Virginia National Guard, Sandston, Virginia
Oct 09	Apr 11	State Army Aviation Officer, Joint Force Headquarters - Virginia, Virginia National Guard, Sandston, Virginia
Jun 07	Oct 09	Commander, 2nd Battalion 224th Aviation, 29th Infantry Division (Light), Sandston, Virginia
Apr 05	Jun 07	Executive Officer, 2nd Battalion 224th Aviation Regiment, Al Asad, Iraq, Operation Iraqi Freedom 05-07
Jun 04	Mar 05	Aviation Safety Officer, Joint Force Headquarters - Virginia, Virginia National Guard, Sandston, Virginia
Jun 03	Jun 04	Student, Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
Jun 02	May 03	Aviation Safety Officer, Joint Force Headquarters - Virginia, Virginia National Guard, Sandston, Virginia
Aug 01	May 02	S-3, 2nd Battalion, 224th Aviation Regiment, 29th Infantry Division (Light), Camp Comanche, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Operation Joint Forge, SFOR 10
Nov 99	Aug 01	Assistant S-3, 2nd Battalion, 224th Aviation Regiment, 29th Infantry Division (Light), Sandston, Virginia
Apr 97	Nov 99	S-1, 2nd Battalion, 224th Aviation Regiment, 29th Infantry Division (Light), Sandston, Virginia
Nov 93	Mar 97	Commander, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 224th Aviation Regiment, 29th Infantry Division (Light), Sandston, Virginia
Nov 92	Nov 93	Platoon Leader, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 224th Aviation Regiment, 29th Infantry Division (Light), Sandston, Virginia
Jul 92	Nov 92	Student Aviation Officer Advanced Course, Fort Rucker Alabama
Feb 92	Jun 92	Platoon Leader, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 224th Aviation Regiment, 29th Infantry Division (Light), Sandston, Virginia
Apr 91	Jan 92	Platoon Leader, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 224th Aviation Regiment, 29th Infantry Division (Light), Sandston, Virginia
Jul 90	Mar 91	Initial Entry Rotary Wing Aviator, Fort Rucker, Alabama Platoon Leader,
Jan 89	Jul 90	Company C, 1st Battalion, 183rd Infantry Regiment, 29th Infantry Division (Light), Chase City, Virginia
Sep 88	Jan 89	Student, Infantry Officer Basic Course, Fort Benning, Georgia

#### SUMMARY OF OPERATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Battalion Executive Officer, 2nd Battalion, 224th Aviation Regiment, Al Asad, Iraq, Operation Iraqi Freedom 05-07	Oct 05 - Mar 07	Major
S-3, 2nd Battalion, 224th Aviation Regiment, 29th Infantry Division (Light), Camp Comanche, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Operation Joint Forge, SFOR 10	Aug 01 - May 02	Major

#### US DECORATIONS AND BADGES

Legion of Merit (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)  
 Bronze Star Medal  
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
 Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)  
 Humanitarian Service Medal  
 Air Medal  
 Army Commendation Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)  
 Army Achievement Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)  
 Navy Unit Commendation  
 Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster)  
 National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Service Star)  
 Army Forces Expeditionary Medal  
 Iraq Campaign Medal (with 2 Bronze Stars)  
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
 Armed Forces Service Medal  
 Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Silver Hourglass Device and Mobilization Device with Numeral 2)  
 Army Service Ribbon  
 Overseas Service Ribbon (with Numeral 2)  
 Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon (with Numeral 2)  
 North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal  
 Master Aviator Badge  
 Air Assault Badge

#### FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Pilot - Master Aviator, UH60 Instructor Pilot, Instrument Examiner  
 Flight hours: 2,904 Total; 363 Combat; 49 Imminent Danger  
 Aircraft flown: UH-1H/V, UH60A/L, OH-58A/C, UH-72A, C-12U/V  
 Pilot wings: Fort Rucker, Alabama

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Virginia National Guard Association  
 29th Division Association

#### OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Extensive experience serving in command and staff assignments in support of joint, interagency, intergovernmental and multi-national operations.  
Published in professional periodicals.

As of: 6 Dec 23

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**Major General Eric P. Shirley**  
**Commanding General, 1st Theater Sustainment Command**

A native of Casa Grande, Arizona MG Shirley was the Army ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate from the University of Arizona in 1993. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and was commissioned in the Regular Army as a Quartermaster Officer. In 2005 he earned his Master's Degree in Military Art and Science upon graduation from the School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS) at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. His military education includes the Quartermaster Officer Basic Course, the Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course, the

Command and General Staff Officer Course, the Advanced Military Studies Program, the Army War College Fellows Program at Stanford University and the Joint & Combined Warfighting School (JCWS).

MG Shirley's assignments include Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer 528th Quartermaster, Assistant S1, 80th Ordnance Battalion and Detachment Commander 81st Quartermaster at Fort Lewis, Washington (1994 – 1996); III Corps G4 Supply and Services Officer; Commander, Alpha Company 704th Division Support Battalion, 4th Infantry Division and Supply and Services Officer, Fort Hood Texas (1997 – 2001). He served as the Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service at Dallas, TX where he deployed to Kuwait and Iraq in support of OIF I (2001-2003). Following Command and Staff College, he served as the G4 Division Logistics Planner for the 1st Cavalry Division and as Support Operations Officer for the Division's 1st Brigade Combat Team during a 15-month deployment to Iraq in support of OIF 06-08. MG Shirley served as the Professor of Military Science for Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri (2008 – 2010). He commanded the 193d Brigade Support Battalion, 4th MEB, 1st Infantry Division (2010 – 2012) and deployed to Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan with the 1st Infantry Division Headquarters in support of OEF (2012 – 2013). MG Shirley served as the 8th TSC Support Operations Officer (2014 – 2016) and commanded the 407th Army Field Support Brigade (2016 –2018). He served as the Chief of Staff of the Combined Security Transition Command - Afghanistan in Kabul (2018 –2019). Upon redeployment, MG Shirley assumed duties as the Executive Officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff, G4, Department of the Army. MG Shirley served as the Chief of Staff of Operation WarpSpeed, a White House directed HHS / DOD Task Force to accelerate the development and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines and therapeutics. In his previous assignment, MG Shirley served as Commander of the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Troop Support.

MG Shirley's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal (w/2OLC), Legion of Merit (w/OLC), Bronze Star Medal (w/OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal (w/4OLC), the NATO Medal (w/ISAF clasp), Joint Meritorious Unit Award (W/OLC), Meritorious Unit Citation (w/2OLC) and the Army Parachutist Badge. He has been inducted as a Distinguished Member of the Regiment and into the Distinguished Order of Saint Martin for his service in the Quartermaster Corps. He has also been inducted into the Order of Samuel Sharpe. MG Shirley received the US Department of State's Meritorious Honor Award and received the Polish Defense Minister's Bronze Medal for service in Afghanistan.

# **Brigadier General Michael B. Siegl**

## **CCJ4, U.S. Central Command**

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### What's Important to Mike Siegl

We all have defining moments in our lives. For Brigadier General Mike Siegl, it was a helicopter crash in February 1999. While two pilots were killed, the three passengers including Mike survived. In a crash that lasted just a few minutes but seemed like an eternity, Mike recognized four things. First, he realized that he did not control his destiny. And so, he found faith. Second, Mike realized he had never told his parents he loved them. Since then, he has taken every opportunity to tell them he loves them. Third, he realized he wanted to meet someone special, and he met Sura. Together, they have a wonderful son, Nathan. And, finally, Mike realized he needed to be a part of something much greater and larger than himself. It needed to be something with a purpose--which is why he is still serving in the United States Army today. That experience has guided how he lives his life, framed around faith, personal growth, family and relationships, and career.

### Experience and Education

Prior to becoming the Director of Logistics and Engineering for USCENTCOM, BG Mike Siegl served as the 57th Quartermaster General and Commandant, and served as the Deputy Director for Readiness, Strategy, and Operations in Department of the Army (DA), G4 (Logistics). From 2020-2021, Mike was Executive Officer (XO) to the Army Materiel Command (AMC) Commanding General (CG) and the Director, CG's Initiatives Group (CIG) at AMC. From 2018-2020, Mike served as the Military Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Sustainment) and as the XO to the DA G4 (Logistics).

Following his year at Harvard University as a national security fellow in 2014, Mike took command of a brigade (403d Army Field Support Brigade) from 2015 to 2017. The organization has responsibility for the Army's strategic and operational sustainment operations in Korea and Japan. Leading an organization in Asia was somewhat of a homecoming. Mike had lived in Asia in Korea, Thailand, and Singapore (graduating high school from the Singapore American School).

In 2013, he served as the aide-de-camp to the CG, AMC. Previously, in 2011-2013, he served as the battalion commander of 296th Brigade Support Battalion (BSB), 3-2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT). During the SBCT's deployment to Afghanistan in 2012, Mike's battalion provided sustainment support to an area the size of West Virginia. During that deployment, his Soldiers drove a total of about 25,000 miles. Since the earth is 24,900 miles in circumference, the Soldiers drove the equivalent of around the world in treacherous terrain in support of the brigade combat team. Prior to command of 296BSB, Mike had been the Deputy G4 in the 2d Infantry Division (2ID) in Korea in 2010.

Mike was the battalion executive officer for the 204th BSB, 2/4 Heavy Brigade Combat Team (HBCT) in 2007 and support operations officer while deployed to Iraq in 2008. Mike helped develop and execute the HBCT's logistics support plan including the brigade's movement from south of Baghdad to Basra in the south. He served on the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) as the Military Assistant to the Director of Logistics (J4), JCS, Pentagon from 2005 to 2006. He also served in the Army Human Resources Command (HRC) as an assignment officer and Secretary of the General Staff (2002-2004).

From 1996 to 1999 and 2000 to 2002, Mike served in 2ID, Korea. He served in various positions during his time north of Seoul. His positions included time as the assistant DISCOM S1 (personnel officer), platoon leader, company commander, battalion S4 (logistics officer) and S3 (operations officer) in the 302d Forward Support Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team. He also served as an aide-de-camp to the Assistant Division Commander (Support), 2ID.

Mike holds a bachelor's degree from Stanford University in history and a master's degree from Georgetown University in policy management.



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### BRIGADIER GENERAL COREY A. SIMMONS

Brig. Gen. Corey A. Simmons is the Director of Strategy, Plans, Requirements, and Programs, Headquarters, Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. He is responsible for force structure planning, programming, doctrine, and requirements for the nation's airlift and air refueling force.

Brig. Gen. Simmons commissioned into the Air Force in 1998 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Louisville, Kentucky, and earned a master's degree in 2005 from The George Washington University. He is a graduate of Air Command and Staff College and the Secretary of Defense Executive Leadership Development Program. Brig. Gen. Simmons is also a Harvard University National Defense Fellow.

Prior to his current position, Brig. Gen. Simmons was the Commander, 618th Air Operations Center (Tanker Airlift Control Center), Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. In this role, he was responsible for the operational planning, scheduling, directing, and assessing of a fleet of approximately 1,100 aircraft, executing the air mobility mission, and providing command and control of strategic airlift, air refueling, aeromedical evacuation, global air mobility support, and presidential and senior leader air transport in support of national interests. He is a command pilot with more than 3,300 hours in airlift and trainer aircraft.



#### EDUCATION

1998 Bachelor of Arts, Mathematics, Bellarmine University, Louisville, Ky.  
2003 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.  
2005 Master of Arts, Organizational Management, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.  
2008 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence  
2009 Secretary of Defense Executive Leadership Development Program, Washington, D.C.  
2012 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence  
2017 National Defense Fellow, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1998 – June 1999, Assistant Regional Director of Admissions, AFROTC Northeast Region Detachment 750, Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia, Pa.
2. June 1999 – July 2000, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, 37th and 48th Training Squadrons, Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.
3. August 2000 – December 2000, Pilot Instructor School, 99th Flying Training Squadron, Randolph AFB, Texas
4. January 2001 – June 2003, T-1A Jayhawk Instructor Pilot, Executive Officer, Standardization and Evaluation Pilot, 48th Flying Training Squadron, Columbus AFB, Miss.
5. July 2003 – May 2005, Student, Air Force Intern Program, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C. Assignments included JCS/J6, HAF/A5, and OSD P&R Military Personnel Policy
6. June 2005 – September 2005, C-17 Aircraft Commander Course, Altus AFB, Okla.
7. October 2005 – June 2009, Assistant Operations Officer for Airlift, Director of Current Operations; C-17A Evaluator Aircraft Commander, 10th Airlift Squadron and 62d Airlift Wing, McChord AFB, Wash. (July 2006 – November 2006, Assistant Operations Officer, 817th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey; November 2007 – January 2008, Operations Officer, 817th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, Manas AB, Kyrgyzstan; January 2008 – March 2008, C-17 DEEP FREEZE Instructor Aircraft Commander, Christchurch, New Zealand and McMurdo Station, Antarctica)

8. July 2009 – April 2010, Chief, Deployment-Distribution/Command and Control Branch, United States Transportation Command, Operations Directorate, Scott AFB, Ill.
9. April 2010 – June 2011, Aide de Camp to the Deputy Commander, USTRANSCOM, Scott AFB, Ill.
10. July 2011 – January 2012, Operations Officer, 10th Airlift Squadron, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.
11. January 2012 – July 2013, Commander, 62d Operations Support Squadron, JB Lewis-McChord, Wash. (March 2013 – June 2013, Commander, 817th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, Manas AB, Kyrgyzstan)
12. July 2013 – April 2014, Chief, Strategic Airlift Programs, Headquarters Air Force, Directorate of Programs, Rapid Global Mobility Panel (HAF/A8PM), Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
13. April 2014 – May 2015, Chief, Air Force Program Objective Memorandum Development, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Programs, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller (SAF/FMPE), Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
14. May 2015 – December 2015, Senior Military Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller (SAF/FM), Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
15. December 2015 – June 2016, Senior Military Assistant to the Under Secretary of the Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
16. July 2016 – June 2017, National Defense Fellow, Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center, Cambridge, Mass.
17. June 2017 – July 2018, Vice Commander, 436th Airlift Wing, Dover AFB, Del.
18. July 2018 – July 2020, Commander, 71st Flying Training Wing, Vance AFB, Okla.
19. July 2020 – July 2022, Commander, 60th Air Mobility Wing, Travis AFB, Calif.
20. August 2022 – May 2023, Chief of Staff, Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.
21. May 2023 – May 2024, Commander, 618th Air Operations Center (Tanker Airlift Control Center), Scott AFB, Ill.
22. May 2024 – Present, Director of Strategy, Plans, Requirements, and Programs, Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: command pilot

Flight Hours: more than 3,300

Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, T-1A, C-17A, KC-10A, C-5M

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

Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters

#### **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

2021 AMC General Jerome O'Malley Award

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

Second Lieutenant June 14, 1998

First Lieutenant June 14, 2000

Captain June 14, 2002

Major April 1, 2008

Lieutenant Colonel December 1, 2011

Colonel May 1, 2017

Brigadier General July 2, 2023

(Current as of May 2024)



# Rear Admiral Kevin R. Smith

## Program Executive Office, Unmanned and Small Combatants



Rear Adm. Kevin R. Smith is a native of Perrysville, Ohio. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in aerospace engineering from the Boston University, where he earned his commission through the Naval ROTC program, and holds a Master of Science degree in computer science from the Naval Postgraduate School.

Afloat, Smith served aboard USS Nicholson (DD 982) as the communications, training and tomahawk engagement control officer and qualified as a surface warfare officer.

Ashore, Smith served as the lead systems engineer and later as AEGIS deputy program manager at Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division. As the AEGIS test officer for Supervisor of Shipbuilding (SUPSHIP), in Bath, Maine, he

was responsible for combat system installation, activation, integration, test and trials for five new construction DDG 51-class ships. Smith served as the DDG 1000 program baseline director and ship integration and design manager in Program Executive Office (PEO), Ships, then returned to SUPSHIP Bath, as the DDG 1000 program manager representative, overseeing lead ship construction of the Zumwalt class.

Rear Adm. Smith served as PEO Integrated Warfare Systems liaison officer in Adelaide, South Australia, leading integration efforts for the Aegis Combat Suite aboard the Hobart-class air warfare destroyer. He next served as the Aegis Ashore Fleet Introduction program manager, supporting multiple U.S. Navy commands overseeing the in-country installation, test, trials, acceptance and delivery of the first two Aegis Ashore Missile Defense Systems planned for Romania and Poland.

Smith served again in PEO IWS as the military deputy major program manager and as major program manager for Zumwalt Integrated Combat Systems. He then became the major program manager for the DDG 1000 program office located in PEO Ships. During his tenure as the major program manager for the Constellation-class Frigate, the program office was awarded the David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Award for 2021 as the top program office in the Department of Defense.

Earlier, Adm. Smith assumed duties as Program Executive Officer for Unmanned and Small Combatants on June 1, 2023. Smith's personal decorations include the Legion of Merit (3 awards), the Meritorious Service Medal (6 awards), the Navy Commendation Medal (2 awards), and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

## **BRIGADIER GENERAL BILL A. SOLIZ**

**Commanding General, Medical Readiness Command, Pacific and  
Director, Defense Health Network Indo-Pacific**

BG Soliz enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1987 as a Combat Medic. His first assignment was with the 2nd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where he deployed in support of OPERATION DESERT STORM. In 1992 he became a Practical Nurse and was assigned to William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso, Texas, as an Intensive Care Unit Nurse, and later as a Hospital Education Nurse Instructor. He completed his enlisted career as a Sergeant First Class.



In 1996, he attended the Army's Physician Assistant Training Program at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in February, 1998. His first assignment was as the Battalion Surgeon for the 1st, and later the 3rd, Parachute Infantry Regiments, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C. From July 2001 to July 2002, he returned to Fort Sam Houston as an Executive Fellow, Allied Health Staff Officer for the Surgeon General, Headquarters, U.S. Army Medical Command. Upon completing his fellowship, he served as Officer-in-Charge of the Combat Casualty Care Course at Camp Bullis, Texas. He later served as the Flight Surgeon for 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia. In July 2006, BG Soliz served as the Physician Assistant to the President of the United States, and later as J-3, Operations Director, as a member of the White House Medical Unit, Washington, D.C. In 2011, he served as the Deputy Surgeon for Special Operations Command South (Airborne), Homestead Air Reserve Base, Florida. He was reassigned to the Pentagon as Aide-de-Camp to the Army Inspector General, Office of the Secretary of the Army, and later became the Chief, Orthopedic Surgery, at Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center, Fort Meade, Maryland. BG Soliz then deployed as the Chief, Strategic Engagements Branch, U.S. Forces Afghanistan (USFOR-A) in Kabul, and then as Director, Prehospital Care, for CENTCOM's Joint Theater Trauma System (JTTS) in Bagram, Afghanistan. From June 2015 to June 2017, BG Soliz commanded the California Medical Detachment and the Presidio of Monterey Army Health Clinic in Monterey, California. From July 2017 to June 2018, he was a War College Fellow at the Department of Health and Human Services. From July 2018 to July 2019, he served at the Pentagon as the Executive Assistant to the Army Surgeon General and Commanding General, U.S. Army Medical Command. From June 2019 to June 2021, he commanded the Joint Medical Augmentation Unit, Joint Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, N.C. BG Soliz served Chief of Staff, Regional Health Command-Pacific, from July 2021 to May 2022. Most recently, he commanded Tripler Army Medical Center from May 9, 2022 to 19 May 2023. He assumed command of Medical Readiness Command, Pacific on May 22, 2023 and serves as the Director of Defense Health Network Indo-Pacific.

His combat operations include OPERATION DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM, OPERATION PROVIDE COMFORT, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, and various worldwide joint special operations contingencies. BG Soliz's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (2 OLC), the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC), the Air Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal (2 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (6 OLC), the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal (1 OLC), the Combat Medical Badge (2nd award), Expert Field Medical Badge, Senior Aviation Badge, Flight Surgeon Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, the Presidential Service Badge, the Army Staff Identification Badge, the Health and Human Services Identification Badge, and foreign parachutist badges from multiple countries. BG Soliz received a Bachelor of Science (summa cum laude) in Physician Assistant Studies from the University of Texas Health Science Center, a Master of Science in Family Medicine from the University of Nebraska, and a Master of Business Administration from the Jack Welch Management Institute. He also holds a Doctorate of Medical Science from the University of Lynchburg, VA. His military education includes the AMEDD Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Army Command and General Staff College, Joint Combined Warfighting School, and the U.S. Army War College. BG Soliz is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE).

# Rear Admiral Jonathan T. Stephens

Lead Special Trial Counsel

Rear Adm. Stephens is a native of Burke, Virginia. He graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering in December of 1996 and earned his commission as an Ensign upon completion of the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps program.



He reported to USS Ingersoll (DD 990), homeported in Pearl Harbor, as the Communications Officer in Nov. 1997 and earned his surface warfare officer qualification while completing the ship's final Western Pacific deployment prior to its decommissioning in July 1998. He then reported to USS Kinkaid (DD 965), homeported in San Diego, and served as the First Lieutenant, Combat Information Center Officer, and Assistant Operations Officer. In 2000, he transferred to the Office of Legislative Affairs in Washington, DC. In 2002, he was selected for the Law Education Program scholarship and he graduated from George Washington University School of Law in 2005, earning his J.D. (With High Honors). During his two summer assignments, he interned with the Office of the Judge Advocate General (OJAG) (Criminal Law Division Code 20) and the Vice Chief of Naval Operations legal office.

Stephens has completed multiple assignments within Naval Legal Service Command and the Office of the Judge Advocate General. He served as a defense counsel, legal assistance attorney, and Senior Defense Counsel at Naval Legal Service Office Southwest from 2005-2008, earning designation as a military justice litigation specialist. He reported to OJAG Code 20 in August 2008 and served as an action officer until 2010 before returning to George Washington University to earn his LL.M. in Litigation and Dispute Resolution (With Highest Honors) in 2011. He served as the Executive Officer of Region Legal Service Office (RLSO) Japan from June 2011 to June 2014 and was

selected as a Military Justice Specialist II in October 2012. He served as the RLSO Japan Commanding Officer for two months before he detached in August 2014. Stephens served as the Senior Trial Counsel at RLSO Mid-Atlantic for roughly two years, reported to San Diego to serve as a military judge in July 2016, and was selected as a Military Justice Expert in May 2017.

After three years on the bench, Stephens served as the Commanding Officer of Defense Service Office West from August 2019 - August 2020 followed by a tour as the Chief Judge of the Navy-Marine Corps Trial Judiciary from August 2020 to June 2022. He was named the Interim Lead Special Trial Counsel in July 2022, and became the first Lead Special Trial Counsel of the Navy Office of the Special Trial Counsel in December 2022.

Stephens is a member of the state bar of California. His personal awards include the Legion of Merit (three awards), Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), and the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

## **BRIGADIER GENERAL YOLONDA "YR" SUMMONS**

**Commanding General, Medical Readiness Command, West  
Director, Defense Health Network, West**

Brigadier General Yolonda "YR" Summons dually serves as the Commanding General, Medical Readiness Command, West and the Director, Defense Health Network, West.

Brigadier General Summons commissioned in May of 1992. She graduated from Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas. She entered active duty in October of 1993.



Her assignments include: Director for Policy and Force Integration, HQDA OTSG and the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, G-3/5/7, USAMEDCOM, Falls Church, Virginia; Special Assistant to the Deputy Surgeon General/Surgeon General Transition Team Lead at the Defense Health Headquarters, Falls Church, Virginia; 62nd Medical Brigade Commander, Fort Lewis, Washington; Deputy Corps Chief, Medical Service Corps; Commander, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) Clinic and Brussels Army Health Clinic Commander, Mon, Belgium; Chief and Colonel Assignment Officer, Medical Service Corps Branch, Human Resources Command, Fort Knox, Kentucky; Executive Officer, United States Army Surgeon General at the Defense Health Headquarters, Falls Church, Virginia; Assistance Executive Officer, United States Army Surgeon General at the Defense Health Headquarters, Falls Church, Virginia; Battalion Commander, Northern Regional Medical Command, Fort Belvoir, Virginia; Army Medical Department Policy Integrator on the Army Staff at the Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia; Troop Commander/DCSPER, United States Army Medical Research and Materiel Command at Fort Detrick, Maryland; Brigade S-1, 62nd Medical Brigade, Fort Lewis, Washington/Task Force S-1, Joint Medical Task Force, I Corps OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq; Student, United States Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Brigade G-3 Air, 30th Medical Brigade, Heidelberg, Germany; Battalion S-1, 421st Evacuation Battalion, Wiesbaden, Germany; HHC Company Commander for the 62nd Medical Brigade, Fort Lewis, Washington.

Operational Assignments include DOD COVID-19 RESPONSE (Texas); Brigade S-1, Joint Medical Task Force, I CORPS, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq; Battalion S-1, 421st Medical Evacuation Battalion, 30th Medical Brigade, V Corps, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq; Operations Platoon Leader, 54th Medical Evacuation, Company, 62nd Medical Brigade, OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH, Kuwait.

Brigadier General Summons educational degrees are from Howard University School of Divinity – Doctorate (Ethics and Social Justice); United States Army War College – Master of Strategic Studies; Chapman University – Master of Arts – Organizational Leadership; and Ouachita Baptist University – Bachelor of Arts – Biology. Her military education includes The United States Army War College, United States Army Command and General Staff College, Combined Arms Service Staff School, and Army Medical Officer Basic and Advanced Courses.

Brigadier General Summons' decorations and badges include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster); Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with 8 Oak Leaf Clusters); Army Commendation Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters); Army Achievement Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters); Expert Field Medical Badge; Army Aviation Badge; Army Staff Identification Badge.

Brigadier General Summons is the first United States Army African American Female Medical Evacuation Pilot and the first female to command the SHAPE Healthcare Facility. She is a proud member of The Order of Military Medical Merit, The Order of Saint Michael, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. Lastly, she received the 2009 Karen Wagner Leadership Award and is a 2012 Arkansas Hall of Fame inductee.

Brigadier General Summons enjoys traveling with her partner, Dr. Renee K. Harrison and Satchmo, their Hungarian Vizsla. She also enjoys reading, golfing, laughing, and spending time with her family and mentees.



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## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### BRIGADIER GENERAL TERENCE G. TAYLOR

Brig Gen Terence G. Taylor recently commanded the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates. There, he was responsible for the wing's armed over-watch mission, encompassing intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, and command and control reporting center assets, as well as theatre security cooperation and ACE/DFE missions in direct support of U.S. Air Forces Central and U.S. Central Command priorities. Brig Gen Taylor will assume the position of Deputy Commanding General, Joint Special Operations Command, United States Special Operations Command, Fort Liberty, NC.

Brig Gen Taylor earned his commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program at the University of Virginia in 1997. Brig Gen Taylor is an experienced combat pilot who has accumulated 1,803 combat flight hours and 4,800 total flight hours in nine different aircraft. He has completed 13 deployments in support of overseas contingency operations.

Brig Gen Taylor has commanded at the group and wing levels. Brig Gen Taylor commanded a selectively manned flying squadron within the Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC). Notable staff assignments include an Air Force Fellowship with the Project on National Security Reform, a tour in the Department of State's Bureau of Counterterrorism, an assignment as a United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) liaison officer at the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), and a tour as the Sensitive Activities Division Chief for the Deputy Director for Special Operations and Counter-terrorism, J-37, Joint Staff, Washington, D.C. Prior to his current position, the general was the Commander, 27th Special Operations Wing, Cannon Air Force Base (AFB), New Mexico.



#### EDUCATION

1997 Bachelor of Science, Computer Science, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.  
2003 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala.  
2004 Master of Arts, National Security and Strategic Studies, American Military University, Charles Town, W. Va.  
2006 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Ala., by correspondence  
2014 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Ala., by correspondence  
2017 Master of Arts, Strategic Studies, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Ala.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1997-December 1997, Casual Lieutenant Program, Air Force ROTC, University of Virginia, Virginia
2. January 1998-June 1998, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance AFB, Oklahoma
3. July 1998-April 1999, Advanced Flight Training, Corpus Christi Naval Air Station, Texas
4. May 1999-December 1999, C-130 Initial Qualification Training, Little Rock AFB, Arkansas

5. January 2000-May 2000, MC-130H Mission Qualification Training, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico
6. May 2000-May 2003, MC-130H Aircraft Commander, 15th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Florida
7. May 2003-August 2007, Evaluator Pilot, AFSOC, Geographically Separated Unit (GSU)
8. August 2007-June 2010, Flight Commander, AFSOC, GSU
9. June 2010-June 2011, Air Force Fellow, Project on National Security Reform, Washington, D.C.
10. June 2011-November 2012, Operations Officer, Bureau of Counterterrorism, U.S. Department of State Washington, D.C.
11. December 2012-June 2014, Operations Officer, AFSOC, GSU
12. June 2014-June 2016, Commander, AFSOC, GSU
13. June 2016-May 2017, Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
14. May 2017-May 2018, USSOCOM Special Operations Support Team (SOST), Federal Bureau of Investigations, Washington, D.C.
15. May 2018-May 2019, Division Chief, Sensitive Activities, Deputy Director for Special Operations and Counterterrorism, J-37, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
16. May 2019-May 2021, Commander, 1st Special Operations Group, Hurlburt Field, Florida
17. June 2021-May 2023, Commander, 27th Special Operations Wing, Cannon AFB, New Mexico
18. June 2023 – April 2024, Commander, 380<sup>th</sup> Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates

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

1. May 2018-May 2019, Division Chief, Sensitive Activities, Deputy Director for Special Operations and Counterterrorism, J-37, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 4,800, including more than 1,800 combat hours

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-44, C-130E, MC-130H, C-208, CN-235, BE-200, C-130H, MQ-9

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

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Bronze Star

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with twenty oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air and Space Commendation Medal

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

Second Lieutenant May 15, 1997

First Lieutenant May 1, 1999

Captain May 1, 2001

Major February 1, 2007

Lieutenant Colonel May 1, 2012

Colonel October 1, 2018

Brigadier General Frocked

**(Current as of May 2024)**



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**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

## BRIGADIER GENERAL MICHAEL D. TOMATZ

Brigadier General Michael D. Tomatz is the Director of Operations and International Law, The Judge Advocate General's Corps, Department of the Air Force. In this capacity, General Tomatz oversees the provision of legal services to the Air Force and Space Force on air and international law, space law, cyberspace and information law, environmental law and litigation, and aviation and admiralty tort matters. General Tomatz leads a team of nearly 100 judge advocates, civilian attorneys, and paralegals at 15 locations.

General Tomatz was born and raised in Laramie, Wyoming. He received a direct commission as an Air Force judge advocate and entered active duty in January 1994. He is admitted to practice law before the Supreme Court of Texas, the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces and the United States Supreme Court.



## EDUCATION

- 1990 Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Magna Cum Laude, University of Houston, Houston, Texas
- 1993 Juris Doctorate, University of Texas Law School, Austin
- 2000 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2002 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2007 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

## ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 1994 – July 1997, Chief of Claims, Chief of Adverse Actions, 60th Air Mobility Wing, Travis Air Force Base, Calif.
2. July 1997 – July 1999, Area Defense Counsel, Air Force Legal Services Agency, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
3. July 1999 – August 2001, Chief of Operations Law, Chief of Military Justice, 366th Fighter Wing, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
4. August 2001 – June 2002, LLM Student, U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's School, Charlottesville, Va.
5. June 2002 – June 2004, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, Iceland Defense Force, Naval Air Station Keflavik, Iceland
6. July 2004 – June 2005, Assistant Director, Directorate of Operations and International Law, Defence Legal, Australian Defence Force, Canberra, Australia
7. June 2005 – June 2007, Staff Judge Advocate to the U.S. Defense Attaché, U.S. Defense Representative to Australia, and 337th Air Support Flight, U.S. Embassy, Canberra, Australia
8. June 2007 – July 2010, Staff Judge Advocate, 1st Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
9. July 2010 – July 2012, Chief, Operations and Information Operations Law, JAO, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
10. July 2012 – July 2014, Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Air Forces Central Command, Shaw AFB, S.C. and Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar

11. July 2014 – July 2017, Staff Judge Advocate, 3rd Air Force and 17th Expeditionary Air Force, Ramstein AB, Germany
12. July 2017 – March 2019, Senior Military Assistant to the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
13. March 2019 – July 2021, Staff Judge Advocate, North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
14. July 2021 – September 2022, Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. European Command, Stuttgart, Germany
15. September 2022 – present, Director, Operations and International Law, The Judge Advocate General's Corps, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va. and Joint Base Andrews, Md.

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster  
 Legion of Merit  
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster  
 Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
 Joint Service Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster  
 Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster  
 Joint Service Achievement Medal  
 National Defense Service Medal  
 Iraqi Campaign Medal  
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
 Humanitarian Service Medal

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

First Lieutenant	26 January 1994
Captain	26 July 1994
Major	1 October 2001
Lieutenant Colonel	1 June 2007
Colonel	1 March 2012
Brigadier General	24 June 2022

(Current as of September 2022)



# United States Navy Biography

Rear Admiral Guido Valdes  
Commander, Naval Medical Forces Pacific  
Director, Defense Health Network Pacific Rim  
Chief of the Navy Medical Corps

Rear Adm. Guido F. Valdes is a native of San Juan, Puerto Rico. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Miami, Florida. He earned his Doctor of Medicine from the University of Miami School of Medicine as a Navy Health Professions Scholarship recipient and upon graduation he received his commission in 1992. His professional training includes transitional internship at the National Naval Medical Center Bethesda and emergency medicine residency at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth.

Operationally, he served as officer-in-charge of the Shock Trauma Platoon/Forward Resuscitative Surgical Site at Camp Korean Village in Al-Anbar province, Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom; officer-in-charge, Fleet Surgical Team Six; force surgeon, Riverine Group One; executive officer, Role 3 Multinational Medical Unit, Kandahar, Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom; and force surgeon, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/ U.S. 5th Fleet.



He has served in various positions throughout Navy Medicine to include general medical officer, Branch Health Clinic Gaeta, Italy; staff emergency physician, U.S. Naval Hospital Naples, Italy; U.S. Naval Hospital Rota, Spain; and Naval Medical Center Portsmouth; executive officer, Naval Hospital Pensacola; commanding officer, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi; and deputy commander, Naval Medical Forces Atlantic.

Valdes assumed duties as commander, Naval Medical Forces Pacific, May 20, 2022. He has oversight of ten Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Commands on the West Coast and Pacific Rim as well as Navy Medicine's eight global research labs. Valdes also serves under the Defense Health Agency as the director of the Defense Health Network Pacific Rim where he oversees the delivery and integration of healthcare at nine medical treatment facilities (MTF) on the West Coast and Pacific Rim..

Valdes is qualified as a Fleet Marine Force Warfare Officer. His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit (two awards), Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Navy Commendation Medal (two awards), Navy Achievement Medal and various other unit and campaign awards.



# BIOGRAPHY



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## BRIGADIER GENERAL MICHAEL T. VENERDI

Brig. Gen. Michael T. Venerdi is The Adjutant General, Kansas National Guard and serves as Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. As Adjutant General, he is the senior military advisor to the governor and commander of the Kansas National Guard, responsible for overseeing training and readiness of 7,000 Soldiers, Airmen and Civilians. General Venerdi serves as the state's official channel of communication with the National Guard Bureau to the Departments of the Army and Air Force.

General Venerdi is a 1991 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. He served over 10 years on active duty as a supply officer and KC-135R/T instructor and evaluator pilot. He joined the U.S. Air Force Reserve in 2001 then transitioned to the Kansas Air National Guard in 2002 where he later became an intelligence officer. He has held command, staff, and supervisory positions including wing, group, and squadron commander; Chief, Operations Support Division; and Command Center Director, North American Aerospace Defense Command. He has deployed multiple times to Southern and Central Command in support of myriad operations. Prior to his current position, he served as Director of the Joint Staff, Kansas National Guard.



### EDUCATION

1991 Bachelor of Science, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.  
1995 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.  
2003 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence  
2012 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence  
2012 ANG Commanders' Development Course, Joint Base Andrews, Md.  
2014 Joint and Combined Warfighting School - Joint Professional Military Education Phase II, Norfolk Naval Station, Va.  
2018 Joint Task Force Commanders Course - Peterson AFB, Colo.  
2021 Dual Status Commanders Course - Peterson AFB, Colo.  
2022 Senior Leader Orientation Course (SLOC) – Joint Base Andrews, Md.  
2022 General and Flag Officer Homeland Security Executive Seminar, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1991 - August 1992, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Reese AFB, Texas
2. August 1992 - November 1995, Chief of Management and Systems Flight, Chief of Hazardous Materials Pharmacy, Assistant Chief of Management and Systems Flight, 22nd Supply Squadron, March AFB, Calif.
3. November 1995 - November 1998, KC-135R Aircraft Commander, Standardization/Evaluation Liaison Officer, Squadron Scheduler, 351st Air Refueling Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom
4. November 1998 - August 2001, Chief, Standardization/Evaluation, KC-135R/T Receiver Instructor/Evaluator Pilot, Chief of Training, Special Operations Instructor Pilot, 384th Air Refueling Squadron, McConnell AFB, Kan.
5. August 2001 - September 2002, KC-135R Instructor Pilot, 18th Air Refueling Squadron, McConnell AFB, Kan.
6. September 2002 - October 2006, Chief, Standardization/Evaluation, 184th Operations Group, McConnell AFB, Kan.
7. October 2006 - November 2008, Commander, 184th Operations Support Squadron, McConnell AFB, Kan.
8. November 2008 - June 2011, Commander, 184th Intelligence Support Squadron, McConnell AFB, Kan.

9. June 2011 - September 2013, Commander, 161st Intelligence Squadron, McConnell AFB, Kan.
10. September 2013 - November 2013, Commander, 184th Mission Support Group, McConnell AFB, Kan.
11. November 2013 - September 2015, Commander, 184th Regional Support Group, McConnell AFB, Kan.
12. September 2015 - October 2016, Commander, 184th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group, McConnell AFB, Kan.
13. October 2016 - September 2018, Chief, Operations Support Division and Command Center Director, HQ NORAD, Peterson AFB, Colo.
14. September 2018 - April 2020, Commander, 184th Wing, McConnell AFB, Kan.
15. April 2020 - June 2020, Interim Director, Joint Staff, Joint Force Headquarters-Kansas, Forbes Field ANGB, Kan.
16. June 2020 – March 2023, Chief of Staff, Joint Force Headquarters-Kansas, Forbes Field ANGB, Kan.
17. April 2023 – Present, The Adjutant General, Joint Force Headquarters-Kansas, Forbes Field ANGB, Kan.

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

1. October 2016 - September 2018, Chief, Operations Support Division and Command Center Director, HQ NORAD, Peterson AFB, Colo. as a Colonel
2. June 2020–March 2023, Director, Joint Staff, Joint Force Headquarters-Kansas, Forbes Field ANG Base, Kan., as a brigadier general
3. April 2023- Present, The Adjutant General, Joint Force Headquarters-Kansas, Forbes Field ANGB, Kan., as a brigadier general

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: command pilot

Flying Hours: more than 4,000

Aircraft flown: KC-135 R/T, T-37, T-38, T-1

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

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air and Space Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

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

Second Lieutenant May 29, 1991

First Lieutenant May 29, 1993

Captain May 29, 1995

Major Dec. 1, 2001

Lieutenant Colonel June 3, 2007

Colonel Jan. 8, 2014

Brigadier General Feb. 24, 2021

(Current as of May 2024)



## **Brigadier General Brian D. Vile**

5<sup>th</sup> Chief of Cyber  
Commandant, U.S. Army Cyber and  
Electromagnetic Warfare School  
DoD's Executive Agent for Advanced Cyber Training  
Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Cyber Center of  
Excellence and Fort Eisenhower, Georgia

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Brigadier General Brian Vile is the Army's 5th Chief of Cyber and Commandant of the U.S. Army Cyber and Electromagnetic Warfare School headquartered in Fort Gordon, Georgia.

A native of Pennsylvania, Brigadier General Vile was commissioned in 1994 as an Infantry officer. Assignments include the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, instructing at the Infantry Officers Basic Course at Fort Benning, and the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington.



Subsequently selected as a telecommunications systems engineer, Brigadier General Vile served at United States Army Central Command at both Fort McPherson, Georgia and Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. Following assignment to the 160th Theater Strategic Signal Brigade, he established and served as Director of the Army's first Regional Cyber Center. His subsequent assignment took him to the Army Staff in the Pentagon as part of the Chief Information Officer / G6 staff, where he helped modernize Army and Joint networks and managed the Army's IT procurement portfolio.

In 2015, Brigadier General Vile became a plank holder in the Cyberwarfare branch. Following a U.S. Army War College Fellowship at Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz College, he served as Deputy Director of United States European Command's Joint Cyber Center. Brigadier General Vile then commanded the 780th Military Intelligence Brigade, which provides the Army's offensive cyberspace operations forces and manages US Army Cyber Command's cyber capability development efforts.

Prior to joining the Cyber & Electromagnetic Warfare School, Brigadier General Vile served as the G-3, Director of Operations, for U.S. Army Cyber Command. In this position, he synchronized, directed, and conducted operations and defense of the Army's portion of the Department of Defense Information Network in addition to leading information advantage efforts.

Brigadier General Vile's civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point and a Master of Information Security from the Georgia Institute of Technology.



## Brigadier General Robert S. Weiler

Assistant Division Commander  
1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division

Brigadier General Rob Weiler enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve in 1992, obtaining the rank of Corporal. He was commissioned a Marine Second Lieutenant in December of 1995 upon graduation from George Mason University in Virginia, his home state.

General Weiler graduated from The Basic School in September of 1995 and, subsequently, completed Infantry Officer Course, earning the MOS of 0302. He reported to 1st Battalion, 1st Marines and served as 1st Platoon Commander, Company A. He deployed with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) as a Platoon Commander and with the 15th MEU as the Executive Officer of Company A.

In April of 2000, General Weiler reported to Officer Candidates School and served in billets including Assistant Operations Officer, Platoon commander, and Company Executive Officer. In January 2002, he reported to the United States Senate as a Military Legislative Fellow, assisting with Foreign Policy, Veteran's Affairs, and Defense issues with Senator Ben Nelson of Nebraska. Upon completion, General Weiler attended the Advanced Armor Captain's Career Course in Fort Knox, Kentucky.

In June 2003, General Weiler reported for duty with 2d Battalion, 4th Marines, 1st Marine Division. He assumed command of Weapons Company and assisted with its transition to a Mobile Assault Company, preparing them for combat operations in Iraq. General Weiler led the Mobile Assault Company in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II in Ar Ramadi, Iraq prior to being assigned as the Battalion Operations Officer in November 2005. As the BLT's Operations Officer, he deployed with the 31st MEU.

In January 2006, General Weiler reported to Weapons Company, 2d Battalion, 24th Marines as the Inspector-Instructor where he later assumed command of the company and deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In June 2008, General Weiler departed Iraq and reported to the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, followed by the School of Advanced Warfighting. Upon completion, he reported to 1st Marine Logistics Group, where he deployed to Afghanistan twice as an Operational Planner in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

General Weiler assumed command of 2d Battalion, 4th Marines in June of 2012 and deployed with the 31st MEU. Following command, he graduated from the Marine Corps War College in 2015 and served in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Strategy, and Force Development until 2018. Prior to assuming command of the 5th Marine Regiment in 2019, General Weiler served for the Inspector General of the Marine Corps' office for a short tenure.

Following command with the 5th Marine Regiment, General Weiler served as the Director of GCE Programs in the Capabilities Development Directorate and the Military Secretary to the Commandant of the Marine Corps. He is currently serving as the Assistant Division Commander for the 1st Marine Division.

His personal awards include the Silver Star, Purple Heart, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medals, Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medals with combat distinguishing device, Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and the Combat Action Ribbon.

