

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA BOOK



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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

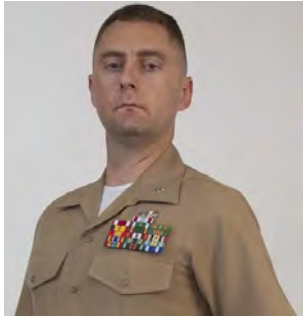
Major – July 1, 2016

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.

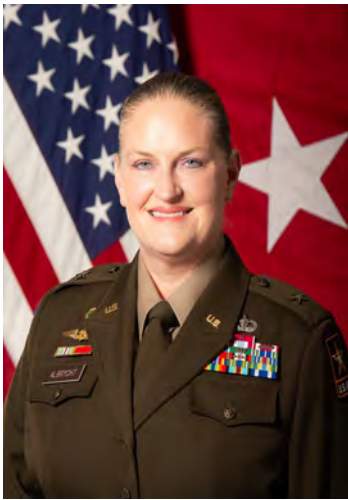
In 2015, Nikki assumed command of the newly reinvigorated 12(B) Squadron, back on the Tornado, where she was tasked with supporting the UK commitment in Iraq/Syria and providing a world-wide contingent capability. Finishing her flying tours with over 3000 flying hours and 300 operational sorties on the 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, WA; 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)



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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-Flagler 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.



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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

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

1. July 1995–September 1995, Student, Undergraduate Space and Missile Training, 392d Training Squadron, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.
2. September 1995–January 1996, Student, Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Initial Qualification Training, 381st Training Squadron, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
3. 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.
4. July 2001–June 2002, Flight Commander, 11th Space Warning Squadron, Schriever AFB, Colo.
5. July 2002–December 2002, Student, Space Weapons Instructor Course, Space Division, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
6. 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)
7. October 2005–August 2006, Flight Commander, 328th Weapons Squadron, U.S. Air Forces Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
8. September 2006–June 2008, Deputy Director Commander's Action Group and Executive Officer, U.S. Air Force Warfare Center, Nellis AFB, Nev.
9. July 2008–June 2010, Student, Air Command and Staff College and School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
10. July 2010–April 2011, Branch Chief, Strategic Studies and Wargaming, Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale AFB, La.
11. May 2011–July 2013, Commander, 21st Operations Support Squadron, Peterson AFB, Colo. 12. August 2013–May 2014, National Defense Fellow, Massachusetts Institute Technology, Cambridge, Mass.
13. 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.
14. 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

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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

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Aerial Achievement Medal
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