

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA BOOK



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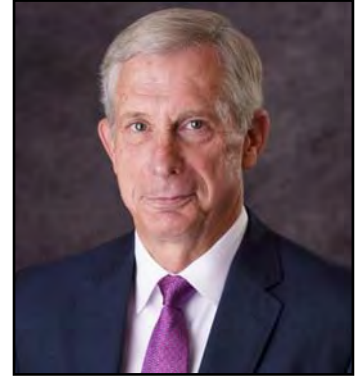
21 Oct - 22 Nov 2024

National Defense University

SENIOR FELLOWS



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



**Former Commander
United States Africa Command**

WEEKS 2 AND 5 SENIOR FELLOW

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.

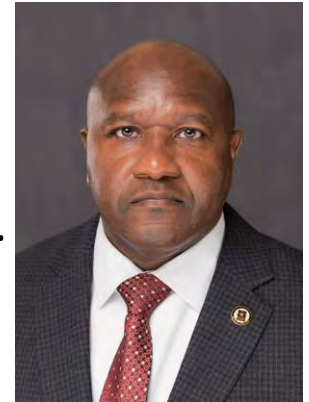
Prior to retiring from the military in 2019, General Waldhauser was the Combatant Commander for U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM), where he led all aspects of U.S. security operations across the entire continent of Africa, spanning 53 nations. In this role, General Waldhauser developed overarching strategies 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.



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



Former Command Senior Enlisted Leader
United States Strategic Command

CONUS and Week 5 SENIOR FELLOW

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."

IPACOM 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.



**John W. Nicholson Jr.
General U.S. Army Retired
Senior Fellow CAPSTONE PINNACLE Program
National Defense University**

SWA Field Study Senior Fellow

General (Ret) John Nicholson has been a Senior Fellow since 2019. He last served as the Commander of all U.S. Forces and the 41 nation NATO-led Coalition in Afghanistan from 2016 to 2018. Before that, he served as Commander of NATO's Allied Land Command and Commanding General of the 82nd Airborne Division. Commissioned in 1982, he served as an infantry officer at all levels with over six years in combat. He had four tours of duty in NATO commands as a general officer, living in Europe and the Middle East for over twelve years.

Following retirement from active duty in November 2018, he became the President of the Pentagon Federal Credit Union Foundation supporting post 9-11 combat veterans, service members, caregivers, and their families, as well as Afghan refugees. The foundation created an educational program and venture capital fund which trained and invested in veteran entrepreneurs.

Since early 2022, General (Ret) Nicholson resides in Abu Dhabi UAE where he is the Chief Executive for Lockheed Martin Middle East responsible for the company's strategy, operations, and growth in ten countries of the region.

He has also been a mentor to NATO flag officers through the NATO Senior Mentor Program. He is a member of the Harvard's Belfer Center Elbe Group which has maintained a track two dialogue between retired Russian and American senior officials. He has previously been an adjunct faculty member in Harvard's John F. Kennedy School Senior Executives in National and International Security Program.

General Nicholson holds Bachelor's Degrees from the United States Military Academy and Georgetown University and Master's Degrees from the School for Advanced Military Studies and the National Defense University as well as two honorary doctorate degrees.



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

**Former Deputy Commander,
U.S. Strategic Command**

EUROPE Field Study Senior Fellow



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

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

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

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

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.



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

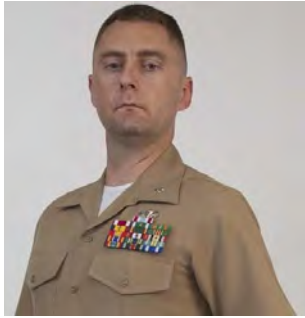
Major – July 1, 2016

Lieutenant Colonel – Oct 1, 2020

(Current as of 6 July 2023)

Lieutenant Colonel Chad A. Buckel

Deputy Director, Capstone – DC Scheduling



Lieutenant Colonel Chad Buckel is a native of Metairie, Louisiana. He graduated from The Citadel with a Bachelor of Arts in History, a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, and a minor degree in African American Studies. He completed Basic Training, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Paris Island in September 2002 and received his commission through the Platoon Leaders Course program in May 2005. He completed the Infantry Officers Course in March 2006.

LtCol Buckel's assignments in the operating forces include: Rifle Platoon Commander, Weapons Platoon Commander, Battalion Assistant Operations Officer, Rifle Company Commander, Battalion Operations Officer, Regimental Assistant Operations Officer, and Chief of Plans at Marine Forces Command / Marine Forces Northern Command.

Other assignments include: Infantry Advisor to the Royal Saudi Marines and Naval Special Forces, Company Executive Officer and Company Commander at Edson Range, and Planner for a Joint/Combined J35 and J5 at NATO Special Operations HQ.

LtCol Buckel is a graduate of Recruit Training, Paris Island, Field Radio Operators course, The Basic School, Infantry Officers Course, EWS (non-Res), High Risk Personnel Training, Foreign Weapons Instructor, Basic Airborne Course, Maneuver Captains Career Course (MCCC), Joint Fires Officer course, MCMAP Instructor course, MCTOG, Mountain Operations staff planners' course, Naval War College (non-Res), various NATO policy, strategy, and planning schools, the JPME II course, and the School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS). He also has a Graduate Degree in International Affairs from New England College.

LtCol Buckel currently serves as a Deputy Director DC Scheduling, CAPSTONE.

LtCol Buckel's personal awards include the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with gold star in lieu of second award, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with V and gold star in lieu of second award, and the Combat Action Ribbon with gold star in lieu of second award.

LtCol Buckel is married to Chantal Labrie of Quebec, Canada. They have three children.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



Deputy Director for Operations

Sarkis Zoubian

Sarkis Zoubian is a native of Charlotte, North Carolina, and is currently the Deputy Director of Operations at Capstone. He graduated from the University of South Carolina – Columbia with a double major in Biological Anthropology and in English and worked at the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology.

After receiving his teaching certificate, he worked as a schoolteacher in the Russian Federation for two years, returning to the U.S. to complete a Master's degree in International Peace and Conflict Resolution at American University's School of International Service in Washington, D.C. He received a Boren Fellowship from the National Security Education Program and studied Russian and Kazakh while living in Kazakhstan for a year.

Sarkis previously worked at NDU's International Student Management Office where he handled the Alumni, Outreach, and Engagement portfolio before transferring to Capstone. In his spare time, he enjoys photography and kayaking, and speaks Russian at a high level while practicing Kazakh.



**Allied Partner Fellows
(21 Oct - 1 Nov only)**



Commodore David Frost
Royal Australian Navy Naval
Attaché Washington

Commodore David Frost is a Naval Aviator with over 33 years of service spanning tactical, operational and strategic arenas.

David served as a Seaman Officer in Patrol Boats, Destroyer Escorts and Frigates and as an Aviator in 723, 725, 816 and 10 Squadron where he completed a two-year exchange posting with the RAAF P3 Orion Maritime Patrol Aircraft, receiving a Chief of Air Force Commendation for a search and rescue mission.

Lieutenant Commander Frost returned to the Fleet Air Arm and Seahawk Helicopters with flight commander tours in HMAS *Darwin* and *Melbourne*, including two operational deployments to the Middle East and a Commander Australian Theatre Commendation for Operation Falconer in the 2003 Iraq War. Subsequent postings included a Masters in Aerosystems in the UK, lead Seahawk flight test specialist at the RAN Flight Trials Unit, and Command and Staff Course.

Commander Frost was appointed as the Officer in Charge of Naval Aviation Flight Test and in 2013 he assumed duties as Commanding Officer of 725 Squadron in Jacksonville Florida USA, introducing the MH-60R Maritime Combat Helicopter into service. On completion, David posted to Canberra as Deputy Director Maritime Helicopters within Navy Strategic Command.

On Promotion in 2018, Captain Frost was appointed the Director RAN Test and Evaluation and in 2019 he also assumed the role as Commander Australian Maritime Warfare Centre. This was followed by selection as the inaugural Director of the Maritime Warfare Centre after merging to the two separate units and driving generational change in maritime warfare development.

On promotion in Dec 2021, Commodore Frost assumed Command of the Fleet Air Arm and in Dec 2023 commenced duties at the Australian Embassy in Washington DC as the Naval Attaché to the United States of America.

David lives in Washington DC with his wife Suzanne and has two adult daughters who live on the South coast of New South Wales. He enjoys rugby, tennis, cooking and travelling and is rapidly building his knowledge of American sports.

COMMODORE J.L. MURRAY, OMM, MSC, MSM, CD

Strategic Joint Staff - Director General Plans



Commodore Jeff Murray joined the Canadian Armed Forces as a Direct Entry Officer in 1999 following his graduation from Carleton University in 1996. His tactical experience has included service in both the Atlantic and the Pacific Fleets where he sailed in *Iroquois*, *Halifax*, and *Protecteur* class ships.

Commodore Murray's Command positions at sea have included appointments as the Executive Officer aboard HMCS *Protecteur* from 2012-2014, and as the Commanding Officer of HMCS *Fredericton* from 2014-2015.

Gaining experience in the institution, Commodore Murray has completed a variety of postings in both Naval and Joint Commands. His postings have included Staff Officer assignments in the Headquarters of both Maritime Forces Atlantic and the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command, as the Tactics Officer at the Canadian Forces Naval Operations School, Chief of Staff – Operations to the Commander Canadian Fleet Atlantic, Executive Assistant to the Chief of the Defence Staff, Director Structure Integration within the Chief of Force Development, and Director

General Naval Strategic Readiness. He assumed his current appointment as Director General Plans in June 2024.

Commodore Murray is a graduate of Joint Command and Staff Programme 37, National Security Programme 12, and holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree with a major/minor in Law and English from Carleton University. He continues to struggle through the final credit required to complete a Master of Public Administration degree.

In his spare time Commodore Murray enjoys sports, movies, and is an avid collector of ceramic unicorns.

OFFICIAL



Air Commodore Nikki Thomas OBE MA BEng (Hons) RAF

Nikki Thomas joined the Royal Air Force as a Navigator in 2000 after graduating with an Aeronautical Engineering degree from Loughborough University. Posted to the Tornado GR4 in 2003, she completed numerous operational deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan and qualified as a Ground and Airborne Forward Air Controller and Qualified Weapons Instructor.

Leaving the cockpit in 2010, she moved to the Ministry of Defence managing UK Military Flying Training capability before being selected as Staff Officer to the Assistant Chief of the Air Staff. Graduating the Advanced Command and Staff Course in 2013 with an MA in Defence Studies, Nikki was promoted back into the Ministry of Defence as part of the Carrier Enabled Power Projection team, developing C4ISR, doctrine and logistic enablers and leading on US-UK interoperability.

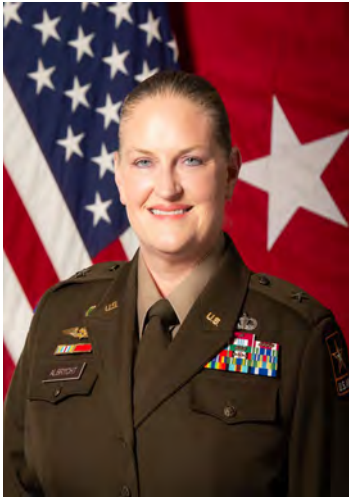
In 2015, Nikki assumed command of the newly reinvigorated 12(B) Squadron, back on the Tornado, where she was tasked with supporting the UK commitment in Iraq/Syria and providing a world-wide contingent capability. Finishing her flying tours with over 3000 flying hours and 300 operational sorties on the Tornado, Nikki was delighted to be appointed an OBE for her leadership and operational output. Selected as a J3 Air Team Leader in the Permanent Joint Headquarters leading operations in the Middle East, Nikki also acting as the Commander delivering discreet Air Operations, a role she held until attending Higher Command and Staff Course in Jan 2020.

On graduating the course, Nikki was appointed as the Station Commander, RAF Akrotiri where she led 3500 personnel in support of Middle East operations from Cyprus. After two years in command at Akrotiri she was selected as the UK Air Component Commander for the Middle East, responsible for delivering UK operations, commanding personnel across the region and acting as the UK Senior Representative in the CENTCOM led Combined Air Operations Centre (CAOC) based in Qatar. Finishing her year in the CAOC, Nikki assumed the role of UK Air and Space Attaché, Washington DC in Sept 2023.

Based between Devon and London when in the UK, Nikki enjoys sailing, surfing, swimming and socialising and likes to spend her free time travelling to far flung parts of the globe in an attempt to find the perfect wave and an expertly mixed cocktail.

OFFICIAL

Fellows



Brigadier General Sarah K. Albrycht

**Provost Marshal General (OPMG) and
Commanding General,
U.S Army Corrections Command (ACC)**

A native of Bennington, Vermont, Brigadier General Albrycht entered the United States Army and was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program as a Distinguished Military Graduate from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 1995 where she earned her bachelor's degree in legal studies. She received her master's degree in policy management from Georgetown University in 2006 and her masters of national strategy from National War College in 2017.

BG Albrycht's previous assignments include Platoon Leader, 552nd Military Police Company, Korea; Platoon Leader, 982nd Military Police Company, Fort Carson, CO; Assistant Operations Officer, 759th Military Police Battalion, Fort Carson, CO; Provost Marshal, United States support Group-Haiti; Assistant Operations Officer and Adjutant, 16th Military Police Brigade (Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC; Company Commander, 65th Military Police Company (Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC; Plans Officer, 16th Military Police Brigade (Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC; Junior Military Assistant for the Honorable Dr. David S.C. Chu; Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness and Strategic Planner for the Army Provost Marshal General, Pentagon; Operations Officer and Executive Officer, 709th Military Police Battalion, Grafenwoher, Germany, J34; Assessments Deputy Branch Chief, United States Northern Command, Peterson Air Force Base, CO; Battalion Commander, 5th Military Police Battalion, Criminal Investigation Division (CID), Kaiserslautern, Germany; Military Police Human Resource Manager for Colonel's Management, Pentagon; Commander, 6th Military Police Group (CID), Joint Base Lewis-McCord, VA; Chief of Staff of the Army Senior Military Fellow at Center for A New American Security; Executive Officer to the Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G8; Deputy Director, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division, Quantico, VA; Deputy Provost Marshal General (OPMG), Pentagon; Commandant, United States Army Military Police School and Chief, United States Army Military Police Regiment, Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

BG Albrycht's military education includes Senior Service College, Intermediate-Level Education Resident, Joint Planning Course, the Jumpmaster Course, Army Command and General Staff College, Military Police Officer Advanced Course, Military Police Officer Basic Course, and Airborne School.

Her awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (1 OLC), Bronze Star (1 OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (5 OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal (1 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Army Superior Unit Award, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Ribbon with four campaign stars, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Army Overseas Service Ribbon with Number "4", NATO Service Medal, Army Staff Identification Badge, Office of the Secretary of Defense Identification Badge, and Senior Parachutist Badge.

BG Albrycht and her husband LtCol(R) Rob Rossi are proud parents of one daughter.



Rear Admiral Eric J. “Pappy” Anduze

Deputy Director Joint Training, Joint Staff J7



Rear Adm. Eric J. Anduze is a native of Manati, Puerto Rico. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1993, earning a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering. He subsequently entered flight training and was designated a naval aviator in 1996.

Operationally, he has served in numerous fighter squadrons flying the F-14A/B/D and FA-18E/F. His fleet assignments include the Black Aces of Fighter Squadron (VF) 41, Black Knights of Fighter Squadron (VF) 154 and Pukin’ Dogs of Fighter Squadron (VF) 143. He commanded the Pukin’ Dogs of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 143, USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19) and USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71). He deployed multiple times in support of operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Allied Force/Noble Anvil and Inherent Resolve

on USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63), USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67), USS Eisenhower (CVN 69), USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71), and USS George Washington (CVN 73).

Ashore, Anduze’s assignments include duties at Fighter Squadron (VF) 101 where he served as the pilot strike phase tactics officer, Joint Forces Command where he served in the Joint Concepts Branch of the Directorate for Joint Experimentation (J-7), Commander Naval Air Forces Atlantic Fleet where he served as assistant chief of staff for Aviation Training and Readiness (N40) and as assistant chief of staff for Carrier Requirements (N82), and as the Deputy Commander, Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa, Djibouti, Djibouti.

Anduze is a graduate of Navy's Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN), Joint Staff College and the Navy Nuclear Power Program. He has accumulated more than 3,500 mishap free flight hours and more than 900 carrier-arrested landings. His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Strike/Flight Air Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

In June 2024, Anduze assumed the duties as the Deputy Director Joint Training, Joint Staff J7 in Suffolk, VA.

Rear Adm. Amy Bauernschmidt is a native of Milwaukee, Wisc. and graduated in 1994 from the U.S. Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Ocean Engineering. She earned a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, is a nuclear power school graduate, and was designated a Naval Aviator in 1996.

Her sea tours include the “Wolfpack” of Helicopter Anti-submarine Squadron Light (HSL) 45 twice deployed with USS John Young (DD 973) in support of maritime interdiction operations in the Northern Arabian Gulf; aide-de-camp to Commander, Carrier Strike Group 7 deployed with USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) supporting Northern Edge and Rim of the Pacific exercises; the “Warlords” of HSL-51 twice deployed aboard USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63); executive and commanding officer of the “Spartans” of Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 70 deployed aboard USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; served as executive officer USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72). She commanded USS San Diego (LPD 22) and USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72). Bauernschmidt began her tour as deputy commander, Commander, U.S. 7th Fleet, June 2023.

Ashore her tours include instructor pilot and quality assurance officer at the “Seahawks” of HSL-41; executive assistant and action officer to the Director, Joint Staff/J6; and senior military advisor to the Secretary of State’s Office of Global Women’s Issues enhancing women’s peace and security through worldwide initiatives.

Bauernschmidt has accumulated over 3,000 flight hours in naval aircraft. Her personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy/Marine Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and various unit, campaign and service medals.



RDML Amy Bauernschmidt
Deputy Commander
SEVENTH Fleet



**The Deputy Judge Advocate General
Major General
Robert A. Borcharding**



On 16 August 2024, Major General Rob Borcharding assumed duties as our Army's 23rd Deputy Judge Advocate General. Originally from Chino Hills, California, Major General Borcharding graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1993 where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in International Relations and was commissioned as an officer in the Corps of Engineers. He served as a Platoon Leader and Logistics Officer, 27th Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Airborne), Fort Bragg (now Fort Liberty), North Carolina, before being selected for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program. He received his *Juris Doctor* from the University of Virginia School of Law and his Master's Degree in Foreign Affairs from the University of Virginia Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, before transferring to the Army's Judge Advocate General's Corps in 1999.

His succession of legal assignments includes various positions at 21st Theater Sustainment Command in Germany, to include a deployment to Kosovo in 2000. Following receipt of his Master of Laws in Military Law (LL.M.) in 2004, he served as the Group Judge Advocate, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Carson, Colorado, and deployed as the Staff Judge Advocate, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Arabian Peninsula, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Iraq. Then, after graduating from the Army's Command and General Staff College, he served as the Deputy Director, Command Developments Directorate, The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School, Charlottesville, Virginia. His successive leadership assignments included Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas, and Deputy Chief of Operational Law, United States Army Africa Command, in Germany.

After graduation from the U.S. Army War College, he served as the Staff Judge Advocate, Joint Special Operations Command, at Fort Bragg (now Fort Liberty) and deployed as part of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. In 2017, he served as the Staff Judge Advocate, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado, with deployment to Afghanistan as part of Operation Freedom's Sentinel. From 2019 to 2020, he served as the Executive Officer for the U.S. Army Legal Services Agency in Fort Belvoir, Virginia. His last assignment before promotion to Brigadier General was a deployment to Iraq as the Staff Judge Advocate for Combined Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve. Upon promotion to the general officer ranks in 2021, he served as the Legal Counsel to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff until his assumption of duties as the 23rd Deputy Judge Advocate General for the U.S. Army.

Major General Borcharding and his wife, Anne, have three daughters, Katie, Ellie, and Meredith.



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL CHRISTOPHER A. BROWN

Brig Gen Christopher A. Brown is the Lead Special Trial Counsel, Office of Special Trial Counsel, Department of the Air Force, Washington, D.C. In this capacity, he oversees the Department's legal representation in the investigation and trial-level litigation of covered offenses, pursuant to the Uniform Code of Military Justice, 10 U.S.C. § 801(17), and other offenses over which the office exercises authority. The Department's Office of Special Trial Counsel operates independently of the military chains of command of both the victims of alleged covered offenses and those accused of covered offenses. Brig Gen Brown reports directly to the Secretary of the Air Force with no intervening authority.



Brig Gen Brown graduated Army Basic Training in 1985 and served in the Army National Guard as an enlisted Army Military Policeman while attending law school. During his second year of law school, he was activated for Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM. He commissioned into the Air Force through Officer Training School in 1995 and served five years as a Security Police Officer prior to completing an intra-service transfer to the JAG Corps. Brig Gen Brown has deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in support of Detainee Operations, and to Qatar in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

Brig Gen Brown has served in a variety of legal positions at the base, the field operating agency, and the MAJCOM, including as a Staff Judge Advocate twice, as an Instructor and as the Commandant of The Air Force Judge Advocate General's School. His experience covers virtually all facets of the military justice system, including Area Defense Counsel, Appellate Military Judge, and Chief of the Military Justice Division at the headquarters level. He is admitted to practice law before the Supreme Court of the United States, the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

EDUCATION

- 1989 Bachelors of Arts Degree in History, *cum laude*, Bridgewater State College, Mass.
- 1993 Juris Doctor, Suffolk University Law School, Mass.
- 1995 Officer Training School (Distinguished Graduate)
- 2000 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence and in residence, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2005 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2008 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2011 Air War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. November 1985 - April 1986, Basic Military Training/Advanced Infantry Training, Fort McClellan, Ala.
2. April 1986 – September 1991, Massachusetts Army National Guard (December 1991 – May 1992 served on active duty in Southwest Asia during operation DESERT SHIELD/STORM).
3. October 1995 – February 1998, Missile Security Flight Commander, 447th Missile Squadron, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.

4. February 1998 – February 2000, Flight Commander, Training & Resources Flight, 9th Security Forces Squadron, Beale AFB, Calif.
5. May 2000 – July 2003, Chief, Legal Assistance/Preventive Law (Chief Military Justice, and Claims) 86th Airlift Wing, Ramstein AB, Germany (September 2001 – December 2001, Deployed Staff Judge Advocate, Doha Air Base, Qatar).
6. August 2003 – August 2004, Chief, Military Justice, 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea.
7. September 2004 – September 2005, Chief, General Claims, 37th Training Wing, Lackland AFB, Texas (May 2005 – August 2005, Deployed Chief of Intelligence Law, Joint Task Force GTMO, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba).
8. September 2005 – August 2007, Area Defense Counsel, Air Force Legal Service Agency, Lackland AFB, Tex.
9. August 2007 – July 2008, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
10. July 2008 – July 2011, Instructor, Deputy Chief, and Chief Military Justice Division, The Air Force Judge Advocate General's School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
11. July 2011 – July 2013, Deputy Director, Training and Readiness Directorate, Joint Air Base Andrews, Md.
12. July 2013 – July 2016, Staff Judge Advocate, 6th Air Mobility Wing, MacDill AFB, Fla.
13. July 2016 – August 2017, Appellate Judge, Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
14. August 2017 – July 2019, Chief, Military Justice Division, Air Force Legal Operations Agency, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
15. July 2019 – July 2021, Commandant, Air Force Judge Advocate General's School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
16. July 2021 – January 2023, Staff Judge Advocate, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.
17. February 2023 – Present, Lead Special Trial Counsel, Office of Special Trial Counsel, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster
 Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters
 Joint Service Commendation Medal
 Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Achievement Medal
 Reserve Component Army Achievement Medal
 American Bar Association Outstanding Military Service Career Judge Advocate Award, August 2022
 Robert Lowry Award for Leadership and Academics, JASOC May 2000
 447 Missile Squadron Company Grade Officer of the Year, 1997
 Security Forces Company Grade Officer of the Year, 1997
 Honor Graduate Security Police Officer Air Base Ground Defense School, March 1996
 Distinguished Graduate Officer Training School, September 1995

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	22 September 1995
First Lieutenant	22 September 1997
Captain	September 1999
Major	1 April 2006
Lieutenant Colonel	1 November 2011
Colonel	1 December 2016
Brigadier General	1 February 2023

(Current as of February 2023)



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL MATTHEW S. CANTORE

Brig. Gen. Matthew S. Cantore is the Deputy Commander, Space Training and Readiness Command, temporarily located at Peterson Space Force Base, Colorado.

Space Training and Readiness Command was established as a Field Command on August 21, 2021, and is responsible for preparing the USSF and more than 8,600 Guardians to prevail in competition and conflict through innovative education, training, doctrine, and test activities.

Brig. Gen. Cantore is a 1998 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy with a degree in space operations. He is a Master space operations officer and has commanded the 3rd Space Experimentation Squadron, 21st Operations Group, and Space Delta 2.

Brig. Gen. Cantore's staff assignments include positions at The Joint Staff; 14th Air Force and Joint Force Component Command – Space; Headquarters U.S. Air Force; Headquarters Air Force Space Command; Headquarters Space Operations Command; and U.S. Space Command.

Prior to his current position, Brig. Gen. Cantore served as the Chief of Current Operations, at U.S. Space Command.

EDUCATION

1998 Bachelor of Science, Space Operations, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.
 1999 Top Graduate and Distinguished Graduate, Undergraduate Space and Missile Training, and Ballistic Missile Early Warning System Initial Qualification Training, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.
 2000 Minuteman III Initial Qualification Training, Vandenberg AFB, Calif. 2003 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
 2005 Top Graduate and Distinguished Graduate, Space Weapons Instructor Course, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
 2007 Master of Science, International Relations, Troy University, Troy, Ala.
 2010 Master of Science, Leadership and Joint Campaign Planning, Joint Advanced Warfighting School, Norfolk, Va.
 2017 Distinguished Graduate, Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.
 2023 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Kenan-Flager Business School, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1998–January 1999, Assistant Executive Officer, Directorate of Operations, 14th Air Force, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.
2. January 1999–May 1999, Student, Undergraduate Space/Missile Training, 381st Training Group, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
3. May 1999–May 2000, Crew Commander and Instructor, 13th Space Warning Squadron, Clear Air Force Station, Alaska
4. May 2000–August 2000, Student, Intercontinental ballistic missile Initial Qualification Training, 381st Training Group, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
5. August 2000–August 2003, Flight Commander and Evaluator, 741st Missile Squadron, Minot AFB, N.D.
6. September 2003–January 2006, ICBM Test Operations Officer, 576th Flight Test Squadron, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
7. July 2005–December 2005, Student, Space Weapons Instructor Course, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
8. February 2006–June 2009, Chief of Space Operations, Executive Officer, and Chief of Forces, 609th Air Operations Group, 9th Air Force and U.S. Air Forces Central Command, Shaw AFB, S.C. (January 2008–May 2008, Weapons Officer, Director of Space Forces, Air Forces Central Command, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar)
9. July 2009–July 2010, Student, Joint Advanced Warfighting School, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
10. July 2010–July 2012, Chief, Ops & Plans Branch, Deputy Directorate for Global Operations, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
11. July 2012–June 2013, Deputy Chief, Combat Operations Division, Joint Space Operations Center and 614th Air Operations Center, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
12. June 2013–February 2015, Commander, 3rd Space Experimentation Squadron, Schriever AFB, Colo.
13. February 2015–May 2016, Executive Officer to Commander, Joint Functional Component Command - Space and 14th



Second Lieutenant
May 27, 1998



First Lieutenant
May 27, 2000



Captain
May 27, 2002



Major
November 01, 2007



Lieutenant Colonel
October 01, 2012



Colonel
January 01, 2019



Brigadier General
February 01, 2024



AirForce (Air Forces Strategic), Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

14. June 2016–June 2017, Student, College of Naval Warfare, Newport, R.I.

15. June 2017–June 2018, Chief, Eurasia-America Operations Division, Checkmate, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

16. July 2018–April 2019, Chief, Programs Division, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.

17. May 2019–July 2020, Commander, 21st Operations Group, 21st Space Wing, Peterson AFB, Colo.

18. July 2020–June 2021, Commander, Space Delta 2, Space Operations Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.

19. June 2021–July 2023, Director, Combat Power, Deputy Commanding General, Operations, Headquarters Space Operations Command, Peterson Space Force Base, Colo.

20. July 2023–May 2024, Chief, Current Operations Division, Operations Directorate, U.S. Space Command, Peterson SFB, Colo.

21. May 2024–present, Deputy Commander, Space Training and Readiness Command, U.S. Space Force, Peterson SFB, Colo.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2010–July 2012, Chief, Ops & Plans Branch, Deputy Directorate for Global Operations, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a major

2. July 2012–June 2013, Deputy Chief, Combat Operations Division, Joint Space Operations Center, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., as a lieutenant colonel

3. February 2015–May 2016, Executive Officer to Commander, Joint Functional Component Command - Space, Vandenberg AFB, Calif., as a lieutenant colonel

4. July 2023–May 2024, Chief, Current Operations Division, Operations Directorate, U.S. Space Command, Peterson Space Force Base Space Force Base, Colo., as a colonel

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with silver oak leaf cluster

Air and Space Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air and Space Achievement Medal

(Current as of May 2024)





United States Navy Biography

REAR ADMIRAL MATTHEW CASE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY



Rear Admiral Matthew Case is the Defense Health Agency (DHA) acting Assistant Director, Healthcare Administration (AD-HCA). RDML Case provides leadership in the administration and management of health care delivery across all DoD hospitals and clinics, and the sustainment of the medical readiness of the armed forces and the readiness of the medical force within a unified Military Health System. As Assistant Director, Health Care Administration, he assists the DHA director in the planning, direction and management of health care facilities, implementing policy, procedures and direction that affect health care delivery and administration, as well as provide cross-functional support to the markets and managing the TRICARE Health Plan.

Prior to becoming the acting AD-HCA, he was the Naval Medical Forces Atlantic Commander and the DHA Defense Health Network—Atlantic Director, both in Portsmouth, VA.

RDML Case served operationally as Plans, Operations and Medical Intelligence Officer with II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, NC and U.S. Naval Forces Europe/U.S. Sixth Fleet. In 2007, he served on an Individual Augmentee tour to Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa, Djibouti and again in 2012 with 1st Marine Logistics Group, Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

During his ashore tours, RDML Case served in various positions throughout Navy Medicine to include Administrative Officer to the Director of Clinical Services at Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune, NC; Director for Administration at Naval Ambulatory Care Center, Portsmouth NH; Naval Health Clinic Annapolis, MD; Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune, NC; and Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, VA. He has also served as the Placement Officer and Assistant Branch Head, Medical Officer Assignment (PERS 4415) at Navy Personnel Command and Executive Officer, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, VA. In 2018, he assumed command of Naval Hospital Jacksonville, FL. During this assignment he became the first Naval Medical Readiness Training Command Commander and DHA MTF Director. Following his command tour in 2020, he served as the Executive Assistant to the Surgeon General, U.S. Navy and Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in Falls Church, VA.

His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit (three awards), Meritorious Service Medal (six awards), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards), as well as the Surface Warfare Medical Department Officer qualification and Fleet Marine Force Qualified Officer designation. He is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and was selected for the 2012 American Hospital Association's Federal Health Care Executive Special Achievement Award. RDML Case, a native of Nottingham, NH, was a direct accession and commissioned in 1994. He received a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of New Hampshire in 1989 and earned a Master of Science degree in Health Care Administration in 1993.

BG CHAD C. CHALFONT
Chief of Armor and Commandant, United States Army Armor School



BG Chalfont is originally from Newtown, Pennsylvania. He received his commission as an Armor officer from the United States Military Academy in 1995. His first assignment was in 2-69 Armor, 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division (Fort Moore, Georgia) where he served as a Tank Platoon Leader, Tank Company Executive Officer, and Battalion Assistant S-3. In 1999, BG Chalfont served as the Brigade Assistant S-3 (Plans) in 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Fort Cavazos, Texas). In 2001 he commanded D Company, 1-8 Cavalry (later reflagged to A Company, 1-8 Cavalry). In 2003, he attended graduate school and reported to West Point in 2005 to teach in the Department of History.

BG Chalfont deployed to Iraq in 2007 and served as the Team Chief for a Military Transition Team, advising an Iraqi battalion in Baghdad and Diyala Provinces. In 2009, he reported to the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment (Fort Irwin, California) and served as the 1st Squadron's Executive Officer and Regimental Operations Officer. He deployed to Iraq in 2011 and served as the Deputy Executive Officer to the Commander, United States Forces Iraq. He later served as a Special Assistant to the Vice Chief of Staff, Army from 2012-2013.

BG Chalfont commanded 2-7 Infantry, 1st Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division (Fort Stewart, Georgia) from 2013-2015. He later served as a Politico-Military Affairs Officer in the Joint Staff J5 China Division from 2016-2018. BG Chalfont commanded 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division (Fort Bliss, Texas) from 2018-2020 and later served as the 1st Armored Division Chief of Staff from 2020-2021. He served as the commander of NTC Operations Group from 2021-2022. He served as the Deputy Commanding Officer (Support) and Deputy Commanding General (Maneuver) for 1st Cavalry Division from 2022-2024.

BG Chalfont's military education includes the Armor Officer Basic Course, Field Artillery Advanced Course, Combined Arms Services Staff School, Command and General Staff School, and National War College. BG Chalfont earned a Master of Arts degree in History from Pennsylvania State University and a Master of Science degree in National Security Studies from the National War College.

BG Chalfont is married to the former Shannon Ward of Norman, Oklahoma. They have two sons: Luke, 21 and Matthew, 19.



MAJOR GENERAL COLIN J. CONNOR

Maj. Gen. Colin J. Connor is the Director of Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Modernization, Site Activation Task Force, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana. He is responsible for overseeing and coordinating the activities of the Air Force in support of the deployment of the LGM-35A Sentinel ICBM weapon system and the retirement of the LGM-30G Minuteman III ICBM weapon system.

Maj. Gen. Connor earned his commission from the United States Air Force Academy in 1995. He has served as an intercontinental ballistic missile combat crew commander, instructor, evaluator, and flight commander. He also served on staff at Headquarters Eighth Air Force and Headquarters Air Force Global Strike Command. Brig. Gen. Connor commanded the 21st Operations Support Squadron at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado and the 91st Missile Wing, Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota.

Prior to his current assignment, Maj. Gen. Connor served as the Deputy Director for Nuclear and Homeland Defense Operations, the Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.



EDUCATION

- 1995 Bachelor of Science, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 1995 Undergraduate Space and Missile Training, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.
- 1996 Undergraduate Missile Training, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
- 2000 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2002 United States Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
- 2003 Master of Business Administration, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- 2009 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2010 School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2012 Air War College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2014 National Defense Fellow (Senior Developmental Education), Security Studies Program, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge

ASSIGNMENTS

- July 1995-September 1995, Student, Undergraduate Space and Missile Training, 392d Training Squadron, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.
- September 1995-January 1996, Student, Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Initial Qualification Training, 381st Training Squadron, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
- February 1996-June 2001, Deputy Missile Combat Crew Instructor, Operations Support Flight Commander, and Senior Evaluator Missile Combat Crew, 90th Operations Group, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
- July 2001-June 2002, Flight Commander, 11th Space Warning Squadron, Schriever AFB, Colo.
- July 2002-December 2002, Student, Space Weapons Instructor Course, Space Division, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
- January 2003-September 2005, Assistant Director of Operations, 8th Information Warfare Flight, Barksdale AFB, La. (May 2005-September 2005, Air Force Central Command Director of Space Forces Weapons Officer, Commander of Air Force Forces Staff, operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar)
- October 2005-August 2006, Flight Commander, 328th Weapons Squadron, U.S. Air Forces Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
- September 2006-June 2008, Deputy Director Commander's Action Group and Executive Officer, U.S. Air Force Warfare Center, Nellis AFB, Nev.
- July 2008-June 2010, Student, Air Command and Staff College and School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- July 2010-April 2011, Branch Chief, Strategic Studies and Wargaming, Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale AFB, La.
- May 2011-July 2013, Commander, 21st Operations Support Squadron, Peterson AFB, Colo.
- August 2013-May 2014, National Defense Fellow, Massachusetts Institute Technology, Cambridge, Mass.
- June 2014-January 2015, Chief of Staff of the Air Force Fellow with duty as Chief of Operations, Operations Team 3, National Military Command Center, the Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
- February 2015-June 2016, Chief of Staff of the Air Force Fellow with duty as Deputy Division Chief Operations Training and Support Division in Joint Staff Operations Directorate, the Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 31, 1995	
First Lieutenant May 31, 1997	
Captain May 31, 1999	
Major September 01, 2005	
Lieutenant Colonel March 01, 2010	
Colonel October 01, 2014	
Brigadier General May 29, 2020	
Major General Jul 31, 2024	

15. June 2016–August 2018, Commander, 91st Missile Wing, Minot AFB, N.D.
16. August 2018–June 2020, Director, Air Force General Officer Management, Headquarters Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
17. June 2020–August 2023, Deputy Director for Nuclear and Homeland Defense Operations, the Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
18. August 2023–present, Director of Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Modernization, Site Activation Task Force, Barksdale AFB, La.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2014–January 2015, Chief of Staff of the Air Force Fellow with duty as Chief of Operations, Operations Team 3, National Military Command Center, the Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a colonel
2. February 2015–June 2016, Chief of Staff of the Air Force Fellow with duty as Deputy Division Chief Operations Training and Support Division in Joint Staff Operations Directorate, the Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a colonel
3. June 2020–August 2023, Deputy Director for Nuclear and Homeland Defense Operations, the Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va, as a brigadier general

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

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

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 31, 1995
First Lieutenant May 31, 1997
Captain May 31, 1999
Major Sept. 1, 2005
Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2010
Colonel Oct. 1, 2014
Brigadier General May 29, 2020
Major General Jul 31, 2024

(Current as of Sep 2024)





National Guard Bureau

General Officer Management Office, Arlington, VA

MAJOR GENERAL THOMAS D. CRIMMINS

Maj Gen Thomas D. Crimmins is the 37th Commandant of the Joint Forces Staff College – NSA Hampton Roads, Norfolk, VA. As Commandant of JFSC, he oversees its three schools: Joint Advanced Warfighting School (JAWS), Joint & Combined Warfighting School (JCWS), and Joint Information School (JIS).

General Crimmins received his commission from the United States Air Force Academy in 1990. He is a veteran of several combat operations including Operations SOUTHERN WATCH and IRAQI FREEDOM in Southwest Asia, and JOINT GUARD, ENDEAVOR, and ALLIED FORCE in the Balkans. He has commanded a flying squadron in combat and in garrison, and as a Vice Wing Commander and Wing Commander. He also served as the U. S. Central Command Deputy Director of Mobility Forces, supporting Operations Resolute Support, Freedom's Sentinel and Inherent Resolve. His staff assignments include tours at the Pentagon, White House, United States Military Training Mission-Saudi Arabia, and Headquarters Pacific Air Forces. He served as the Assistant Adjutant General, Air National Guard, Joint Force Headquarters, Arkansas. Prior to his current assignment, he served as the Senior Defense Official and Defense Attaché (Saudi Arabia), Embassy of the United States.



EDUCATION

1990 Bachelor of Science, Political Science, U.S Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

1997 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2004 Distinguished Graduate, Master of Arts, Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College

2009 National Defense Fellow (SDE), Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington D.C.

2012 Leadership Enhancement Program, Center for Creative Leadership, Greensboro, N.C.

2013 Security Cooperation Management Executive Course, Defense Institute for Security Assistance Management, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

2020 Dual Status Commander Qualification Program, Colorado Springs, Colo.

2020 Joint Task Force Commander Training Course, Colorado Springs, Colo.

2021 Senior Leader Orientation Course (SLOC), Joint Base Andrews, Md.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1990 - November 1991, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Reese Air Force Base, Texas.
2. November 1991 - March 1994, Graduate Student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas.
3. March 1994 - December 1994, Flight Commander, 64th Services Squadron, Reese AFB, Texas.
4. January 1995 - March 2000, Flight Commander, C-130H1 Aircraft Commander, Instructor Pilot, and Evaluator Pilot, 39th Airlift Squadron, Dyess AFB, Texas.
5. April 2000 - July 2003, Chief, Operations Group Standardization and Evaluation, FTU Instructor/Evaluator Pilot, 314th Operations Group, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
6. August 2003 - June 2004, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
7. June 2004 - April 2006, CENTCOM Branch Chief and Country Director, Iraq and Jordan, Deputy Secretary of the Air Force (International Affairs), Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
8. May 2006 - July 2008, Commander, 41st Airlift Squadron, and Director of Staff, 43d Airlift Wing, Pope AFB, N.C. (February 2007 - June 2007, Commander, 737th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, Southwest Asia)
9. August 2008 - June 2009, National Defense Fellow, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington, D.C.
10. June 2009 - June 2011, Policy Analyst, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, The White House, Washington, D.C.
11. June 2011 - June 2013, Vice Commander, 19th Airlift Wing, Little Rock AFB, Ark. (May 2012 - September 2012, Deputy Director of Mobility Forces, AFCENT)
12. June 2013 - June 2014, Chief, Joint Advisory Division, US Military Training Mission, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
13. July 2014 - May 2017, Chief, Air Mobility Division, 613th Air Operations Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
14. May 2017 - June 2019, Wing Commander, 189th Airlift Wing, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
15. June 2019 - June 2021, Assistant Adjutant General, Little Rock AFB, AR; dual-hatted, January 2020 - December 2020, Air National Guard Assistant to the Director Air National Guard for Headquarters Air Force, Studies, Analysis and Assessments (HAF/A-9), VA
16. July 2021 - September 2021, Student, Joint Military Attaché School, Joint Base Anacostia Bolling, DC
17. September 2021 –August 2023, Senior Defense Official and Defense Attaché (Saudi Arabia), Embassy of the United States - Saudi Arabia, Riyadh, AE
18. August 2023 — Present, Commandant, Joint Forces Staff College, NSA Hampton Roads, Norfolk, VA

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2009 - June 2011, Policy Analyst, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, The White House, Washington, D.C. as a lieutenant colonel
2. June 2013 - June 2014, Chief, Joint Advisory Division, US Military Training Mission, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia as a colonel
3. August 2023 – Present, Commandant, Joint Forces Staff College, NSA Hampton Roads, Norfolk, VA

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 2,900

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, T-41, C-21, C-130E/H/J

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with oak leaf cluster
Aerial Achievement Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 30, 1990
First Lieutenant May 30, 1992
Captain May 30, 1994
Major June 1, 2001
Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2006
Colonel Aug. 1, 2011
Brigadier General June 8, 2019
Major General 17 Feb, 2022

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHAPLAIN, MAJOR GENERAL TRENT C. DAVIS

Chaplain, Maj Gen Trent C. Davis is the 21st Chief of Chaplains, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia and serves as the 3rd Chief of Chaplains for the U.S. Space Force. As a member of the Chief of Staff of the Air Force and Chief of Space Operations special staff, he establishes guidance and provides advice on all matters pertaining to the religious and moral welfare of Air Force and Space Force personnel. He is responsible for establishing effective programs to meet the religious needs of Airmen, Guardians and their dependents. As Chief of Chaplains, he is the senior pastor for more than 700,000 active duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian forces serving in the U.S. and overseas. He leads the Department of the Air Force Chaplain Corps of approximately 2,200 chaplains and religious affairs airmen from the active duty and Air Reserve components. As a member of the Armed Forces Chaplain Board, he and his colleagues advise the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff on religious, ethical and quality-of-life concerns.



Chaplain Davis was ordained as a Southern Baptist minister in 1995. He entered the Air Force Reserve as a chaplain in 1997 and the active-duty Air Force in 1998. During his career, he served in numerous leadership positions at the Group, Wing, Numbered Air Force, and Major Command levels. After assignments as Installation Chaplain, Wing Chaplain, and Deputy Command Chaplain, he served as Command Chaplain for United States Air Forces Central, United States Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa and Air Combat Command. Prior to his current assignment, Chaplain Davis served as Deputy Chief of Chaplains, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia.

EDUCATION

- 1993 Bachelor of Science, Sociology, Longwood College, Farmville, Va.
- 1996 Master of Divinity, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas
- 1998 Chaplain Orientation Course, Air Force Chaplain Service Institute, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1999 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2000 Academic Instructor School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2007 Intermediate Chaplain Course, Air Force Chaplain Service Institute, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2009 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2011 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2011 Wing Chaplain Course, Air Force Chaplain Corps College, Fort Jackson, S.C.
- 2016 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2016 Senior Chaplain Course, Air Force Chaplain Corps College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2018 Master of Science, National Security Strategy, National War College, National Defense University, Ft. McNair, District of Columbia

ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1997–April 1998, Individual Mobilization Augmentee Chaplain, 5th Bomb Wing, Minot AFB, N.D.
2. April 1998–April 2001, Protestant Chaplain, 42nd Air Base Wing, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
3. April 2001–July 2004, Protestant Chaplain, 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa AB, Japan
4. July 2004–June 2005, Student, Air Force Institute of Technology, University of Nebraska, Lincoln
5. June 2005–October 2006, Protestant Chaplain, 347th Rescue Wing, Moody AFB, Ga.
6. October 2006–November 2007, Protestant Chaplain, 23rd Wing, Moody AFB, Ga.
7. November 2007–July 2010, Installation Chaplain, 422nd Air Base Group, Royal Air Force Base Croughton, United Kingdom
8. July 2010–June 2011, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
9. June 2011–June 2014, Wing Chaplain, 97th Air Mobility Wing, Altus AFB, Okla.
10. July 2014–July 2016, Wing Chaplain, 51st Fighter Wing, Osan AB, Republic of Korea
11. July 2016–July 2017, Deputy Command Chaplain, Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
12. July 2017–June 2018, Student, National War College, National Defense University, Ft. McNair, District of Columbia
13. June 2018–June 2019, Command Chaplain, U.S. Air Forces Central, Al Udeid AB, Qatar
14. June 2019–June 2022, Command Chaplain, U.S. Air Forces in Europe and U.S. Air Forces Africa, Ramstein AB, Germany
15. June 2022–December 2023, Command Chaplain, Air Combat Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.
16. December 2023–August 2024, Deputy Chief of Chaplains, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
17. August 2024–Present, Chief of Chaplains for the Air Force and Space Force, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters
Air and Space Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

First Lieutenant Sept. 8, 1997
Captain Oct. 21, 1998
Major Aug. 1, 2008
Lieutenant Colonel April 1, 2014
Colonel July 1, 2018
Brigadier General Dec. 5, 2023
Major General Aug. 9, 2024

(Current as of August 2024)



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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL AARON D. DRAKE

Brig. Gen. Aaron D. Drake is the Senior Defense Official/Defense Attaché to Moscow, Russia. In this position, Brig. Gen. Drake provides military advice and counsel to the Ambassador, Secretary of Defense, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, and European Command Commander. Brig. Gen. Drake is also responsible for developing and maintaining relationships and communication with the Russian Ministry of Defense and Russian General Staff.

Brig. Gen. Drake is a native of Dayton, Ohio and commissioned from the U.S. Air Force Academy. He has commanded at the flight, squadron, group and wing level, and deployed numerous times supporting Operations Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom. Brig. Gen. Drake also served in diverse operational and staff leadership positions in Cyber Command, Indo-Pacific Command, Central Command and Special Operations Command.

Prior to his current position, Brig. Gen. Drake served as Commander of the National Security Agency-Texas where he commanded a center of over 4,000 personnel from five services and multiple defense agencies supporting seven combatant commands, interagency partners and national decision makers.

EDUCATION

1995 Bachelor of Science, Middle Eastern Area Studies, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
 1999 Master of Science, Information Systems, Hawaii Pacific University, Honolulu, Hawaii
 1999 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
 2006 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
 2007 Master of Strategic Intelligence, Joint Military Intel College, Defense Intelligence Agency, Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C.
 2012 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
 2014 Master of Strategic Studies, Naval War College, Naval Station Newport, R.I.
 2017 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
 2021 Senior Executives in National and International Security, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. November 1996–December 1999, Chief, Electric Systems Security Assessment Center, Pacific, 692nd Intelligence Support Squadron, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii
2. December 1999–December 2000, Psychological Operations and Special Technical Operations Planner, 7th Air Force Information Warfare Flight, Osan Air Base, South Korea
3. January 2001–March 2002, Chief, Weapons and Tactics, 16th Air Command and Control Squadron, Robins AFB, Ga.
4. March 2002–February 2003, Flight Commander, 330th Combat Training Squadron, Robins AFB, Ga.
5. March 2003–July 2006, Assistant Director of Operations, 19th Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
6. July 2006–July 2007, Student, National Intelligence University, Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C.
7. August 2007–August 2008, Director of Operations, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Division, Combined Air Operations Center, Al Udeid AB, Qatar
8. August 2008–August 2010, Director of Operations, 11th Intelligence Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
9. August 2010–June 2011, Deputy Director, Standardization and Evaluation Division, Air Force ISR Agency, Lackland AFB, Texas
10. June 2011–June 2013, Commander, 19th Weapons Squadron, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
11. June 2013–June 2014, Student, Naval War College, Naval Station Newport, R.I.
12. June 2014–July 2015, Chief, Global Cyber Operations Plans, U.S. Cyber Command, Fort George G. Meade, Md.
13. June 2015–July 2016, Executive Assistant to the Commander, U.S. Cyber Command, Fort George G. Meade, Md.
14. July 2016–July 2018, Commander, 659th ISR Group, Fort George G. Meade, Md.
15. July 2018–July 2019, Director, Intelligence for Air Forces Central Command, Shaw AFB, S.C.
16. July 2019–August 2021, Commander, National Security Agency, San Antonio, Texas
17. August 2021–August 2022, Special Assistant to the Commander, 16th Air Force, San Antonio, Texas



EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant
May 31, 1995



First Lieutenant
May 31, 1997



Captain
March 11, 1999



Major
July 12, 2005



Lieutenant Colonel
February 01, 2010



Colonel
April 01, 2016



Brigadier General
May 03, 2022



18. September 2022–present, Senior Defense Official, Defense Attaché Office, Moscow, Russia

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: non-rated flight officer

Flight hours: 949

Aircraft: E-8C

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Bronze Star Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

National Defense Service Medal with device

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Korea Defense Service Medal

NATO Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Distinguished Graduate, Intelligence Officer School 1996

Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School 1999

Initial Cadre, Intelligence Sensor Weapons Instructor Course

(Current as of August 2023)



Commanding General MG Lawrence G. Ferguson

Assumed Command on June 21, 2023



1st Special Forces Command
(Airborne)

Major General Lawrence Gilbert (Gil) Ferguson, Commanding General, 1st Special Forces Command (Airborne), Fort Liberty, NC. Major General Ferguson is a career Special Forces Officer from Mississippi. Upon graduating from the US Air Force Academy, Gil commissioned as an infantry officer and served in 3/502nd Infantry Regiment in the 101st Airborne Division.

Gil served as a Detachment Commander in 2nd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne) and 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) where he also served as Headquarters Company Commander.

Gil later served in a variety of positions in

US Army Special Operations Command and later commanded 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne).

Gil has served as an operations officer in the Joint Staff J37 Deputy Directorate for Special Operations; Executive Officer to the CG, US Army Special Operations Command; Chief of Staff at 1st Special Forces Command (Airborne) and US Army Special Operations Command (Airborne); ADC-O at the 82nd Airborne Division and Director of Operations for CJTF-OIR.

Gil and his wife of 29 years, Renee', have three sons: Second Lieutenant Lawrence Ferguson, a Field Artillery Officer; Duncan, an Army ROTC Cadet and a junior at University of North Georgia; and Dylan, a sophomore at Savannah College of Art and Design.



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BRIGADIER GENERAL MATTHEW J. FRENCH

Brig. Gen. Matthew French is the Chief of Staff of the Florida Air National Guard (FL ANG), Joint Force Headquarters Florida National Guard, St. Augustine, Florida. He serves as the principal advisor to the FL ANG Commander and is responsible for strategic planning and guidance for the state's wide range of air and space missions. He directs the force development programs and initiatives impacting over 2000 Airmen in diverse units across Florida. General French also serves as a Deputy Combined Forces Air Component Commander for First Air Force, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida.



General French received his commission in June 1999 upon graduation from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He has served in a variety of operational fighter assignments in U.S. Air Forces Europe and Pacific Air Command. He instructed at the U.S. Air Force Weapons School before transitioning in 2010 from the active duty Air Force to the Florida Air National Guard. He has commanded an operations group and maintenance squadron, and served as the Air National Guard Advisor to an Air Force Major Command. General French is a command pilot with over 2,600 hours in the T-37, T-38, and F-15A-D. He has deployed in support of NATO Alert in Iceland, Operation ATLANTIC RESOLVE in Europe, and flown numerous missions in support of Operation NOBLE EAGLE in the United States. Prior to his current assignment he was the commander of the 125th Fighter Wing, Jacksonville, Florida.

EDUCATION

1999 Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
2004 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2007 USAF Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nv.
2009 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
2014 Air National Guard Intermediate Development Course, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
2015 Accelerated Aircraft Maintenance Officers Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas
2016 Air National Guard Commanders Development Course, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
2016 Air War College, by correspondence
2016 Master of Arts in Theology, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.
2019 NATO Senior Officer Policy Course, Oberammergau, Germany
2021 NORAD/NORTHCOM Joint Task Force Commanders Course, Colorado Springs, Colo.
2022 NORAD/NORTHCOM Dual Status Commanders Course, Colorado Springs, Colo.
2024 National Security Management Course, Syracuse University, Syracuse, Ny.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 1999 – May 2001, STUDENT, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, Miss.
2. June 2001 – December 2002, STUDENT, F-15C training, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
3. January 2002 – January 2005, F-15C MISSION COMMANDER, Assistant Chief of Scheduling, Assistant Chief of Weapons, 493rd Fighter Squadron, Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England
4. January 2005 – December 2006, F-15C INSTRUCTOR PILOT, Flight Commander and Group Standardization and Evaluation Flight Examiner, 67th Fighter Squadron and 18th Operations Group, Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan
5. January 2007 – June 2007, STUDENT, USAF Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nv.
6. June 2007 – June 2008, WEAPONS OFFICER, 67th Fighter Squadron, Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan
7. June 2008 – June 2010, F-15C WEAPONS INSTRUCTOR, Assistant Director of Operations and Wing Standardization and Evaluation Flight Examiner, 433rd Weapons Squadron and 57th Wing, Nellis AFB, Nv.
8. July 2010 – June 2012, CHIEF OF STANDARDIZATION AND EVALUATION, 125th Operations Group, Jacksonville IAP, Fla.
9. July 2012 – December 2014, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, 159th Fighter Squadron, Jacksonville IAP, Fla.
10. January 2015 – May 2016, COMMANDER, 125th Maintenance Squadron, Jacksonville IAP, Fla.

11. June 2016 – April 2018, COMMANDER, 125th Operations Group, Jacksonville IAP, Fla.
12. May 2018 – December 2019, ANG ADVISOR TO COMMANDER USAFE-AFAFRICA, Ramstein AB, Germany
13. January 2020 – February 2022, COMMANDER r, 125th Fighter Wing, Jacksonville IAP, Fla.
14. March 2022 – Present, CHIEF OF STAFF, Florida Air National Guard, JFHQ-FL, St. Augustine, Fla.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: more than 2,600

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, F-15A-D

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf clusters

CIVILIAN OCCUPATION

Commercial Pilot, Major U.S. Airline

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 2, 1999

First Lieutenant June 2, 2001

Captain June 2, 2003

Major November 1, 2008

Lieutenant Colonel January 29, 2013

Colonel June 1, 2017

Brigadier General June 5, 2023

(Current as of June 2024)



BRIGADIER GENERAL RICHARD A. GOODMAN

Brig. Gen. Richard A. Goodman is the Director, Joint Training and Exercises (JT), U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (HQ USINDOPACOM), Camp Smith, Hawaii. As the Director, he develops and executes the Joint Exercise and Joint Training Programs for HQUSINDOPACOM, and USINDOPACOM Components and Subordinate forces within the Indo-Pacific area of responsibility. Additionally, he develops and implements concepts incorporated into the Pacific Deterrence Initiative (PDI) such as the Pacific Multi-Domain Training and Experimentation Capability (PMTEC). PMTEC enables Joint, Combined, and Coalition warfighters to realistically rehearse fighting in highly contested all-domain environments against peer adversary capabilities to support integrated deterrence.



Brig. Gen. Goodman entered the Air Force in 1997 after graduating from the United States Air Force Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering. Brig. Gen. Goodman is a command pilot with more than 4,100 flight hours and 850 combat hours. Brig. Gen. Goodman has flown combat sorties in operations Southern Watch, Northern Watch, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, Inherent Resolve and Deliberate Resolve. A Weapons School graduate and Instructor Pilot, Brig. Gen. Goodman served two years as a solo pilot in the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds. He is also a graduate of the Army's prestigious School of Advanced Military Studies. Additionally, Brig. Gen. Goodman commanded the 366th Fighter Wing, Mountain Home, Idaho and was the Senior Executive Officer to the Commander, Pacific Air Forces.

EDUCATION

- 1997 Bachelor of Science, Engineering Science, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 2004 Squadron Officer School, Top Third Graduate, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2010 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2010 Master's degree, Leadership, Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Ariz., by correspondence
- 2011 Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
- 2012 School of Advanced Military Studies, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
- 2012 Master's Degree in Military Arts and Sciences, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
- 2015 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2016 Master's degree, National Resource Strategy, National Defense University, Washington D.C.

Second Lieutenant
May 28, 1997



First Lieutenant
May 28, 1999



Captain
May 28, 2001



Major
November 01, 2006



Lieutenant Colonel
March 01, 2011



Colonel
May 01, 2017



Brigadier General
July 02, 2023



ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1997-June 1998, Student Pilot, Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, VT-3 Flying Training Squadron, Naval Air Station Whiting Field, Fla.
2. July 1998-April 1999, Student Pilot, Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, 435th Flying Training Squadron, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.
3. July 1999-April 2000, F-15E Student Pilot, 334th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
4. May 2000-April 2003, F-15E Mission Commander, Assistant Chief of Safety, Assistant Chief of Training and Assistant Chief of Weapons, 494th Fighter Squadron, Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England
5. May 2003-December 2004, F-15E Instructor Pilot, Assistant Chief of Scheduling, 334th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
6. January 2005-June 2005, F-15E Student Pilot, U.S. Air Force Weapons Instructor Course, 17th Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
7. July 2005-March 2007, F-15E Weapons and Tactics Flight Commander, Weapons Officer, Instructor Pilot, 336th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
8. April 2007-August 2008, F-15E Instructor Pilot, U.S. Air Force Weapons Instructor Course, 17th Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
9. August 2008-December 2010, Thunderbird Pilot, U.S. Air Force Aerial Demonstration Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
10. January 2011-December 2011, Student, Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
11. January 2012-March 2013, Student, School of Advanced Military Studies, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

12. April 2013-April 2014, Director of Operations, 428th Fighter Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
13. April 2014-June 2015, Commander, 389th Fighter Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
14. July 2015-June 2016, Student, Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, Washington, D.C.
15. June 2016-May 2018, Deputy Director, Force Readiness (Air Force), OSD P&R, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
16. May 2018-June 2019, Vice Commander, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing, Southwest Asia
17. July 2019-July 2021, Commander, 366th Fighter Wing, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
18. July 2021-May 2022, Senior Executive Officer to COMPACAF, Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, Hawaii
19. June 2022-July 2024, Commander, 57th Wing, Nellis AFB, Nev.
20. July 2024 - Present, Director, Joint Training and Exercises (J7), USINDOPACOM, Camp Smith, Hawaii

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 4,100

Aircraft flown: A/T-38, F-15E, F-15SG,
F-16 C/D

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with silver oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

(Current as of August 2024)





BRIGADIER GENERAL TREVOR HALL

**DEPUTY COMMANDING GENERAL, III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE
COMMANDING GENERAL, 3D MARINE EXPEDITIONARY BRIGADE**

Brigadier General Hall currently serves as the Deputy Commanding General, III Marine Expeditionary Force and as the Commanding General, 3d Marine Expeditionary Brigade in Okinawa, Japan. He enlisted in the Selected Marine Corps Reserve in 1990 and was commissioned in 1994.

Brigadier General Hall's operational assignments include serving as a platoon commander with 3d Battalion, 6th Marines; a company commander with 2d Battalion, 6th Marines; the Executive Officer for 3d Battalion, 2d Marines; the Operations Officer for 22d Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU); the Commanding Officer of 3d Battalion, 8th Marines; and the Commanding Officer of 26th MEU.



Brigadier General Hall's non-operational assignments include serving as a training company commander, operations officer, and executive officer for Infantry Training Battalion, School of Infantry (East). His other staff assignments include serving as an Assistant Section Head for Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps (HQMC) Manpower and Reserve Affairs; Section Head for HQMC Policy Plans, and Operations; Section Head for Special Operations Command; and as Operations Officer and Chief of Staff for Fleet Marine Force Atlantic, Marine Forces Command, and Marine Forces Northern Command.

Brigadier General Hall's operational deployments include Operation Desert Thunder, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Unified Response in Haiti, Operation Unified Protector in Libya, and numerous deployments to the Pacific, European, African, Central, and Southern Command theaters.

Brigadier General Hall is a graduate of The Basic School, Infantry Officer Course, Summer Mountain Leaders Course, Advanced Mortar Leaders Course, Amphibious Warfare School, and Air War College. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Management from Georgia Tech, a Master of Science of Business Administration from Boston University, and a Master of Strategic Studies from Air University. His personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation and Achievement Medals.



BRIGADIER GENERAL LESLIE F. HAUCK III

Brig. Gen. Leslie F. Hauck III is the Director, Electromagnetic Spectrum Superiority, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va. He is responsible to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance and Cyber Effects Operations for policy formulation, planning, oversight and leadership of the Air Force EMS enterprise.

Brig. Gen. Hauck received his commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1998. He has commanded at the squadron, group and wing level.

Prior to his current assignment, Brig. Gen. Hauck led over 5,300 Airmen across 11 European countries, including nine geographically separated units, as Commander, 52nd Fighter Wing, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany.

EDUCATION

1998 Bachelor of Science Degree, Operations Research, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

2005 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2007 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2007 Master of Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Luke AFB, Ariz.

2009 Joint Professional Military Education II, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.

2011 Master of Arts, National Security and Strategic Studies, College of Naval Command and Staff, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

2011 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2016 Master of Strategic Studies, Air War College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2022 Enterprise Leadership Seminar – Executive Development, University of North Carolina Kenan-Flagler Business School, Chapel Hill

2024 Leading Data and AI-Enabled Organizations Program, Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Office in partnership with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, Mass.

2024 Senior Joint Information Operations Applications Course, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1998–March 1999, Casual Status, Pope Air Force Base, N.C.

2. March 1999–August 2000, Student, Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training, Sheppard AFB, Texas

3. August 2000–May 2001, Student, F-16 Formal Training Unit, Luke AFB, Ariz.

4. May 2001–March 2004, Flight Safety Officer, Training Officer, Activities Security Monitor, 522nd Fighter Squadron, Cannon AFB, N.M. (December 2002–March 2003, Chief of Safety, 384th Air Expeditionary Group, Operation Iraqi Freedom)

5. March 2004–May 2007, Flight Safety Officer, Flight Commander, Deputy Chief Standardization/Evaluation, Flight Examiner, 61st Fighter Squadron, 56th Operations Group, Luke AFB, Ariz.

6. May 2007–July 2007, Assistant Director of Operations, 36th Fighter Squadron, Osan Air Base, South Korea

7. July 2007–May 2008, Executive Officer to the Commander, Air Operations Center and F-16 Instructor Pilot, 607th Air Operations Center, Osan AB, South Korea

8. May 2008–August 2009, Aide-de-Camp to the Commander, United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, and United States Forces Korea, U.S. Army Garrison-Yongsan, South Korea

9. August 2009–May 2010, Chief, Strategy Branch (J5), United States Forces Korea Policy Division (J5), U.S. Army Garrison-Yongsan, South Korea

10. May 2010–June 2011, Student, College of Naval Command and Staff, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

11. June 2011–June 2012, Director of Operations, 310th Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.

12. June 2012–June 2013, Commander, 80th Fighter Squadron, Kunsan AB, South Korea

13. June 2013–June 2015, Deputy Commander, 56th Operations Group, Luke AFB, Ariz. (April 2014– October 2014, Deputy Commander, 455th Expeditionary Operations Group, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan)

14. June 2015–June 2016, Student, Air War College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

15. June 2016–June 2017, Chief, Integrated Joint Special Technical Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon,



EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant
May 27, 1998



First Lieutenant
May 27, 2000



Captain
May 27, 2002



Major
October 01, 2007



Lieutenant Colonel
December 01, 2011



Colonel
April 01, 2018



Brigadier General
July 18, 2024



Arlington, Va.

16. July 2017–February 2018, Deputy Chief, Operations and Plans Division, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa, Ramstein AB, Germany

17. February 2018–July 2019, Chief, 5th Generation Integration Division, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa, Ramstein AB, Germany

18. July 2019–July 2021, Commander, 31st Operations Group, Aviano AB, Italy (additionally, October 2020–May 2021, Vice Commander, 31st Fighter Wing)

19. July 2021–June 2023, Commander, 52nd Fighter Wing, Spangdahlem AB, Germany

20. June 2023–present, Director, Electromagnetic Spectrum Superiority, Headquarters Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 2008–August 2009, Aide-de-Camp to the Commander, United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, and United States Forces Korea, U.S. Army Garrison-Yongsan, South Korea, as a major

2. August 2009–May 2010, Chief, Strategy Branch (J5), United States Forces Korea Policy Division (J5), U.S. Army Garrison-Yongsan, South Korea, as a major

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 2,700

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, AT-38, F-16, HH-60

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Bronze Star Medal

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air and Space Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

(Current as of August 2024)



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United States Navy Biography

REAR ADMIRAL JOSHUA HIMES **Vice Director for Intelligence** **Joint Staff**

RDML Joshua Himes, a native of Annapolis, Maryland, graduated and was commissioned in 1993 from the University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations and Diplomatic History. He subsequently graduated with a Master of Science Degree in Systems Technology from the Naval Postgraduate School in 2001.

Fleet assignments include Carrier Air Wing Eleven, embarked in USS Abraham Lincoln and USS Kitty Hawk; Carrier Strike Group Twelve, embarked in USS Enterprise; and Carrier Strike Group Two, embarked in USS George H. W. Bush, where he served as the Flag Intelligence Officer on its maiden deployment. He returned to Carrier Strike Group Twelve as the Information Warfare Commander, preparing USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN-78) for its maiden deployment. He most recently served as the Chief of Staff for Fleet Cyber Command/Naval Space Command. He has participated in Operations Southern Watch, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, New Dawn and numerous 5th, 6th, 7th and 10th Fleet actions.



Shore assignments include service as the Deputy Director for Intelligence at the Joint Special Operations Command; on the Joint Staff as Deputy Director for Intelligence in the National Military Command Center and as Senior Editor for the Chairman/SECDEF Daily Intelligence Brief; at the USINDOPACOM, USEUCOM and USJFCOM Joint Intelligence Centers; as the Theater Intel Liaison to the Combined Air Operations Center in Vicenza, Italy during Operation Allied Force; as the Governance Team Chief at ISAF Joint Command in Kabul; as the Expanded Maritime Interdiction Operations Team Chief at Naval Forces Central Command in Bahrain; and as a Federal Executive Fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington D.C.

RDML Himes has commanded the multinational Southern Region Joint Operational Intelligence Cell in Naples, Italy; the Defense Intelligence Agency Navy Element in Washington D.C.; and the Joint Intelligence Center, USCENTCOM, in Tampa, Florida.

In addition to numerous personal and unit awards, he is the recipient of the Admiral B.R. Inman Award for Intelligence from the Naval Postgraduate School, the Military Intelligence Corps' Knowlton Award, and the Vice Admiral Rufus L. Taylor Award for Leadership.



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL DOUGLAS D. JACKSON

Brig. Gen. Doug Jackson is the Deputy Director of Operations, Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration at Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. He is responsible for policy and procedures for worldwide air operations and transportation functions assigned to Air Mobility Command. These responsibilities include managing airfield operations, Civil Reserve Air Fleet, Command and Control, combat, nuclear and current operations, aeromedical evacuation, training and evaluation programs.

Brig. Gen. Jackson received his commission as a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, Detachment 750 in 1997. He has commanded at the squadron, group and two times at the wing level. His staff assignments include the Joint Staff, Headquarters Air Force, Air Mobility Command, and the 603d Air Operations Center in Germany. He has flown combat missions in support of operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and Somalia logging over 500 combat hours.

Brig. Gen. Jackson is a command pilot with more than 4,400 flight hours in mobility and trainer aircraft. Prior to his current assignment, he was the Commander, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar.

EDUCATION

1997 Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, University of Pennsylvania, USAFROTC Detachment 750,
Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia, Pa.
2003 Squadron Officer's School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2005 Masters of Arts, International Relations, Norwich University, Northfield, Vt.
2007 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2009 Master of Arts, Strategic Communication, George Mason University, Fairfax, Va.
2009 Air Force Strategic Communication Fellow, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
2011 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2014 Master of Science, Eisenhower School, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington D.C.
2018 Air Force Enterprise Leadership Seminar, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1997–October 1997, Special Assistant to the Commander, Air Force ROTC Detachment 750, Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia, Pa.
2. October 1997–November 1998, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance Air Force Base, Okla.
3. November 1998–March 2002, T-37 Instructor Pilot, Assistant Flight Commander and Check Pilot, 8th Flying Training Squadron, Vance AFB, Okla.
4. March 2002–February 2005, C-5 Instructor Aircraft Commander, Group and Squadron Executive Officer, 22d Airlift Squadron, Travis AFB, Calif.
5. February 2005–June 2008, C-5 Flight Examiner Aircraft Commander, Chief Wing Executive Officer, Assistant Operations Officer, 9th Airlift Squadron, Dover AFB, Del.
6. June 2008–December 2009, Strategic Communication Fellow, Air Force Intern Program, George Mason University, Fairfax, Va.
7. December 2009–June 2011, Director Air Force Weeks, Chief of Programs and Resources, Secretary of the Air Force for Public Affairs, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
8. July 2011–June 2013, Commander, 436th Operations Support Squadron, Dover AFB, Del.
9. July 2013–June 2014, Student, Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington D.C.
10. June 2014–June 2016, Operations Officer, The Joint Staff, Joint Operations Directorate, U.S. Central Command Branch
11. June 2016–June 2017, Deputy Commander, 603d Air Operations Center, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
12. July 2017–May 2019, Commander, 721st Air Mobility Operations Group, Ramstein AB, Germany
13. May 2019–June 2021, Commander, 621st Contingency Response Wing, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.
14. June 2021–June 2022, Military Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations, New York City, N.Y.



EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant
May 28, 1997



First Lieutenant
May 28, 1999



Captain
May 28, 2001



Major
February 01, 2007



Lieutenant Colonel
December 01, 2010



Colonel
April 01, 2017



Brigadier General
June 02, 2023



15. July 2022–May 2023, Inspector General, Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, III.
16. June 2023–June 2024, Commander, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Udeid AB, Qatar
17. June 2024–present, Deputy Director of Operations, Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, III.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2014–June 2016, Operations Officer, The Joint Staff, Joint Operations Directorate, U.S. Central Command Branch, as a lieutenant colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 4,400

Aircraft flown: T-37B, T-1A, C-5A/B/C/M, KC-135R and RC-135W

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Foreign Area Officer Association Awards for Excellence in International Affairs

Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air and Space Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Achievement Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Meritorious Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters

Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award with nine oak leaf clusters

(Current as of July 2024)





Rear Admiral Neil A. Koprowski

Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Korea Commander, U.S. Navy Region Korea



Rear Adm. Neil Koprowski is a native of Selden, New York. He is a 1995 graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Oceanography. He earned a Master of Science in Financial Management from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California.

A surface warfare officer, his sea duty assignments include USS John Paul Jones (DDG 53), USS Juneau (LPD 10), USS Dubuque (LPD 8), USS Rodney M. Davis (FFG 60), USS Anzio (CG 68) and Carrier Strike Group 10.

He commanded USS San Antonio (LPD 17) and USS Kearsarge (LHD 3).

Ashore, he served as the Branch Head for POM Integration (N801) in OPNAV N80 Programming Division; Branch Head for Fleet Readiness Integration in USFFC; Branch Financial Officer in OPNAV N96 Surface Warfare Division; Ship/Sub Analyst and Executive Assistant in OPNAV N80 Programming Division; U.S. Joint Forces Command Deployable Training Team (J7) earning the Joint Qualified Officer designation; Congressional Liaison in the Office of the Under Secretary of the Navy for Appropriations Matters (FMBE).

He currently serves as Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Korea and Navy Region Korea.



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL BRIAN S. LAIDLAW

Brig Gen Brian S. Laidlaw is the Director of Strategy, Plans, Programs, and Requirements, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. PACAF's primary mission is to provide ready air and space power to promote United States interests in the Indo-Pacific region during peacetime, through crisis, and in war. He supports the Commander Pacific Air Forces by overseeing a portfolio including strategy, operational plans, international relations, theater security cooperation, and resource programming.

Brig Gen Laidlaw earned his commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1997. Upon completion of Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training, he served in multiple fighter assignments flying both the F-15 Eagle and the F-22 Raptor. In addition to his flying assignments, Brig Gen Laidlaw was a Legislative Fellow in the U.S. Senate, completed a tour in OSD CAPE, and also served as the Principal Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense. Prior to his current position, Brig Gen Laidlaw served as the Chief of Staff at Headquarters United States Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa.



EDUCATION

- 1997 Bachelor of Science in English, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado
- 2003 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
- 2004 Masters of Science in Leadership and Organizational Effectiveness, Troy University, Alabama
- 2005 USAF Weapons School Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nevada
- 2007 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2010 Air Force Legislative Liaison Fellowship, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.
- 2012 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2015 Masters of Science in National Security Strategy, National War College, Washington, D.C.
- 2024 Combined Forces Air Component Commanders Course

ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. June 1997 – December 1998, Student, Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas
2. December 1998 – July 1999, Student, F-15 Formal Training Unit, Tyndall AFB, Florida
3. July 1999 – July 2002, F-15C pilot, Langley AFB, Virginia
4. July 2002 – January 2005, Flight Commander/F-15 Formal Training Unit Instructor, Tyndall AFB, Florida
5. January 2005 – June 2005, Student, F-15 Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nevada
6. June 2005 – June 2007, F-15 Chief of Weapons and Tactics, Eglin AFB, Florida
7. June 2007 – June 2009, F-15 Operations Officer, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nevada
8. June 2009 – January 2011, DoD Legislative Fellow, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.
9. January 2011 – May 2011, Student, F-22 Formal Training Unit, Tyndall AFB, Florida
10. May 2011 – June 2012, Chief of Standardization and Evaluations, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska

11. June 2012 – June 2014, Commander, 3rd Operations Support Squadron, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
12. June 2014 – June 2015, Student, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.
13. June 2015 – July 2017, CAPE-TACAIR Analyst, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
14. July 2017 – July 2018, Vice Commander, 325th Fighter Wing, Tyndall AFB, Florida
15. July 2018 – July 2020, Commander, 325th Fighter Wing, Tyndall AFB, Florida
16. July 2020 – August 2022, Principal Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
17. August 2022 – June 2023, Chief of Staff, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa, Ramstein AB, Germany
18. July 2023 – Present, Director of Strategy, Plans, Programs and Requirements, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2015 – July 2017, CAPE-TACAIR Analyst, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
2. July 2020 – August 2022, Principal Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: 2,200

Aircraft flown: F-15A/B/C/D, F-22A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Distinguished Service Medal

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air and Space Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air and Space Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Combat Readiness Medal with oak leaf cluster

National Defense Service Medal

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2019 USAF General and Mrs. Jerome F. O'Malley Award (wing commander and spouse)

AFA Florida Jerome Waterman Award

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 1997

First Lieutenant May 1999

Captain May 2001

Major November 2006

Lieutenant Colonel December 2010

Colonel April 2017

Brigadier General September 2022

(Current as of Mar 2024)

Rear Admiral Matt Lake

Assistant Commandant for Resources & Chief Financial Officer U.S. Coast Guard



RDML Lake currently serves as the Assistant Commandant for Resources (CG-8) and the Chief Financial Officer for the U.S. Coast Guard. In this capacity, he is responsible for all budgetary, financial and resource management activities relating to the programs and operations of the Coast Guard. As a component of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Coast Guard is comprised of a nearly 60,000-member active duty, reserve and civil service workforce with an annual budget of nearly \$14 billion.

RDML Lake has had a mix of Coast Guard operational and field support assignments. These included service in Coast Guard Cutters MIDGETT and NORTHLAND, as the Engineer Officer, duty at Maintenance & Logistics Command Atlantic; service as the first Sector St. Petersburg Logistics Department Head, and as the Surface Forces Logistics Center's first Product Line Engineering Chief, implementing the Coast Guard's present-day mission support business framework. RDML Lake also served as the Coast Guard Yard's Industrial Manager, where he was responsible for shipyard operations, and later as the Commanding Officer. The Coast Guard Yard is the largest industrial facility in DHS, and the Coast Guard's only public shipyard.

In addition to field assignments, RDML Lake served as Deputy of the Coast Guard's Office of Budget and Programs where he oversaw formulation and defense of the Coast Guard's annual budget with DHS, the Administration, and Congress. He later served under the DHS Chief Financial Officer, coordinating formulation and justification of DHS' \$65 billion President's Budget Request to Congress. RDML Lake also served as the Assistant Program Executive Officer for Surface Acquisitions, where he led the Service's cutter and boat construction and renovation programs at shipyards throughout the United States, valued at over \$30 billion. Most recently, he served as Executive Assistant to the Deputy Commandant for Mission Support. The 17,000-person Mission Support organization delivers the systems and people in support of the Coast Guard's diverse mission sets through oversight of all human capital, naval, aeronautical and civil engineering and logistics, acquisitions, information technology, and security.

Captain Lake earned a Bachelor of Science in Naval Architecture & Marine Engineering from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1995. He earned Master of Science degrees in both Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture & Marine Engineering in 1999 from the University of Michigan. He was selected as a Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Sloan Fellow, and earned a Master of Business Administration from MIT in 2016. Captain Lake is a Certified Government Financial Manager and Senior Acquisition Program Manager.

Captain Lake has been awarded three Legions of Merit, five Meritorious Service Medals, and several other personal and unit awards. He is a recipient of the 2018 General Tuttle Award for Business Acumen in Defense and Government, the 2010 American Society of Naval Engineers Perry Award, the 2007 Coast Guard Chief Financial Officer Award, and was awarded by the Secretary of Homeland Security in 2013 for outstanding performance of duty.



Special Operations Command Europe **Brigadier General Joseph G. Lock** **Commander**

Brigadier General Joseph G. Lock is the Commanding General of Special Operations Command Europe, responsible for providing full-spectrum special operations forces in the air, land, and maritime domains in support of U.S. European Command priorities.

BG Lock's previous general officer assignments include: Military Deputy Director of Program Analysis and Evaluation (PA&E) at HQDA, G-8; Commanding General, Special Operations Joint Task Force Central; Commanding General, Over the Horizon Counterterrorism Command; and Assistant Commanding General, Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC).



Serving in the special operations enterprise for over 25 years, including nine years in 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), BG Lock has commanded special operations units at every level from detachment through joint task force, throughout thirteen combat deployments.

BG Lock was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps upon graduation from Virginia Tech University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. BG Lock also holds a Master of Science in Engineering Management from Missouri University of Science and Technology and a Master of Science degree in Strategic Studies from the Army War College. He is a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Missouri.



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL KELVIN D. MCELROY

Brigadier General Kelvin D. McElroy is the Commander, Force Generation Center, Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia. The Force Generation Center is the single organization responsible for generating Air Force Reserve forces by leveraging Reserve strategic capability to meet operational needs in support of global force management. The Force Generation Center performs all aspects of force generation to include oversight, visibility, and accountability of about 70,000 Air Force Reserve forces.

General McElroy was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army in June 1994 through the Army Reserve Officer Training Program at Fort Valley State University, Ga. While on active duty, he served as an air defense artillery officer before joining the Air Force Reserve in 2000. Since joining the Reserve, he has held numerous positions including chief of supply and fuels, Air Force ROTC instructor, deputy of war fighter logistics and maintenance squadron commander. He previously served as the commander of the 914th Maintenance Group, Niagara Falls, Air Reserve Station, N.Y., commander of the 512th Maintenance Group, Dover Air Force Base, Dover, Del, the Director, Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection, 22nd Air Force, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Marietta, Ga., Associate Director Logistics and Reserve Advisor to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., and Mobilization Assistant to the Commander, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Complex, Tinker AFB, Okla. Prior to this current assignment, he served as the Mobilization Assistant to the Director of Logistics, Civil Engineering, Force Protection and Nuclear Integration, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.



EDUCATION

- 1994 Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration, Fort Valley State University, Ga
- 2001 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala
- 2001 Master of Applied Social Science - public administration, Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, Fla
- 2004 Air Command and Staff College, by seminar.
- 2009 Master of Science in National Resource Strategy, The Dwight D. Eisenhower School, National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington D.C.
- 2016 Leadership Development Program, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, Co
- 2016 Enterprise Perspective Seminar, Alan Freed Associates, Washington D.C.
- 2017 Strategic Mindset Seminar, Stimson Associates, Washington D.C.

2017 Reserve Component National Security Course, National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington D.C.
2018 Strategic Mindset Seminar, Stimson Associates, Washington D.C.
2019 Reserve Component National Security Course, National Defense University, Washington D.C.
2020 Transnational Issues Seminar, Alan Freed Associates, Washington D.C.
2020 Data Science for Data Leadership, AGovX, Washington D.C.
2021 2020 Leading Strategically, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, Co
2021 Joint Operational Contract Planning and Execution Course (JOPEC) Lite, Joint Staff, J-4, Washington D.C.
2021 Global/Regional Seminar: China, East Asia, Oceania, INDO-PACOM, Alan Freed Assoc, Washington D.C.
2022 National and International Security Leadership Seminar, Alan Freed Associates, Washington D.C.
2022 Senior Leader Orientation Course, Air Force General Officer Management Office, Washington D.C.
2023 Global/Regional Course – Africa, Alan Freed Associates, Washington D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1994 - January 1995, student, Officer Basic Course, Air Defense Artillery, Fort Bliss, Tx.
2. February 1995 - February 1996, platoon leader, 5th Battalion, 5th ADA, Stringer Platoon, Republic of Korea
3. March 1996 - November 1996, battle staff captain, 1-4 ADA, Tactical Operations Center, Bosnia-Herzegovina
4. November 1996 - August 1997, battalion assistant operations officer, 1-4 ADA, 1st Armored Division, Germany
5. August 1997 - December 1999, executive officer, Delta Battery, 1-4 ADA, Germany
6. January 2000 - June 2003, chief, supply and fuels, 403rd Logistics Support Squadron, Keesler AFB, Miss.
7. July 2003 - August 2004, deputy commander, 403rd Maintenance Group, Keesler AFB, Miss.
8. August 2004 - July 2008, commander, 403rd Maintenance Squadron, Keesler AFB, Miss.
9. August 2008 - June 2009, student, The Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, National Defense University, Washington D.C.
10. July 2009 - January 2012, commander, 914th Maintenance Group, Niagara Falls IAP ARS, N.Y
11. May 2011 - November 2011, deputy commander, 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Group, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar
12. January 2012 - October 2014, commander, 512th Maintenance Group, Dover AFB, Del.
13. October 2014 - July 2016, director, Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection, 22 Air Force, Dobbins ARB, Ga.
14. July 2016 - September 2019, associate director logistics and reserve advisor to the deputy chief of staff for Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
15. October 2019 – October 2021, MA to the Commander, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Complex, Tinker AFB, Okla.
16. October 2021 – October 2023, MA to the Director of Logistics, Civil Engineering, Force Protection and Nuclear Integration, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.
17. October 2023 – Present, commander, Force Generation Center, Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with two oak Leaf Clusters
Air and Space Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters Army
Commendation Medal
Army Achievement Medal
Air and Space Force Outstanding Unit Award National
Defense Service Medal with bronze star Armed Forces
Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal Armed
Forces Service Medal Humanitarian Service
Medal Army Overseas Service Ribbon
Air and Space Longevity Service Air
and Space Training Ribbon Army
Service Ribbon NATO Medal



BRIGADIER GENERAL KEVIN MERRILL

Brig. Gen. Kevin Merrill is the director of Strategic Plans, Programs and Requirements, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia. He is responsible for planning and programming more than \$6 billion annually for a force of more than 69,000 personnel and 800 total organizations. He leads the development of strategic and contingency plans, major equipment requirements and doctrine reviews. Additionally, he leads AFRC's total-force integration efforts supporting nine major commands and all lead command/agents.

Brig. Gen. Merrill received his commission from the United States Air Force Academy in 1995. He is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Weapons School and is a Command Pilot with more than 3,700 hours in multiple aircraft. Brig. Gen. Merrill has deployed on several occasions in support of Operations Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and Inherent Resolve.

Prior to assuming his current position, Brig. Gen. Merrill was the Deputy Director of Strategic Plans, Programs and Requirements, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, Robins AFB, Georgia.



EDUCATION

- 1995 Bachelor of Science in Management, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 2000 Squadron Officer's School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2000 Master of Business Administration, Regis University, Denver, Colo.
- 2002 United States Air Force Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nev.
- 2005 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. by correspondence
- 2008 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., by correspondence
- 2011 Reserve Component National Security Course, National Defense University, Ft. Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
- 2013 Theater Security Decision Making Course, U.S. Naval War College, Newport, R.I.
- 2013 Joint Maritime Operations Course, U.S. Naval War College, Newport, R.I.
- 2015 National Security Fellow, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
- 2017 NATO Senior Reserve Officer's Course, NATO School, Oberammergau, Germany
- 2017 Joint Combined Warfighting School – Hybrid, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
- 2018 NATO Senior Officer Policy Course, NATO School, Oberammergau, Germany
- 2018 NATO Reserve Forces Integration Course, NATO School, Oberammergau, Germany
- 2021 Seminar XXI, Center for International Studies, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge
- 2023 Air Force Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1995–March 1996, Business Process Analyst, Headquarters Air Force Space Command Directorate of Information Management, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.
2. April 1996–January 1998, Student, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot training, Columbus AFB, MS and Ft. Rucker, Ala.
3. February 1998–August 1998, Weapons and Tactics Liaison Officer/Pilot, 56th Rescue Squadron, Naval Air Station Keflavik, Iceland
4. September 1998–July 2000, Chief of Current Operations and Scheduling/Aircraft Commander, 56th RQS, NAS Keflavik, Iceland
5. August 2000–December 2001, Chief of Current Operations/Instructor Pilot, 41st RQS, Moody AFB, Ga. (November 2000 – February 2001, Pilot, Operation Southern Watch)
6. January 2002–June 2002, Student, U.S. Air Force Weapons Instructor Course, HH-60 Division, Nellis AFB, Nev.
7. July 2002–July 2003, Chief of Weapons & Tactics/Evaluator Pilot, 41st RQS, Moody AFB, Ga. (July 2002–October 2002,

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 31, 1995	
First Lieutenant May 31, 1997	
Captain May 31, 1999	
Major August 01, 2005	
Lieutenant Colonel August 20, 2010	
Colonel July 13, 2015	
Brigadier General December 05, 2023	

- January 2003–March 2003, Flight Lead, Weapons Officer, Operation Enduring Freedom)
8. August 2003–July 2005, Flight Commander/Evaluator Pilot, 55th RQS, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. (January 2004–April 2004, Flight Lead, Flight Commander, Operation Enduring Freedom; October 2004–February 2005, Flight Lead, Flight Commander, Operation Iraqi Freedom)
 9. July 2005–April 2007, Chief of Weapons & Tactics/Evaluator Pilot, 305th RQS, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. (December 2006–March 2007, Director of Operations, Operation Enduring Freedom)
 10. May 2007–March 2010, Aircraft Operations Officer, Stan/Eval Branch/HH-60 Functional Area Manager, NAS Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, Texas (May 2008–September 2008, Director of Operations, Operation Enduring Freedom)
 11. April 2010–July 2012, Director of Operations, 305th RQS, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. (January 2012–June 2012, Director of Operations, Operation Enduring Freedom)
 12. July 2012–June 2014, Commander, 305th RQS, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
 13. July 2014–June 2015, National Security Fellow, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Mass.
 14. July 2015–March 2016, Executive Officer to the Chief, Air Force Reserve and Commander, Air Force Reserve Command, Headquarters Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
 15. March 2016–July 2018, Senior Policy Advisor for the Air Force Reserve to the Reserve Forces Policy Board, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington, D.C.
 16. July 2018–August 2019, Commander, 459th Operations Group, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
 17. August 2019–July 2021, Commander, 919th Special Operations Wing, Eglin Field 3 (Duke Field), Fla.
 18. July 2021–May 2023, Mobilization Assistant to the Director of Operations, Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Fla. (August 2021–January 2022, Commander, Joint Special Operations Air Component–Central, Commander, 27th Expeditionary Special Operations Wing, and Director, Special Operations Liaison Element, Operation Inherent Resolve)
 19. June 2023–November 2023, Deputy Director of Strategic Plans, Programs and Requirements, AFRC, Robins AFB, Ga.
 20. December 2023–present, Director of Strategic Plans, Programs and Requirements, AFRC, Robins AFB, Ga.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. March 2016–July 2018, Senior Policy Advisor for the Air Force Reserve to the Reserve Forces Policy Board (United States Staff Officer, NATO National Reserve Forces Committee), Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington, D.C., as a colonel
2. August 2021–January 2022, Commander, Joint Special Operations Air Component – Central, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, as a colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 3,700, including 367 combat hours

Aircraft Flown: T-37A, UH-1H, HH-60G, EH-60A, F-16D, MC-130E, HC-130P, E-3B, KC-135R, C-145A, C-146A, C-208, AC-130J

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster

Distinguished Flying Cross

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Air and Space Meritorious Service Medal with seven oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with eleven oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Combat Action Medal

(Current as of August 2024)





Mark D. Miles

Brigadier General, United States Army

Brigadier General Miles is a native of Lyndonville N.Y. and is currently the Deputy Commanding General of the U.S. Army Cyber Center of Excellence and Fort Eisenhower, Ga.

He received his commission in 1995 after graduating from the United States Military Academy at West Point and began his career as a platoon leader in Germany where he successfully deployed his Platoon to Bosnia/Herzegovina as part of Operation Joint Endeavor. He next commanded A Company, 86th Signal Battalion where he deployed to Uzbekistan and Afghanistan for 9 months and led the teams that installed the initial communication infrastructure for Operation Enduring Freedom after 9/11.



BG Miles later served on the faculty at West Point as an assistant Professor in the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science department after obtaining a master's degree in Computer Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University. He then completed the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). He completed three deployments to Afghanistan while a member of the 101st in various key Signal and Cyber key staff roles. He then joined the Army Chief Information Officer/G6 staff where he served as the current operations chief. After his time in the Pentagon, BG Miles commanded the 307th Expeditionary Signal Battalion stationed in Hawaii and Alaska. Upon completing the National War College, he returned to Hawaii as the U.S. Army Pacific G6 and then commanded the 516th Signal Brigade responsible for installing, managing and defending Army networks throughout the Pacific. He then served as Director of Operations/J3 at Joint Force Headquarters, DoD Information Networks and later assumed command of 7th Signal Command (Theater). He most recently served as the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command J6 (Command, Control, Communications and Cyber Director).

BG Miles' military education includes the National War College, the Command and General Staff College, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, the Signal Officer Basic and Advanced Courses as well as the Airborne and Air Assault courses. His civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from West Point, a Master of Science in Computer Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University and Master of Science in Strategic Studies from National Defense University. He also has obtained the Certified Information System Professional (CISSP) and Certified Information Security Manager (CISM) certifications.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal (one Oak Leaf Cluster), Legion of Merit (one Oak Leaf Cluster), Bronze Star (one Oak Leaf Cluster), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service (four Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation medal, Army Achievement Medal (one Oak Leaf Cluster), the Airborne Badge, Air Assault Badge and various campaign participation ribbons.

BG Miles is married to COL(R) Melissa Miles and they have two sons.

Brigadier General Karen S. Monday-Gresham
Commanding General, 7th Mission Support Command

Brigadier General Monday-Gresham assumed command of the 7th Mission Support Command on 5 August 2023. The 7th MSC is the only forward stationed U.S. Army Reserve Command in Europe. The Command enables integration at the service, joint, and multinational levels in Europe and is capable of interfacing with NATO Allies and other partners. The Command executes mission command and regional support to all assigned, attached, or supported U.S. Army Reserve forces for the Commander, U.S. Army Europe and provides trained, ready units for mobilization and worldwide deployments.



BG Monday-Gresham also serves dual-hatted as the Deputy Commanding General of the 21st Theater Sustainment Command. The 21st TSC exercises mission command for strategic and operational sustainment operations across the European Command area of responsibility; executes theater opening, theater distribution, and theater sustainment in support of EUCOM and NATO operations; and, as directed, supports AFRICOM operations in order to enable Allied victory.

BG Monday-Gresham recently served as the Deputy Commanding General-Sustainment of the 63rd Readiness Division located in Mountain View, California. BG Monday-Gresham was commissioned in the Adjutant General's Corps as a Second Lieutenant from Army ROTC and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Appalachian State University. BG Monday-Gresham has a M.A. in Human Resource Management from Webster University, and a M.S. in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. She has also served as the Chief of Staff for the 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, Indianapolis, Indiana and the 1st Theater Sustainment Command - Operational Command Post, headquartered at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

BG Monday-Gresham is a graduate of the Adjutant General's Officer Basic Course, Public Affairs Officer Course, Quartermaster and Transportation Officer Advanced Courses, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College. Her other recent assignments include Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff, 451st Expeditionary Sustainment Command, Wichita, KS; Chief of Staff and Assistant Chief of Staff G1, 200th Military Police Command, Fort Meade, MD; Commander 4th Brigade (Personnel Services), 94th Training Division (Force Sustainment), Decatur, GA; Assistant Chief of Staff, G1, 108th Training Command, Charlotte, NC; and Commander 2nd Battalion 321st Regiment (Basic Combat Training), 98th Training Division (Initial Entry Training), Miami, FL. BG Monday-Gresham also served as the Senior Human Resources Officer, J1 Directorate, U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), MacDill Air Force Base, FL; Public Affairs Officer, Military District of Washington, Joint Force Headquarters, Washington D.C.; Public Affairs Officer, Special Operations Command Central Command (SOCCENT), MacDill Air Force Base, FL; Assistant S-1, 1186th Transportation Terminal Brigade, Jacksonville, FL; Public Affairs Officer, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Headquarters, Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina; Mobile Public Affairs Detachment (MPAD) Officer, Saint Augustine, FL; and Strength Management Officer for the 53rd Infantry Brigade, Tampa, FL.

Her awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, and numerous others. She is also the recipient of the Adjutant General's Corps Regimental Association Order of Horatio Gates Bronze Medal. In her civilian career, BG Monday-Gresham is a Senior Tax Advisor for H&R Block, she also held several Department of Defense General Schedule positions in Florida and Virginia. She is married to SGM (Ret) Chris Gresham.



North American Aerospace Defense Command

Biography

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MAJOR GENERAL MARK D. PIPER



Maj. Gen. Mark Piper is the Deputy Director of Operations, Headquarters North American Aerospace Defense Command, Peterson Space Force Base, Colorado. As Deputy Director, he is responsible for supporting the execution and future planning of aerospace warning, aerospace control, and maritime warning for North America to include the Canadian, Alaskan, and continental United States NORAD Regions within the bi-national command.

General Piper received his commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1995. He has served in a variety of operational and staff assignments to include command at the squadron, group and wing levels; Joint Staff Liaison to the Federal Emergency Management Agency; Director, National Guard Bureau Senior Leader Management; and Director, National Guard Bureau Plans, Programs, and Requirements.

General Piper is a command pilot with more than 2,400 hours in fighter aircraft to include more than 300 combat hours in support of Operations NORTHERN WATCH, SOUTHERN WATCH, IRAQI FREEDOM, and ENDURING FREEDOM.

EDUCATION

- 1995 Bachelor of Science, Behavioral Sciences, USAF Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 2002 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2010 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2012 Reserve Component National Security Course, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
- 2014 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2017 Distinguished Graduate, Master of Science, National Security Strategy, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
- 2018 Dual Status Commander Course, Peterson AFB, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 2018 Joint Task Force Commander Training Course, Peterson AFB, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 2019 General and Flag Officer Homeland Security Executive Seminar, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
- 2020 National Security Studies Management Course, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.
- 2022 Advanced Senior Leader Development Seminar, Warrenton, Va.
- 2023 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.
- 2024 Joint Flag Officer Warfighting Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1995 - April 1996, Administrative Assistant, Department of Athletics, USAF Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
2. April 1996 - May 1997, student, undergraduate pilot training, Laughlin AFB, Texas
3. May 1997 - June 1998, F-16 Replacement Training Unit, 62nd Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, Arizona
4. June 1998 - June 1999, Chief of Training, 80th Fighter Squadron, Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea
5. June 1999 - September 2002, Evaluator/Instructor Pilot, Chief of Standardization/Evaluation, Assistant Chief of Weapons, 389th Fighter Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
6. September 2002 - September 2003, Flight Commander, 80th Fighter Squadron, Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea
7. September 2003 - July 2006, Chief of Scheduling, Chief of Programmed Flying Training, Assistant Operations

Officer, 310th Fighter Squadron and 56th Training Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.

8. July 2006 - July 2008, Assistant Chief of Weapons, F-16 Instructor Pilot, 121st Fighter Squadron, District of Columbia Air National Guard, JB Andrews, Md.

9. July 2008 - June 2010, Chief, Advanced Programs, 113th Wing, DCANG, JB Andrews, Md.

10. June 2010 - June 2012, Director of Operations, 121st Fighter Squadron, DCANG, JB Andrews, Md.

11. June 2012 - July 2013, Commander, 121st Fighter Squadron, DCANG, JB Andrews, Md.

12. July 2013 - September 2014, Chief, Combat Forces Branch, ANG Readiness Center, JB Andrews, Md.

13. October 2014 - June 2015, Chief, Force Planning and Basing Division, ANG Readiness Center, JB Andrews, Md.

14. June 2015 - June 2016, Commander, 113th Operations Group, DCANG, JB Andrews, Md.

15. July 2016 - July 2017, Student, National War College, Ft. Lesley McNair, Washington, D.C.

16. July 2017 - July 2019, Joint Staff Liaison to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Operations Directorate (J35), Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

17. August 2019 - January 2021, Commander, 192d Wing, Virginia Air National Guard, JB Langley-Eustis, Va.

18. January 2021 - January 2023, Director, Senior Leader Management, National Guard Bureau, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

19. January 2023 – March 2024, Director, Plans, Programs, and Requirements, ANG Readiness Center, JB Andrews, Md.

20. March 2024 – June 2024, Special Assistant to the Director of the Air National Guard, National Guard Bureau, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

21. July 2024 – present, Deputy Director of Operations, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Peterson Space Force Base, Colo.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2017 - July 2019, Joint Staff Liaison to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Operations Directorate (J35), Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. as a colonel

2. July 2024 – present, Deputy Director of Operations, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Peterson Space Force Base, Colo. as a major general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: More than 2,400 including over 300 combat hours

Aircraft flown: F-22, F-16, and T-37/38

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Afghanistan Campaign Medal with bronze star

Iraq Campaign Medal with three bronze stars

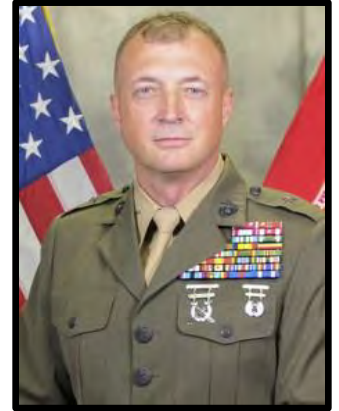


Brigadier General Matthew S. Reid

Director of Strategy and Plans (PL)
Plans Policy and Operations (PP&O)
Headquarters Marine Corps

Brigadier General Reid hails from Malone, NY, and graduated from Norwich University in 1993 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He was subsequently commissioned into the United States Marine Corps.

Following his commissioning, BGen Reid was designated an infantry officer and attended the Infantry Officer Course and the Light Armored Vehicle (LAV) Leaders Course. He later completed the U.S. Army Cavalry Leaders Course and the Infantry Officer Advanced Course. Additionally, he earned Master's Degrees from the Marine Corps Command and Staff College and the National War College at the National Defense University.



BGen Reid's service in the Fleet Marine Forces includes:

- Platoon Commander and Company Executive Officer, 1st Light Armored Recon Battalion
- Company Commander and Operations Officer, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment
- Assistant Operations Officer and Current Operations Officer, Regimental Combat Team 1
- G-3 Training Officer, 1st Marine Division
- Battalion Commander, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment
- Regimental Commander, 6th Marine Regiment
- Deputy Commander, Task Force Southwest
- Commanding General, Naval Amphibious Task Force 51/5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade

His deployments include three Marine Expeditionary Units, two tours in Iraq, two tours in Afghanistan, and two years forward-stationed in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Outside of the Operating Forces, BGen Reid's roles have included:

- Inspector and Instructor, Company F, 2nd Battalion, 25th Marines, Albany, NY
- Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Recruiting Station Orlando, FL
- Military Assistant, Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy (Policy), Department of the Navy, Pentagon
- Military Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations, New York City
- Director, Tactical Training Exercise Control Group & Deputy Commander, MAGTF-TC, 29 Palms
- Chief of Staff, Training and Education Command (TECOM), Quantico, VA
- Deputy Commanding General, TECOM, Quantico, VA

In Joint Forces assignments, BGen Reid served as Chief of the Net-Centric Innovation Division in the Counter-IED Operations Integration Center of the Joint IED Defeat Organization.

In August 2024, Brigadier General Reid assumed duties as Director, Strategy & Plans Division.

His decorations include three Legions of Merit, two Bronze Stars (one with Valor), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, three Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals (one with Valor), two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and two Combat Action Ribbons.

BGen Reid is married to Mrs. Gwynne Reid, and they have three adult children.



Rear Admiral Lincoln M. Reifsteck

Program Manager, AUKUS Integration and Acquisition Program



Rear Admiral (Lower Half) Lincoln Reifsteck is a native of Fairfield, California. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from the United States Naval Academy in 1995, and a Master of Business Administration degree from The George Washington University in 2002. He was promoted to Flag rank in December 2023, and currently serves as the Program Manager for the U.S. team delivering a conventionally-armed nuclear-powered submarine capability for Australia.

Admiral Reifsteck previously commanded Submarine Development Squadron FIVE and USS HAMPTON (SSN 767). Pre-command sea tours were as a Division Officer on USS ALASKA (SSBN 732)(BLUE), Navigator and Operations Officer on USS CHARLOTTE (SSN 766), and Executive Officer on USS COLUMBUS (SSN 762). His experiences at sea include strategic

deterrent patrols, Pacific and Arctic deployments, and transits across the Equator and International Date Line, through the Panama Canal, and under the North Pole.

Shore assignments were at Strategic Systems Programs (Washington, D.C.), Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (Pearl Harbor, Hawaii), Navy Personnel Command (Millington, TN), Submarine Group SEVEN (Yokosuka, Japan), and the Joint Staff (Washington, D.C.).

Admiral Reifsteck resides in Virginia with his wife and children.

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United States Navy
Biography

REAR ADMIRAL JOHN D. SACCOMANDO
DEPUTY COMMANDER, NAVAL AIR FORCE ATLANTIC

Rear Admiral John Saccomando is a native of Buffalo, New York. He graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology with honor and was commissioned in September 1994 via NROTC. He attended the Joint Combined Warfare Hybrid School and completed executive education programs at Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University and with the Dale Carnegie Institute.

LT Saccomando first served as an F-14D pilot in the VF-213 "Blacklions" where he completed two extended combat deployments in the F-14D on USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70), flying more than 50 combat strikes in support of Operations Southern Watch and Enduring Freedom. He returned to VF-101 as an F-14 flight instructor and demonstration pilot.

LT Saccomando was then selected to join the Blue Angels in 2003 as the right wing (#2) of the storied Blue Angel Diamond. While publicly representing the Navy and Marine Corps, he accumulated 1,000 hours in the F/A-18 Hornet flying airshows in over 72 cities in front of 20 million spectators.



LCDR Saccomando transitioned to the F/A-18F with the VFA-41 "Black Aces" and completed two extended combat deployments on USS Chester Nimitz (CVN 68) flying strikes in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. His achievements include numerous "Top Eleven Ball Flyer" awards, the Airwing's "Top Hook" award, and VFA-41's 2007 Pilot of the Year. LCDR Saccomando transitioned to the Navy Reserve in 2008 and joined the VR-1 Starlifters flying the C-37B at Joint Base Andrews.

In 2012, Saccomando reported to the VR-56 Globemasters for his first command tour. Under his command, VR-56 received the 2014 Battle "E" and was also awarded the coveted 2014 CNAFR Squadron of the Year. Subsequent command tours include Training Airwing One Reserve Component Commander, NATO Allied Command Transformation det DC, Chief of Naval Forces Europe/Africa MPP det 413, and Commander, Naval Installations Command, Navy Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer (NEPLO) Program Commander.

Rear Admiral Saccomando served on his first flag tour as the Reserve Director of the Maritime Headquarters, US Pacific Fleet, in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

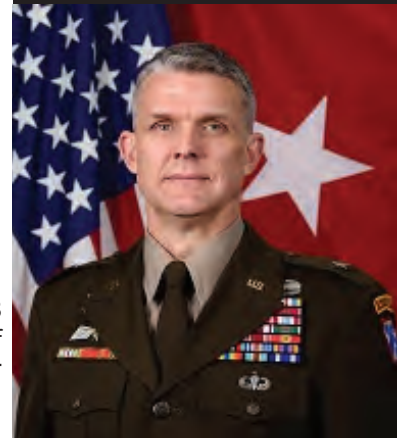
Saccomando's decorations include two Legion of Merits, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, three Meritorious Service Medals, six Air Medals (one Combat Distinguishing Device), five Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals (one Combat Distinguishing Device), two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and various personal and unit awards. He has accumulated more than 5,000 Navy flight hours and has 579 carrier arrested landings.



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MAJOR GENERAL JASON C. SLIDER **Commanding General**

Major General Jason C. Slider is the 37th Commanding General of the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, the Special Operations Center of Excellence. He most recently served as the Deputy Commanding General - Operations, 3rd Division (France). Prior to his tour of duty with the French Army, he served as the Director of the Mission Command Center of Excellence, U.S. Army Combined Arms Center.



Raised in Dallas, Texas, MG Slider enlisted as an 11B infantryman in 1990 during the buildup for the Gulf War. He graduated from the Army's Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning (now Fort Moore), Georgia, in 1992. Commissioned as an Armor officer, he led and commanded in the 7th, 15th, and 16th Cavalry Regiments. Beginning in 2004, MG Slider led and commanded at all levels, from team to brigade, in 1st Special Forces Command (Airborne), U.S. Army Special Operations Command. He later served as deputy chief of staff for G-3/5/7 for the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command.

MG Slider's operational and combat assignments include Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa, Joint Special Operations Task Force – Philippines, Headquarters International Security Assistance Force – Afghanistan, and 1st Security Force Assistance Team, 4th Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Airborne) in Khost, Afghanistan. MG Slider's other key assignments include Chief Theater Engagement and then Military Assistant to the Joint Force Commander, Allied Joint Forces Command – Brunssum (NATO); Assistant Chief of Staff, XVIII Airborne Corps; Chief Commander's Planning Group at the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command; and Executive Officer to the Combatant Commander, United States Africa Command.

MG Slider holds a Master of Science from the Air War College and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Louisville. MG Slider is married with two children. His hobbies and interests are centered around his family and just about anything that can be done in the mountains: hunting, fishing, skiing, hiking, climbing, mountaineering, etc.

AS OF AUGUST 2024

Rear Admiral Michael T. Spencer
Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center



Rear Admiral Mike Spencer received his commission in 1993 from the U.S. Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Systems Engineering and was designated as a naval flight officer in 1995. He is a graduate of the United States Naval War College and holds a Master's Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies.

Spencer's operational assignments include tours with Fighter Squadron (VF) 211, Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 1, and VF/VFA 213. He has completed deployments on USS Nimitz (CVN 68), USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74), USS Enterprise (CVN 65), USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71), USS George Washington (CVN 73), and most recently, again on USS Nimitz (CVN 68). He commanded VFA 102 and CVW 11.

His shore assignments include an instructor tour at Fighter Squadron 101; Maritime Domain Chief at North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command; Head Aviation Analyst with the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations Programming Division; Chief of Staff and Maritime Operations Center Director for NAVCENT/U.S. 5th Fleet; and Executive Assistant for Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command.

Rear Admiral Spencer reported to Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center in April 2023.

He has logged more than 4,000 flight hours and has received numerous personal, unit, and campaign awards.

Major General CRAIG W. STRONG

**The Adjutant General, Nebraska National Guard
Director, Nebraska Military Department
Director, Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
Lincoln, NE
Since: July 2023**



SOURCE OF COMMISSIONED SERVICE OCS

EDUCATIONAL DEGREES

University of Nebraska - BA - Political Science
University of Nebraska - MA - Economics
University of Nebraska College of Law - JD - Law
United States Army War College - MSS - Strategic Studies

MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED

Combined Arms and Services Staff School
United States Army Command and General Staff College
United States Army War College, Defense Strategy Course
Advanced Joint Professional Military Education (AJPME) JPME-II
United States Army War College
Army Command and General Staff College School for Command Preparation, Tactical Commanders Development Program
Joint Task Force Commanders Course (NORTHCOM)
Defense Security Cooperation University, Security Cooperation Executive Course
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Seminar XXI, International Relations and National Interest Fellowship
Syracuse University, National Security Management Course
United States Army War College, Army Senior Leader Development Seminar

FOREIGN LANGUAGE(S) None Recorded

<u>PROMOTIONS</u>	<u>DATE OF APPOINTMENT</u>
2LT	30 Jul 95
1LT	31 Jul 97
CPT	1 Nov 00
MAJ	1 Jun 06
LTC	7 Oct 10
COL	6 Oct 15
BG	15 Oct 20
MG	5 Dec 23

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
Jul 23	Present	The Adjutant General, Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska
Jun 23	Jul 23	Special Assistant to the Director, Army National Guard, Arlington, VA
Oct 20	Jun 23	Deputy Director, J-8/Programs, Analysis & Evaluation (PAE), Pentagon, Washington, DC
Jul 19	Oct 20	Senior Policy Advisor for the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Counternarcotics and Global Threats, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia
Nov 18	Jul 19	Director of Human Resources (J1), JFHQ-NE, Lincoln, Nebraska

Nov 16	Oct 18	Commander, 67th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Lincoln, Nebraska; concurrently serving as Director of Operations (J3), JFHQ-NE, Lincoln, Nebraska
Jul 16	Nov 16	Director of Operations (J3), JFHQ-NE, Lincoln, Nebraska
Apr 15	Jun 16	Executive Officer, 67th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, Lincoln, Nebraska
Oct 13	Apr 15	Executive Officer, 92nd Troop Command, Lincoln, Nebraska
Oct 11	Oct 13	Commander, 110th Multifunctional Medical Battalion, Lincoln, Nebraska
Jan 09	Mar 12	Comptroller, Nebraska Army National Guard, Lincoln, Nebraska
Sep 07	Jan 09	Support Operations Officer (SPO), 110th Multifunctional Medical Battalion, Lincoln, Nebraska and Baghdad, Iraq
Feb 06	Sep 07	Operations Officer (S2/S3), 110th Medical Evacuation Battalion, Lincoln, Nebraska
Aug 01	Jan 06	Commander, 313th Medical Company, Lincoln, Nebraska and Tikrit, Iraq
Sep 00	Aug 01	Logistics Officer (S4), 110th Medical Evacuation Battalion, Lincoln, Nebraska
Jul 95	Sep 00	Platoon Leader, 313th Medical Company, Lincoln, Nebraska

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Senior Policy Advisor for the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Counternarcotics and Global Threats, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia	Jul 19 - Oct 20	Colonel

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Joint Task Force Commander, Joint Task Force Virgin Islands, Hurricanes Irma & Maria Recovery Operations, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands	Oct 17 - Nov 17	Colonel
Support Operations Officer (SPO), 110th Multifunctional Medical Battalion, Camp Liberty, Baghdad, Iraq	Feb 08 - Nov 08	Major
Commander, 313th Medical Company, Forward Operating Base Speicher, Tikrit, Iraq	Dec 04 - Oct 05	Captain

US DECORATIONS AND BADGES

Bronze Star Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal
 Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Silver and 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
 Joint Service Commendation Medal
 Army Commendation Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
 Army Achievement Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
 Army Meritorious Unit Commendation
 Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with 1 Silver and 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
 National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star)
 Iraq Campaign Medal (with 2 Bronze Service Stars)
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
 Humanitarian Service Medal
 Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal
 Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Gold Hourglass and "M" Device)
 Army Service Ribbon
 Overseas Service Ribbon (with Numeral 2)
 Office of the Secretary of Defense Identification Badge
 National Guard Bureau Staff Identification Badge

CIVILIAN OCCUPATION

Prior to entering the AGR program practiced law specializing in employment law and commercial transactions with experience in conducting legal research, analysis and writing; client counseling; negotiations; oral advocacy and dispute resolution.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Member, Nebraska Bar Association
 Certified Defense Financial Manager with Acquisition Specialty, American Society of Military Comptrollers
 The Order of Military Medical Merit, Army Medical Department Honorary
 The Order of Barristers, National Law School Honorary

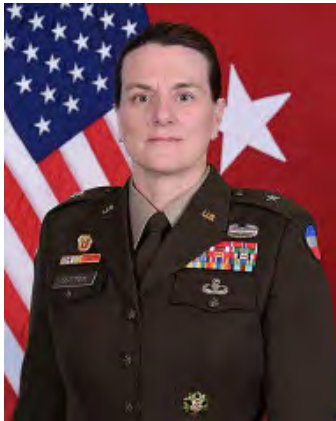
Member, National Guard Association of the United States
Member, Rotary Club International

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Distinguished Graduate, United States Army War College
General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award
Silver Quill Award (for published article), Military Police Corps
Distinguished Service Award of the National Guard Association of Nebraska
Commandant's List, Army Officer Basic Course
Graduate Certificate in Public Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation, University of Nebraska
Nebraska Law Review, Executive Editor

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BG MARNE L. SUTTEN

**SA to Deputy Chief of Staff, G-6
Incoming Director of Architecture, Operations, Networks and
Space, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-6**

BG Marne Suttén was born at Fort Gordon, Georgia into a military family. She graduated from the University of Washington and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Signal Corps.

Her first assignment was to Camp Red Cloud, Korea where she served as a Platoon Leader in D Company, 122nd Signal Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division. She was then assigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina where she served as a Brigade Assistant Operations Officer in the 35th Signal Brigade, and then as the A Company Executive Officer and Battalion S4 for the 327th Signal Battalion. She was then assigned to Germany where she served as the Brigade S6 for the 1st Armored Division Artillery Brigade. She then took Command of A Company, 32nd Signal Brigade, and deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) from 2003 to 2004. Following Command, she served as the Brigade S6 for the 130th Engineer Brigade.

BG Suttén was then selected for the Joint Staff Intern program where she received a Masters in Public Policy from Georgetown University, and then served as a Congressional Liaison in the House of Representatives. Her next assignment was to III Corps at Fort Hood, Texas, and served as a Planner in the Commander's Action Group, during which time she deployed to OIF in 2010. She then was assigned to 2nd Brigade (Black Jack), 1st Cavalry Division as the Brigade S6 and the Brigade Rear Detachment Commander. After moving to MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, BG Suttén served in the J6 for SOCCENT before taking command of the 2nd Joint Communications Squadron. As Commander of 2nd JCS, she deployed a joint force to establish the communications architecture for Operation United Assistance in Liberia in 2014. In 2017, BG Suttén took command of the U.S. Army Garrison in Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. After command she was assigned as the Division Chief, Theater Strategy and Campaign Plans (J53) and the Chief of IT and Mission Services (J66) in NORAD and USNORTHCOM. In July 2021, she was assigned as the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-6 at United States Army Forces Command. In July 2024, she joined the Department of the Army, Deputy Chief of Staff G-6 team.

BG Suttén's military education includes the Signal Officer Basic Course, the U.S. Army Airborne School, the U.S. Army Jumpmaster School, the Marine Corps Command and Control Systems Course, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, the Command and General Staff College, and the School of Advanced Military Studies. BG Suttén attended a University of Texas-Austin fellowship program for Senior Service College.

Marne is a Dual-Military and married to BG Grant Fawcett who is currently Deputy Director for Political - Military Affairs (Europe, NATO, Russia), J-5. They have two children (Sadie and Driscoll).



Rear Admiral Jason P. Tama

Coast Guard Cyber Command
U.S. Coast Guard



Rear Admiral Jason Tama assumed duties as Commander, Coast Guard Cyber Command, in May 2024. He is responsible for conducting full-spectrum cyberspace operations in support of Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, and Department of Defense mission objectives.

Rear Admiral Jason Tama most recently served as the Executive Assistant to the Vice Commandant. In this role, he acted as the Executive Agent and Chief of Staff for the Vice Commandant, who is the Coast Guard's Chief Operating Officer and Component Acquisition Executive. Prior to this role, Rear Admiral Tama served as the Senior Director for Resilience at the White House National Security Council (NSC), where he oversaw national policy for critical infrastructure security and resilience, domestic preparedness and incident response, supply chain resilience, disaster recovery and mitigation, and Federal

mission resilience. During his time at the NSC, Rear Admiral Tama helped lead the domestic response to multiple national crises, including major hurricanes and wildfires, cyber attacks, supply chain disruptions, and Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Rear Admiral Tama previously served as the Captain of the Port of New York and New Jersey, overseeing one of the Coast Guard's largest operational commands and the busiest port complex on the East Coast. Other operational, staff, and special assignments include Deputy Chief of the Coast Guard Office of Budget and Programs; Chief of the Prevention Department at Sector San Francisco; Coast Guard FY 2011 Budget Coordinator in the Office of Budget and Programs; Chief of Waterways Management at Sector Puget Sound; Marine Inspector at Marine Safety Office Puget Sound; Naval Architect and Marine Salvage Engineer at the Coast Guard Marine Safety Center; and Operations and Law Enforcement Officer on the Coast Guard Cutter MARIPOSA (WLB-397).

He holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering with high honors from the United States Coast Guard Academy; a Master of Engineering in Naval Architecture and Offshore Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley; and a Master of Business Administration from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Sloan School of Management. He is an MIT Sloan Fellow, Brookings Institution Federal Executive Fellow, Marshall Memorial Fellow, and White House Fellows National Finalist.

Individual military decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (two awards), Meritorious Service Medals (three awards), and other personal and unit awards. Rear Admiral Tama is also an Honorary Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer, an Honorary FDNY Battalion Chief, an Eagle Scout, and a recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor.



Brigadier General Geoff Van Epps, U.S. Army

Brigadier General Geoff Van Epps is the deputy commanding general for maneuver of the III Armored Corps at Fort Cavazos, Texas. His prior assignment was commanding general for the Northwestern Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Portland, Oregon.

Brig. Gen. Van Epps received a commission as an engineer officer from the U.S. Military Academy. He has served in command and staff positions across the globe, including multiple deployments to Europe, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Brig. Gen. Van Epps earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and holds four masters degrees, including two he earned while studying as an Olmsted Scholar in Barcelona. He is a registered Professional Engineer in North Carolina.

MG Jeffrey A. VanAntwerp



MG Jeffrey (Jeff) A. VanAntwerp was commissioned into the Infantry from the United States Military Academy in 1998. From West Point, he attended the infantry officer's basic course at Ft. Moore, GA, and then traveled to Hawaii for assignment in the 25th Infantry Division, where he served as a Platoon Leader, Scout Platoon Leader, and Company Executive Officer in 3rd BDE, 25th ID from 1999-2002. In 2001, he and his wife Therese were married.

Following their initial assignment, the VanAntwerps' attended the Captain's Career Course and were assigned to 1st BDE, 25th ID (SBCT) at Ft. Lewis, WA, where then-CAPT VanAntwerp served as a BDE A/S3 and Company Commander from 2003-2006 - including a deployment to Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Following Company Command, the family returned to West Point and attended Graduate School at Columbia University, before serving for one year as a Company Tactical Officer.

In 2008, he assessed for and was selected by an Army Special Operations Unit, and served in Special Operations assignments until 2020, with the exception of 1yr at the Army War College from 2016-2017. During this time, he deployed to multiple locations in support of the war on terror. In 2020, he was assigned as the Deputy Commander for Operations at the 25th ID, where he provided organizational flexibility in the execution of a diverse range of mission sets in the Pacific AOR. In the summer of 2023, BG VanAntwerp was assigned as the G3 for U.S. Army Pacific.

MG VanAntwerp and his wife have seven children. They love children, sports, and pretty much anything in the ocean or outdoors, and feel very blessed with their current assignment.



Brigadier General David C. Walsh

Program Executive Officer, Air Anti-Submarine Warfare, Assault, and Special Mission Programs, Naval Air Systems Command

Brigadier General David C. Walsh, a native of Brooklyn, New York, was commissioned into the Marine Corps in August 1992 after graduating from the University of Virginia. He reported to Naval Air Station Pensacola for flight training and was designated a naval aviator in February 1995.

Brigadier General Walsh served with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron-167 as an AH-1W pilot deploying with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit. He attended the Marine Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course at Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron-1, earned every AH-1W qualification possible, and served in various operations and maintenance billets.

Brigadier General Walsh later served as the H-1 lead test pilot for Air Test and Evaluation Squadron-31 and Weapons System Support Activity military deputy at Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake. He participated in developmental flight testing of the AH-1Z and UH-1Y, as well as multiple other flight test programs.



Brigadier General Walsh was selected in the first cadre of Marine Corps acquisition officers and has held numerous acquisition positions within the aviation community to include the H-1 assistant program manager for systems engineering and the Director of Operations at Fleet Readiness Center East. He served as the Program Manager for Specialized and Proven Aircraft, responsible for the H-46 helicopter, Naval Test Pilot School aircraft, adversary aircraft, contracted air services, and multiple Foreign Military Sales cases. He then served as the Program Manager for the Marine Light/Attack Helicopter Program.

In March 2021, Brigadier General Walsh was selected as the Military Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition. He was appointed as the acting Program Executive Officer for Land Systems in February 2022.

As a general officer, Brigadier General Walsh served as Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command, responsible for delivering and sustaining ground and information weapons systems, from June 2022 to June 2024. In June 2024, he assumed duties as Program Executive Officer for Air Anti-Submarine Warfare, Assault, and Special Mission Programs (PEO(A)).

Brigadier General Walsh is a graduate of the Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School, Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course, U.S. Naval Test Pilot School, and USAF Air War College. He earned a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Virginia and a master's degree in technical management from Johns Hopkins University. Brigadier General Walsh has accumulated over 2,500 flight hours in more than 30 types of aircraft. His decorations include the Legion of Merit (three awards), Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Navy Commendation Medal, and various campaign and unit awards.



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DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE

BRIAN C. WALTERS
Head of the Contracting Activity
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



Mr. Brian C. Walters was appointed Head of the Contracting Activity on June 4, 2023. In this role, he serves as the principal advisor for all contracting and procurement issues, providing contracting and acquisition management oversight, technical direction, guidance, and support critical to the successful and timely accomplishment of the DIA mission.

Prior to this assignment, Mr. Walters served as the Deputy Chief of the Enterprise Resource Solutions division and was responsible for leading the day-to-day operations of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) programming, budgeting, and execution; he enabled the development and coordination of the General Defense Intelligence Program and Military Intelligence Program programmatic and budget priorities of DIA, the Defense Agencies, Military Services, and Combatant Commands.

Mr. Walters' civil service career transcends 24 years and encompasses leading, negotiating, and executing highly sensitive and complex acquisitions for the United States Air Force (USAF). Throughout his career, Mr. Walters has led technical and managerial leadership roles of increasing responsibility, complexity, and criticality at the tactical, operational, and strategic echelons. He has successfully led field, Major Command, Headquarters, and specialized direct reporting units. Mr. Walters was competitively selected to support the recapitalization of the nation's strategic aerial refueling fleet (KC-46), stood up the F-22 contracting branch at Hill AFB, and was recruited to serve in USAF's premier acquisition unit, the Rapid Capabilities Office.

Mr. Walters was born in Lakenheath, England, and spent most of his formative years in Utah. He earned a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University (NDU) and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Phoenix. In addition to his formal education, Mr. Walters attended a plethora of leadership and executive leadership courses, including Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, Air War College, DoD's Executive Leadership Development Program, NDU's Senior Acquisition Course, and the Defense System Management College's Program Managers Course.

Mr. Walters is certified DAWIA Level III in Contracting and Level I in Program Management and has earned the distinguished Certified Federal Contracts Manager and Certified Professional Contracts Manager certifications from the National Contract Management Association.

Mr. Walters has been presented numerous performance awards and acknowledgments for his achievements throughout his career, including the DIA Director's Agency Team Award, Meritorious Civilian Service Awards (2), Letters of Commendation (3), Special Act Awards (3), and one Exemplary Civilian Service Award. Mr. Walters and his spouse, Kari, have two children and one grandchild. They reside in Maryland.

July 2023



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UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL ZACHARY S. WARAKOMSKI

Brig. Gen. Zachary S. Warakomski is the Assistant Deputy Chief of Space Operations for Operations, Cyber, and Nuclear, Headquarters United States Space Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. As the Space Force's Deputy Chief Operations Officer, he is responsible for formulating policy that advances space operations, sustainment, cyber and nuclear related efforts for the service.

Prior to this assignment, he provided advice to the Chief of Space Operations on the U.S. Space Force's cyber, spectrum and warfighting communications policy, strategy and operations.

Brig. Gen. Warakomski entered the U.S. Air Force as a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1998 and transferred to the United States Space Force in 2021. He commanded the 56th Communications Squadron at Luke AFB, Ariz, and the 375th Communications Group at Scott AFB, Ill. Brig. Gen. Warakomski was the Commander, Peterson-Schriever Garrison, and then Commander, Space Base Delta 1 at Peterson SFB, Colo. In addition, he has served in positions at Headquarters Air Force, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and as Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.



EDUCATION

- 1998 Bachelor of Science, Biology, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 1999 Basic Communications Officer Training Course, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.
- 2002 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2004 Master of Business Administration, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
- 2007 Advanced Communications Officer Training Course, Keesler AFB, Miss.
- 2007 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2010 Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
- 2012 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2017 Master of National Security Strategy, National War College, Fort Leslie J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
- 2022 Leading Strategically Seminar, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 2024 Disruptive Technology Course for Senior Leaders, National Intelligence University, Bethesda, MD

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1998 – November 1998, Deputy Commander, Mission Systems Flight, 437th Communications Squadron, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.
2. November 1998 – February 1999, student, Basic Communications Officer Training Course, Keesler AFB, Miss.
3. February 1999 – May 2000, Commander, Plans and Programs Flight, 437th Communications Squadron, Charleston AFB, S.C.
4. May 2000 – May 2003, Chief, Systems Integration, Directorate of Operational Plans and Joint Matters, DCS, Air and Space Operations, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
5. May 2003 – April 2005, Combat Infrastructure action officer, Networks Division, Directorate of Communications and Information, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
6. April 2005 – August 2006, Action Officer, Commander's Action Group, Headquarters PACAF, Hickam AFB, Hawaii

7. August 2006 – August 2008, Assistant Director of Operations, 4th Space Operations Squadron, 50th Space Wing, Schriever AFB, Colo.
8. August 2008 – February 2009, Chief Military Satellite Communications Systems, Capabilities Division, Directorate of Communications and Information, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
9. February 2009 – December 2009, Commander's Speechwriter, Commander's Action Group, Headquarters AFSPC, Peterson AFB, Colo.
10. January 2010 – December 2010, Student, Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
11. April 2011 – June 2013, Commander, 56th Communications Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.
12. June 2013 – July 2014, Executive Assistant to the Department of Defense Chief Information Officer, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
13. July 2014 – January 2015, Action Officer, Cyberspace Division, Directorate for C4/Cyber, Joint Staff J6, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
14. January 2015 – July 2016, Special Assistant to the Chairman, Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
15. July 2016 – June 2017, student, National War College, Fort Leslie J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
16. June 2017 – June 2018, Deputy Director, Cyberspace Plans and Strategy, 24th Air Force, Air Forces Cyber and Joint Force Headquarters-Cyber (Air Force), Joint Base San Antonio – Lackland, Texas
17. June 2018 – May 2019, Director, Cyberspace Operations–Integrated Planning Element, U.S. Transportation Command, and U.S. Cyber Command Liaison Officer to U.S. Transportation Command, Scott AFB, Ill.
18. May 2019 – June 2021, Commander, 375th Communications Group, Scott AFB, Ill.
19. June 2021 – July 2022, Commander, Peterson-Schriever Garrison; and then Commander, Space Base Delta 1, Peterson SFB, Colo.
20. August 2022 – July 2023, Deputy Commander, Combined Force Space Component Command, U.S. Space Command, Vandenberg SFB, Calif.
21. July 2023 – June 2024, Senior Cyber Officer, Office of the Chief of Space Operations, Headquarters United States Space Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
22. June 2024 – Present, Assistant Deputy Chief of Space Operations for Operations, Cyber, and Nuclear, Headquarters United States Space Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2013 – July 2014, Executive Assistant to the Department of Defense Chief Information Officer, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
2. July 2014 – January 2015, Action Officer, Cyberspace Division, Directorate for C4/Cyber, Joint Staff J6, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
3. January 2015 – July 2016, Special Assistant to the Chairman, Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
4. August 2022 – July 2023, Deputy Commander, Combined Force Space Component Command, U.S. Space Command, Vandenberg SFB, Calif.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

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

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTIONS

Second Lieutenant May 27, 1998
First Lieutenant May 27, 2000
Captain May 27, 2002
Major Dec 1, 2007
Lieutenant Colonel Oct 1, 2012
Colonel Jan 1, 2019
Brigadier General Jun 7, 2024

(Current as of August 2024)

Major General Matthew Warne Commanding General

412 Theater Engineer Command TEC



Major General Warne assumed the role as the Commanding General for the 412th Theater Engineer Command (TEC), Vicksburg, MS on July 13, 2024.

Prior to this assignment, Major General Warne served as the Commanding General for the 102d Training Division (Maneuver Support) and Deputy to the Commanding General for Mobilization and Training for the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence (MSCoE), Fort Leonard Wood, MO on August 13, 2022. Major General Warne served as the Deputy Commanding General – Operations, 412th Theater Engineer Command, Vicksburg, Mississippi on October 28, 2020. Before his assignment to the 412th TEC as the DCG-O, Major General Warne served as the Deputy CoS, Operations Officer, for the 416th Theater Engineer Command, Darien, IL.

Major General Warne graduated as a Distinguished Military Graduate of the Drexel University ROTC program, where he earned a B.S. in Civil Engineering. Major General Warne was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army in July 1992. Upon graduation from the Engineer Officer Basic Course and U.S. Army Ranger School, he served on active duty with the 937th Engineer Group, 1st IN DIV, Fort Riley, KS. Major General Warne attended military schooling at the Engineer Officer Advance Course, Combined Arms Services Staff School, Command General and Staff College, Joint Combined Warfighting School-Hybrid, and the United States Army War College.

Major General Warne held several staff positions in the 854th Engineer Battalion, the 411th Engineer Brigade and the 412th and 416th Theater Engineer Commands. His command assignments include Bravo Company, Orangeburg, New York, 854 Engineer Battalion, Kingston, New York, and 411th Engineer Brigade, New Windsor, New York. Major General Warne also served as a Branch Chief in the 75th Training Command, Atlantic Division, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey.

Major General Warne has deployed numerous times in support of contingency operations and the Global War on Terrorism. He deployed as an Engineer Platoon Leader with the 568th Engineer Company (CSE) in support of OPERATION UPHOLD DEMOCRACY, Haiti in 1996. He later deployed in 2004 in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Balad, Iraq as a Civil Engineer with the 411th Engineer Brigade, New Windsor, NY and Battalion Operations Officer, with the 512th Engineer Battalion, (Ohio National Guard). Major General Warne deployed in 2012 in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Bagram, Afghanistan as the Brigade Operations Officer, with the 411th Engineer Brigade.

Major General Warne's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Meritorious Service Medal (with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Commendation Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Achievement Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Combat Action Badge, the Ranger Tab, the Airborne Badge, the Meritorious Unit Citation, and the Engineer Association Bronze DeFleury Medal.

As a Citizen-Soldier, Major General Warne is employed by New York City, Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Supply, working in the Drinking Water Operations Directorate as the

Major General Matthew Warne
Commanding General

412 Theater Engineer Command TEC

Deputy Director for Water Operations South. He is married to the former Linda Castle, and they have three wonderful grown children, Alexander, Madison, and Joseph.

**Rear Admiral Todd Weeks, USN
Program Executive Officer
Strategic Submarines**



Rear Admiral Weeks graduated with Merit from the United States Naval Academy in May 1993 with a Bachelor of Science in Naval Architecture. In June 2006 he graduated Cum Laude from Norwich University with a Master of Arts in Diplomacy. He is also a graduate from the Naval Command and Staff College at the Naval War College.

A submarine officer; Rear Admiral Weeks has served at-sea on the USS SEAWOLF (SSN 21), as Engineer Officer onboard USS LOS ANGELES (SSN 688), Executive Officer onboard USS HELENA (SSN 725), culminating in command of USS ALEXANDRIA (SSN 757) from January 2011 until August 2013. He has deployed to the North Atlantic, Mediterranean, the Western Pacific and the U.S. Southern Command area of operations.

Ashore, Rear Admiral Weeks served as Flag Lieutenant to the combined Commander, Submarine Group 2 and Commander, Navy Region Northeast, Material Officer for Commander, Submarine Squadron 22 in La Maddalena, Italy, and at the Submarine Warfare Division on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations. From July 2005 to May 2006, he was a Federal Executive Fellow at RAND Corporation in Santa Monica, CA. While at RAND, Rear Admiral Weeks co-authored "Sustaining U.S. Nuclear Submarine Design Capabilities," a study analyzing the viability of the Submarine design base. Following command, Rear Admiral Weeks was the Director of the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board on the staff of Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command.

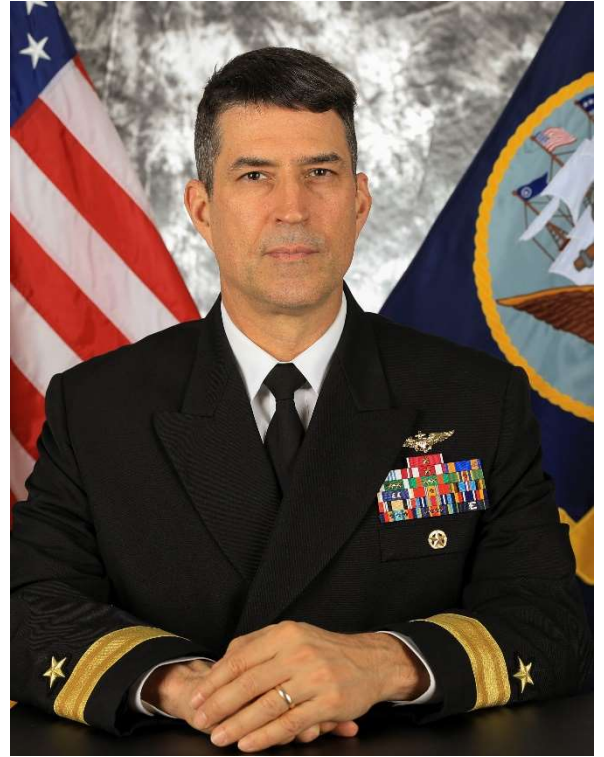
An Acquisition Professional, Rear Admiral Weeks served as the Director of Mission Assurance in the Advanced Undersea Systems Program Office (PMS 394), as the Major Program Manager for Undersea Defensive Warfare (PMS 415), as the Major Program Manager for Advanced Undersea Systems (PMS 394), as the Executive Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research Development, and Acquisition) and as the Major Program Manager for VIRGINIA Class Submarines (PMS 450).

Rear Admiral Weeks' first flag assignment was as Program Executive Officer for Undersea Warfare Systems (PEO UWS).

Rear Admiral Forrest Young

Director, Operations and Plans (N3), Office of the Chief of Naval Operations

Rear Admiral Young is a native of the National Capital Region. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1995 earning a Bachelor of Science in History. He subsequently entered flight training and was designated a Naval Aviator in 1997. He holds a master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College (USNWC). He is also a graduate of the USNWC's Maritime Advanced Warfighting School and the Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN).



Operationally, he has completed nine carrier deployments to the Western Pacific, South China Sea, Mediterranean, and North Arabian Sea, supporting Operations Southern Watch, Iraqi Freedom, and Enduring Freedom. Assignments include Strike Fighter Squadrons (VFA) 137 Kestrels, VFA-27 Royal Maces, command of the VFA-105 Gunslingers, as well as Carrier Air Wing 5 (Forward Deployed Naval Forces Japan).

Ashore assignments include instructor duty at the Strike Fighter Weapons School Pacific; liaison officer to the National Counter Terrorism Center for U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM); assignments officer at Navy Personnel Command (NPC); and Director Aviation Officer Distribution (PERS-43) at NPC.

In July 2023, Young assumed duties as Director of Operations and Plans (N3) supporting operational matters related to current operations, plans, force management, antiterrorism/force protection, ocean systems, nuclear powered warships, personnel augmentation and continuity of operations for Office of Chief of Naval Operations.

Young has accumulated more than 3,500 flight hours in the F/A-18A-F and over 1,100 arrested landings on 10 different aircraft carriers.