

BIOGRAPHICAL INFO BOOK



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National Defense University



Vice Admiral Peter A. Garvin

President, National Defense University



Vice Adm. Pete Garvin graduated with merit from the United States Naval Academy in 1989 having earned a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering (Astronautics). He is a 2005 graduate of the National War College, earning a Master of Science in National Security Strategy and a 2015 alumnus of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI.

Prior to flag rank, operational assignments include service with the “Pelicans” of Patrol Squadron (VP) 45, where he was the 1995 Association of Naval Aviation Pilot of the Year; department head with the “Mad Foxes” of VP-5; navigator aboard USS Kearsarge (LHD 3), where he served as flag navigator for the embarked Amphibious Squadron (PHIBRON) 6; executive and 59th commanding officer of

the “Fighting Tigers” of VP-8; and commander of Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing (CPRW) 10.

Shore assignments include flag lieutenant to Commander, Patrol Wings Atlantic (CPWL), Commander, Task Force (CTF) 84; instructor pilot at the P-3 fleet replacement squadron, VP-30; Washington placement officer at the Bureau of Naval Personnel (PERS 441); executive officer for the director, Operational Plans and Joint Force Development Directorate (J-7), Joint Staff; federal executive fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR); undersea warfare branch head in the assessments division (N81) and deputy director, unmanned warfare systems (N99) on the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations staff; and executive assistant to the vice chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Flag officer assignments include service as the 22nd commander of Navy Recruiting Command; commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group; the 20th commander of Naval Education and Training Command; and most recently as the 58th President of the United States Naval War College.

His decorations include the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (five awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Air Medal (two strike/flight) and various personal, unit and campaign decorations.

SENIOR FELLOWS

James 'Jim' Dickinson

GEN, USA (Ret)

CONUS AND WEEK 5 SENIOR FELLOW



Jim is the former Commander of United States Space Command, the nation's 11th and newest Combatant Command. During his tenure, Jim led US Space Command to full operational capability that enabled the command to provide strategic effects in support of the National Command Authority. He has commanded at every level from battery to combatant command. Throughout his career, Jim has held a variety of staff and command positions in space and missile defense.

In addition, Jim commanded the Army's Space and Missile Defense Command and the Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense (STRATCOM). He commanded both 94th (IndoPacific) and 32d

(FORSCOM/CENTCOM) Army Air and Missile Defense Commands, 35th ADA Brigade (8th Army/USFK), and 1st Bn, 7th ADA Battalion (OIF/CENTCOM). He has served as the Director for Test for the Missile Defense Agency and Deputy to the Inspector General, US Army.

Commissioned through the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) at Colorado State University, Jim earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He earned advanced degrees in operations research and system analysis from the Colorado School of Mines and a Master of Science degree in Strategic Studies from the Army War College.

After retiring, GEN(Ret) Dickinson serves as a senior advisor for Amazon/Kuiper Government Solutions, board member for Lynx Software Technologies, along with other advisory and board positions.

GEN(Ret) Dickinson and Angie retired in Colorado Springs from the US Army after a 38-year career. They have been married 39+ years, have four adult children, and seven grandchildren.



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.

Tidd, Kurt
ADM, USN (Ret)

SWA Field Study Senior Fellow



Admiral Kurt Tidd retired after a forty-year Navy career, settling in the Florida Keys and is pursuing new interests and adventures.

He is the son of a destroyerman, brown water sailor, and career Surface Warfare Officer Vice Admiral Emmett H. Tidd and Margaret P. “Muggs” Tidd, both proud Texans of the Greatest Generation; brother of the 25th Naval Chief of Chaplains, Rear Admiral Mark L. Tidd, CHC, USN (Ret.); husband of career military physician Eileen S. Tidd, MD, MPH, FACP; and rightfully proud father of two strong and talented daughters. He is a 1974 graduate of Porter Gaud

School in Charleston, South Carolina, a 1978 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, and has a Masters in political science from the University of Bordeaux, as a 1984 Olmsted Foundation Scholar.

Admiral Kurt Tidd proudly served with the incredibly talented and professional women and men of all branches of the Armed Forces, the Foreign Service, Federal Law Enforcement officers, and the Intelligence Community. He commanded the destroyer USS ARTHUR W. RADFORD (DD 968), Maritime Task Force 55 and Destroyer Squadron 50, EISENHOWER Carrier Strike Group/CSG EIGHT, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/U.S. Fourth Fleet, and military operations in Latin America and the Caribbean as the Geographic Combatant Commander of U.S. Southern Command. He served in a variety of Navy, joint, and interagency staffs, including for the Secretary of the Navy, the Chief of Naval Operations, the Joint Staff, and the National Security Council.

Currently Admiral Tidd supports a variety of benevolent organizations and interests. He is the Chairman of the Board at the Olmsted Foundation, a private non-profit organization that provides two years of postgraduate studies at foreign universities in a foreign language for a select number of future military leaders. He is also a Senior Fellow at National Defense University’s CAPSTONE/KEYSTONE/PINNACLE program, mentoring Flag and General Officers and Senior Enlisted Leaders. He recently joined the Advisory Board of the Spirit of America Foundation. Admiral Tidd volunteers his time to support a number of worthwhile causes, including the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Coral Restoration Foundation, and Key Dives of Islamorada, Florida’s Reef Clean Up activities. He preserves adequate time to indulge passions including scuba diving, road cycling, and saltwater fishing.

Thomas "Tom" Waldhauser

Gen, USMC (Ret)

AFRICA Field Study Senior Fellow



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 a 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.



Wolters, Tod

Gen, USAF (Ret)

EUROPE Field Study Senior Fellow

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



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

Additionally, General Wolters served in key leadership positions at the tactical, operational and strategic levels of the United States military. These positions included command of three Tactical Air Wings, a Fighter Group, a Fighter Squadron and staff positions at USAF Headquarters and US Pacific Command. General Wolters has fought and commanded during Operation Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan) and Southern Watch (Iraq).

General Wolters awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star and the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal. Additionally, General Wolters has over 5000 flight hours primarily in the F-15C, F-22, OV-10, T-38 and A-10 aircraft.

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

CAPSTONE STAFF

Bonnie J. Swanson
Acting 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

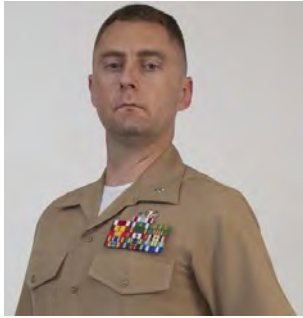
Major – July 1, 2016

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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 FELLOWS
ATTENDING
26 JAN - 06 FEB**



**Commodore Manson John (Gus) Carnie Royal Navy
Naval Attaché to the United States**

Known as 'Gus', Commodore Carnie is married to Samantha and they have two daughters, Beth and Ella.

Commodore Carnie wanted to join the Navy from 13 years old and achieved this when he was 16, initially joining HMS RALEIGH in 1992. He was fortunate enough to be 'spotted' and was sponsored to go back firstly to college for A-Levels and then to University before joining Britannia Royal Naval College in 1997. He initially followed his first love, driving ships and navigated HMS HURWORTH before a chance encounter saw him selected for flying training in 2001 where he qualified as a Lynx helicopter pilot. Deploying predominantly to the Gulf region, he served in HMS MARLBOROUGH for OP TELIC (Iraq), HMS GLOUCESTER for OP AQUILLA (Indian Ocean) and OP Highbrow (evacuations from Beirut). As Flight Commander in HMS CAMPBELTOWN he once again deployed to OP TELIC and OP CALASH in the Indian Ocean.

In June 2008 he was selected to be the Military Assistant to the Head of British Defence Staff in Washington DC – a highlight of his career including attending the inauguration of Barack Obama. He then completed an OP HERRICK (Afghanistan) deployment as Chief of Staff to the UK Joint Aviation Group, embedded in the United States Marine Corps, before re-joining 815 NAS as the Senior Pilot in 2013.

In July 2016 he took Command of the (Lynx) Wildcat Maritime Force. Highlights included retiring the mighty Lynx Maritime Attack helicopter after 40 years of service and delivery of the final Wildcat Maritime Attack helicopter to the RN to commence worldwide deployments.

On promotion in March 2019 he deployed to Kabul as a Senior Advisor to the Afghan National Police as a Captain. Overseeing the wholesale professionalisation of the police force, he was awarded the Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Operational Honours List. He then completed a short appointment at the Military Aviation Authority before being selected as the First Sea Lord's 'right hand man' in November 2021 as Military Assistant and Principal Staff Officer.

Between 2023-2024 Commodore Carnie attended the Royal College of Defence Studies, the Ministry of Defence's premier professional training course.

Outside work, Commodore Carnie is a motorsports enthusiast with the Royal Navy Royal Marines Off-Road Team and runs Spirit Gymnastics Academy, supporting over 350 national-level gymnasts, including his daughters.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL D.S. MACGREGOR, CD

DEPUTY COMMANDER, CANADIAN ARMED FORCES CYBER COMMAND

Brigadier-General Scott MacGregor was born in North Sydney, Nova Scotia and joined the Canadian Armed Forces as an infantry soldier in the Army Reserve in 1991. After completing University and commissioning as an officer, he joined the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in 2000 and was posted to 2nd Battalion in Winnipeg, Manitoba. During his eight years with 2 PPCLI, he commanded at the platoon and company levels, as well as occupying several key staff positions. BGen MacGregor commanded the Infantry School and fulfilled the duties as Deputy Director Royal Canadian Infantry Corps from 2017-2019. His most recent appointment was commanding the Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre from 2022-2024 and acted as Director Royal Canadian Infantry Corps from 2023-2024.



His extra-regimental assignments include serving as the G3 Ops for 33 CBG HQ, J5-Plans (MENA) for CANSOFCOM HQ, Executive Assistant to Commander CANSOFCOM, NATO Policy Officer for ADM(Pol), Executive Assistant to Commander Canadian Army, and Director of Current Operations at the Strategic Joint Staff. BGen MacGregor has deployed six times on operations including Bosnia, Afghanistan, Israel/West Bank, and Latvia.

He has earned a Bachelor of Arts from Saint Mary's University, a Master of Defence Studies from the Royal Military College of Canada, a Masters of Arts from Royal Roads University and a Master of Science from the National Defense University, College of Information and Cyberspace.

BGen MacGregor has been awarded the Canadian Chief of Defence Staff Commendation, the United States Army Commendation Medal and the United States Army Meritorious Service Medal.

He has two amazing children, a very patient service-spouse, and a beautiful German Shepherd. His favorite leisure activities include travel and spending time with family.

Brigadier-General MacGregor was appointed Deputy Commander, Canadian Armed Forces Cyber Command in June 2024.

Brigadier Tim Orders, Australian Army

Brigadier Orders enlisted in the Australian Defence Force Academy in 2000, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in 2002. In 2003, he graduated from the Royal Military College and was commissioned into the Royal Australian Armoured Corps. As a junior officer, he held a number of postings within the 1st Armoured Regiment, the 1st Recruit Training Battalion, and served as a Project Manager within Australia's defence procurement organisation.



Between 2012 and 2021, Brigadier Orders commanded armoured capabilities within the 1st Armoured Regiment at both squadron and regimental levels. He also served as the operations officer during the unit's transition to become the Australian Army's first Armoured Cavalry Regiment.

During his command, he led combined arms battlegroups on exercises and deployed the 1st Armoured Regiment twice on domestic operations. These included commanding Joint Task Groups in response to the 2019–20 bushfires on Kangaroo Island, and supporting Victoria's response to the COVID-19 outbreak in 2020.

In 2024, following his appointment as Deputy Commander, Brigadier Orders was selected to command the Australian Army's 9th Brigade in South Australia. His leadership of the 9th Brigade involved overseeing significant structural and mission changes following the release of the 2023 Defence Strategic Review. In 2025, as part of consolidating these changes, he commanded a Combined Joint Task Group conducting domestic security operations in northern Australia during Exercise Talisman Sabre.

In addition to his extensive command experience, Brigadier Orders has held numerous staff appointments, including roles in career management and as Deputy Director Southwest Pacific in Military Strategic Commitments.

Brigadier Orders has deployed on operations to Iraq in 2006 as an embed with the British Multinational Division Headquarters; to Afghanistan in 2014–15 as Chief of Staff of the Australian National Headquarters and Military Assistant to the US Deputy Chief of Staff – Operations; and to Egypt as Executive Officer to the Australian Force Commander, Multinational Force and Observers.

He is a graduate of Australia's Capability and Technology Management College, the UK Command and Staff Course, and the Australian Defence and Strategic Studies Course. He holds a Master of Management (Defence Procurement and Acquisition) from the University of New South Wales, a Master of Arts (Defence Studies) from King's College London, and a Master of International Relations from Deakin University.

Brigadier Orders is married to Hannah, and together they have two young daughters: Abigail, aged eight, and Harriet, aged four. As a family, they embrace the opportunities of service life and enjoy travel and spending time with friends and family.

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL MATTHEW S. ALLEN

Brig. Gen. Matthew S. Allen is the Director of Current Operations and Readiness, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. The directorate is comprised of four divisions and one Field Operating Agency, the Air Force Operations Group, responsible for policy, guidance, and oversight of Air Force current operations and readiness. The directorate provides time-sensitive situational awareness and analysis to Air Force senior leaders and links world-wide operations with core Air Force processes to enable global vigilance, reach, and power.

Brig. Gen. Allen entered the Air Force in 1999, receiving his commission from the United States Air Force Academy. He has spent the majority of his career in operational and command assignments, deploying and serving in joint positions extensively. Prior to his current assignment, he was the Director of U.S. Special Operations Command Legislative Affairs, Washington D.C.



EDUCATION

1999 Bachelor of Science, Foreign Area Studies, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

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

2009 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2012 Master of Policy Management, McConn Public Policy Intern, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

2015 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2016 Master of National Security Studies, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

2020 Combined/Joint Force Special Operations Component Commanders Course, MacDill AFB, Fla.

2023 Air Force Enterprise Perspective Seminar, Washington, D.C.

2024 Air Force Senior Leader Orientation Course, Joint Base Andrews, MD

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1999 – January 1998, Flight Commander, 509th Logistics Support Squadron, Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.
2. January 2000 – May 2001, Student, Special Tactics training pipeline, various locations
3. May 2001 – Sept 2001, Assistant Flight Commander, 21st Special Tactics Squadron, Pope AFB, N.C.
4. Sept 2001 – Jul 2003, Flight Commander, 21st Special Tactics Squadron, Pope AFB, N.C.
5. July 2003 – July 2007, Flight Commander, 24th Special Tactics Squadron, Pope AFB, N.C.
6. July 2007 – June 2009, Director of Operations, 321st Special Tactics Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, UK
7. July 2009 – January 2010, Special Tactics Branch Chief, Special Ops & PR Division, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
8. February 2010 – May 2011, Aide-de-camp to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
9. June 2011 – June 2012, Air Force Fellow, Georgetown University, McConn Scholarship, Washington, D.C.
10. July 2012 – July 2014, Commander, 24th Special Tactics Squadron, Pope AAF, NC
11. August 2014 – July 2015, Deputy Commander, 724th Special Tactics Group, Pope AAF, NC

12. August 2015 – Jun 2016, Student, National War College, Washington, D.C.
13. July 2016 – July 2017, A3 Director, U.S. Air Forces Central Command, Al Udeid AB, Qatar
14. July 2017 – June 2019, Commander, 720th Special Tactics Group, Hurlburt Field, FL
15. June 2019 – June 2021, Commander, 24th Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, FL
16. July 2021 – May 2024, Director, U.S. Special Operations Command Legislative Affairs, Washington, D.C.
17. June 2024 – present, Director, Current Operations and Readiness, A3, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2016 – July 2017, A3 Director, U.S. Air Forces Central Command, Al Udeid AB, Qatar as a colonel
2. July 2021 – May 2024, Director, U.S. Special Operations Command Legislative Affairs, Washington, D.C. as a colonel

DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal
Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster
Bronze Star Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Defense Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Meritorious Service Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Recognition Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 2, 1999
First Lieutenant June 2, 2001
Captain June 2, 2003
Major Jan. 1, 2009
Lieutenant Colonel Nov. 1, 2012
Colonel May 1, 2017
Brigadier General June 2, 2024

(Current as of October 2025)



BG Brandon Anderson is a native of Medford, Oregon and a graduate of the University of Oregon. Currently he is the Commanding General of the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, CA. Previous to this assignment he was the Dep. Commander for Maneuver and later Sustainment in the 2 Inf Div in the Republic of Korea.

BG Anderson has served in Infantry, Armor and Stryker formations during his career in the U.S., Korea, Germany, Iraq and Afghanistan. He has commanded at the Battery, Battalion, and Brigade level; to include the 17th FA Brigade with its focus on the INDO-PACOM AOR and 4-27FA BN as a subordinate unit of 2/1 AD and emphasis on Europe.

He has worked within the office of the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Office of the Chief Legislative Liaison and Colonels Management Office. BG Andersons military schooling includes the UK Higher Command and Staff College, US Army War College, Command and General Staff College, Armor Captains Career Course, and the Field Artillery Basic Course.

BG Anderson is married to Gina Anderson and together they have three children: Hunter, Samuel and Claire.



UNITED STATES ARMY



Brigadier General Ronnie D. Anderson Jr.

Deputy Commanding General, Combined Arms Support Command | Director, Sustainment Future Capability Directorate

BG Ronnie D. Anderson Jr. began serving as the Deputy Commanding General for the Combined Arms Support Command (CASCOM) on 24 November 2025. Anderson also began serving as the Director for the Transformation and Training Command (T2COM) Sustainment Future Capability Directorate (FCD) upon its creation 01 November 2025.

Anderson was born and raised in Franklin, Indiana. He was commissioned as an Ordnance officer from Purdue University in 1996. Anderson holds a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management from Purdue University, a Master of Science in Logistics Management from Florida Institute of Technology, and a Master of Science in Strategic Studies from the Marine Corps University.

His assignments include: Platoon Leader, Maintenance Staff Officer, Shop Officer and Battalion S4, 561st Corps Support Battalion for 101st Sustainment Brigade, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, 1999-2001; Battalion S3, and Company Commander, 514th Maintenance Company, 548th Corps Support Battalion, 10th DISCOM, Fort Drum, New York, and Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, 2001-2006 (deploying for OIF April 2003-August 2004); Small Group Instructor for the Combined Logistics Captain's Career Course, Army Logistics Management Collage; Fort Lee, Virginia, Battalion Executive Officer, 10th Sustainment Brigade, Fort Drum, New York, 2007-2011, deployed as Battalion Support Operations Officer (SPO), Al Asad, Iraq (2009); Lieutenant Colonel Assignments Officer, Human Resources Command, Fort Knox, Kentucky, 2011-2013; Battalion Commander 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 11ID Sustainment Brigade, Fort Riley, Kansas, and Camp Beuhring, Kuwait, 2013-2016 (OND/OIR/OEF 2015); Deputy Director (G44S), Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff G-4, Department of the Army, Pentagon, Washington D.C. 2016-2017; Strategic Operations and Plans Chief, 1st Theater Sustainment Command, Fort Knox, Kentucky, and Camp Arifjan, Kuwait; 2017-2018, deploying for OND/OIR/OEF 2017; Brigade Commander, 1st Armored Division Sustainment Brigade, Fort Bliss, Texas 2018-2020 deploying to the Resolute Support Sustainment Brigade, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan (2019); Logistics Plans Division Chief, Headquarters U.S. Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida 2020-2022; Executive Officer to the Executive Deputy to the Commanding General, U.S. Army Materiel Command, Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama, August 2022-May 2023; Commanding General, Joint Munitions Command, June 2023-May 2025; Director, Army Futures Command Contested Logistics Cross-Functional Team, May 2025-November 2025.

Anderson's military education includes Officer Basic Course, Airborne Course, Air Assault Course, Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Logistics Executive Development Course, Command and General Staff College, and Senior Service College at the Marine Corps War College.

Anderson's awards and achievements include Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Bronze Star Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (6 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), two National Defense Service Medals, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, three Meritorious Unit Commendations, Army Superior Unit Award, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.



BRIGADIER GENERAL BETH A. BEHN
Tank-automotive & Armaments Command



BIOGRAPHY

Brigadier General Beth A. Behn assumed the duties as the Commanding General, U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command, Army Materiel Command on July 22, 2025.

The command employs thousands of people worldwide and oversees a \$30 billion budget annually. In addition to the command staff at the headquarters located at the Detroit Arsenal, Brigadier General Behn oversees activities at the Integrated Logistics Support Center, four depots, two arsenals, the Army's ground equipment supply chain, life cycle management, and sustainment efforts affecting active-duty Army units around the world.



Brigadier General Behn formerly served as the Director of Operations, HQDA G-43/5/7 from June 2024-July 2025.

Brigadier General Behn is a native of Cedar Falls, Iowa. She graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1994, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Transportation Corps.

Brigadier General Behn is a graduate of the Air War College, the Army Command and General Staff College, the Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course, and the Transportation Officer Basic Course. She holds a master's degree and doctorate in history from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Behn's key leadership assignments include the 33rd Chief of Transportation/Commandant, U.S. Army Transportation School, Fort Lee, Virginia; Commander, 7th Transportation Brigade (Expeditionary), Fort Eustis, Virginia; Commander, 26th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia; Commander, 96th Transportation Company (HET), Fort Hood, Texas; and Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, and Detachment Commander in various units in the 24th Transportation Battalion, 7th Transportation Group, Fort Eustis, Virginia.

Other significant assignments include Deputy Commander for Support, Security Assistance Group-Ukraine, Executive Officer, Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G8, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.; Chief of Staff, Army Sustainment Command, Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois; Director, ANDSF Logistics, Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan; Deputy Chief of Staff, G4, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia; Assistant Professor, Department of History, United States Military Academy, West

Point, New York; BCT S-4 and Support Operations Officer, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado; Battalion S-4, 180th Transportation Battalion, Fort Hood, Texas.

Brigadier General Behn's operational deployments include Operation Uphold Democracy in Haiti in 1995, Operation Desert Thunder (Kuwait) in 1998, Operation Iraqi Freedom 05-07 and 08-10 (Iraq), Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan) 2016-2017 and Operation Atlantic Resolve in 2023.

Brigadier General Behn's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, NATO Medal, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Iraq Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars, and Afghanistan Campaign Medal.



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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL DAVID J. BERKLAND

Brig. Gen. David J. Berkland is the Commander, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. The wing's mission is to train the world's greatest fighter pilots and combat-ready Airmen. As part of Air Education and Training Command, and home to 27 squadrons with F-35A Lightning II and F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft, the 56th FW is the largest fighter wing in the U.S. Air Force with more than \$13 billion in aircraft and 7,000 total force personnel. The wing graduates more than 200 F-35A pilots, 30 F-16 pilots, and 270 air control professionals annually. The 56th FW also supports the F-15C Formal Training Unit based at Klamath Falls, Oregon, which produces more than 20 graduates annually. Additionally, the 56th FW manages the Gila Bend Air Force Auxiliary Field and is steward of the Barry M. Goldwater Range, a military training range spanning more than one million acres of the Sonoran Desert.

Brig. Gen. Berkland was commissioned in 1998 from Officer Training School after graduating from Augustana University. He performed duties as an F-16 instructor pilot and weapons officer, and flew combat missions in Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, NORTHERN WATCH, IRAQI FREEDOM, and FREEDOM'S SENTINEL. He has commanded at the squadron, group, and wing levels, and instructed at the USAF Weapons

School. He completed staff tours on the Air Staff as the Chief of Air Superiority Weapons Requirements, and on the Joint Staff as the Secretary of Defense Orders Book Briefer. Prior to his current position, Brig. Gen. Berkland served as the chief of staff to Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.



Brig. Gen. Berkland is a command pilot with more than 3,800 flying hours, and 930 combat hours.

EDUCATION

1997 Bachelor of Arts in Government, Augustana University, Sioux Falls, S.D.

2003 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2005 U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.

2007 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence

2009 Master of Arts in Military Studies, American Military University, W.Va.

2011 Master of Science in Strategic Intelligence, National Intelligence University, Washington, D.C.

2012 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2017 Master of Arts in National Security Strategy, National War College, Washington, D.C.

2023 Joint Force Maritime Component Commander Course, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1998-September 1999, Student, Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas
2. February 1999-September 2000, Student, F-16 training, 309th Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.
3. November 2000-September 2003, Instructor Pilot, 78th Fighter Squadron, Shaw AFB, S.C.





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4. September 2003-December 2004, Flight Commander and Examiner Pilot, 35th Fighter Squadron, Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea
5. January 2005-June 2005, Student, 16th Weapons Squadron, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
6. June 2005-January 2007, Weapons Officer, 4th Fighter Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah
7. January 2007-September 2007, Weapons Officer, 388th Fighter Wing, Hill AFB, Utah
8. September 2007-July 2010, Flight Commander, Assistant Director of Operations, Deployed Wing Weapons Officer (332nd Air Expeditionary Wing, Balad AB, Iraq), 16th Weapons Squadron, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, NV
9. August 2010-July 2011, Student, National Intelligence University, Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C.
10. July 2011-October 2012, Chief, Air Superiority Weapons Requirements, A5RC, Headquarters Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
11. October 2012-October 2013, Director of Operations, 52d Operations Support Squadron, Spangdahlem AB, Germany
12. October 2013-January 2014, Director of Operations, 480th Fighter Squadron, Spangdahlem AB, Germany
13. January 2014-January 2016, Commander, 480th Fighter Squadron, Spangdahlem AB, Germany
14. January 2016-June 2016, Director of Staff, 52d Fighter Wing, Spangdahlem AB, Germany
15. July 2016-June 2017, Student, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.
16. July 2017-July 2019, Secretary of Defense Orders Book Briefer, J-35, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
17. July 2019-June 2020, Commander, 405th Air Expeditionary Group, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan
18. August 2020-June 2023, Commander, 354th Fighter Wing, Eielson AFB, Alaska
19. August 2023-July 2024, Chief of Staff, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Hickam Airfield, Hawaii
20. July 2024-Present, Commander, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke AFB, Ariz.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 3,800; 930 combat hours

Aircraft flown: F-16 and F-35

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Bronze Star Medal

Defense Superior Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters Air Medal with nine oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air and Space Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters Air Force Combat Action Medal

Air Force Gallant Unit Citation

2005 U.S. Air Force Chennault Award Winner

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 12, 1998

First Lieutenant June 12, 2000

Captain June 12, 2002

Major March 1, 2008

Lieutenant Colonel July 1, 2013

Colonel July 1, 2018

Brigadier General September 30, 2024

(Current as of Dec 2025)





BRIGADIER GENERAL JAMES T. BLEJSKI JR.

Director of Intelligence (J2)

U.S. Special Operations Command

Brigadier General Jimmy Blejski assumed duty as the Director of Intelligence, J2, U.S. Special Operations Command (SOCOM) on 6 May 2024.

BG Jimmy Blejski enlisted in the Army National Guard as an Infantryman in 1991 under the Simultaneous Membership Program and was commissioned as a Field Artillery officer and Distinguished Military Graduate from The Citadel in 1995.



BG Blejski's first assignment as a Second Lieutenant was with the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Division forward stationed in Germany. While assigned to 2-3 FA, he served as a fire support officer and platoon leader deploying to Bosnia-Herzegovina in support of Operations Implementation Force and Stabilization Force. After completion of the Military Intelligence Officer Advanced Course, BG Blejski served as the Group S2 and MI Detachment Commander for 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina. While assigned to 3rd SFG(A), BG Blejski deployed as the CJ2 for Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force - Sarajevo.

As a field grade officer, BG Blejski served as a detachment commander and operations officer for numerous special operations units deploying in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. Graduating from the United States Navy's Command and Staff College in 2009, BG Blejski was assigned as a joint intelligence staff officer for the United States Special Operations Command.

Following battalion level command, BG Blejski served at the Pentagon as the Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Division Chief, US Army Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff (G2). He graduated from the U.S. National War College in 2016 and then served as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, G2 for the 18th Airborne Corps deploying to Kuwait and Iraq as the Deputy J2, Combined Joint Task Operation Inherent Resolve. Upon redeployment, BG Blejski served as the Deputy Director of Intelligence and Security for Army Futures Command in Austin, TX before assuming duties as the Division Chief, Intelligence and Electronic Warfare for the US Army Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G8 Force Development. His most recent assignment before assuming duties as the SOCOM J2 was Assistant Chief of Staff, G3/5/7 for the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command.

BG Blejski holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the Citadel, a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College and a Master of Science degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College. His operational experience includes deployments to Bosnia-Herzegovina, Afghanistan, and Iraq.

BG Blejski's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (3 OLC), Bronze Star (2 OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC), Senior Parachutist Badge and Military Freefall Parachutist Badge.



Brigadier General Matthew W. Braman

Chief Marketing Officer, Army Enterprise Marketing Office

Brigadier General Matt Braman assumed duties as the Chief, Army Enterprise Marketing Office (AEMO), Chicago, Illinois, in July 2025. He is responsible for the development and implementation of the Army's national marketing and advertising strategy and branding to increase talent acquisition and retention. Originally from Newport, Rhode Island, he received a United States Army, Regular Army Commission to the Aviation Branch from Norwich University in 1995. Upon completion of flight school, he was assigned to the 82d Airborne Division from 1996-1999. While assigned, his duties included Headquarters Company Executive Officer, Support & Assault Helicopter Platoon Leader.

After attending the Aviation Captains Career Course, he was assigned to the 1-228th Aviation Regiment, Republic of Honduras as Assistant Operations Officer and UH-60 Company Commander from 2000-2002. Upon leaving Honduras he successfully assessed for the Special Operations Aviation Regiment (SOAR) and was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 160th SOAR at Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia. From 2002-2006 he served as an MH-60L Platoon Leader and Operations Officer.

In 2006, he attended the Naval Command and Staff College in Newport, Rhode Island before returning to the 160th SOAR. From 2007-2012, he served as Operations Officer and then Commander of the Regimental Operational Assessment Element, 160th SOAR. From April 2012 through June 2014, he commanded 2-10th Aviation Regiment at Fort Drum and at Forward Operating Base Shank in Afghanistan.

After his Battalion Command, he attended the National War College in Washington, DC with a follow-on assignment as the Military Assistant to the Secretary of the Army then Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense. He then was selected for Command of the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade at Joint Base Lewis-McChord from 2018-2020 before returning to the Pentagon as the Deputy Director for Army Aviation on the HQDA staff within the G-3/5/7. From 2022-2024, he served as the Deputy Commanding General for Sustainment at 10th Mountain Division in Fort Drum, NY, before returning to the Pentagon for the third time to serve as the Director, Army Aviation for Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA) G-3/5/7.

BG Braman has deployed over 36 months in support of Overseas Contingency Operations in multiple theaters from 2002 till present. He is a Master Aviator qualified in the OH-58C, UH-60A/L/M, MH-60L, and MH-60L Direct Action Penetrator aircraft. His awards and decorations include the Silver Star, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, and Air Medal (6). He has been awarded the Senior Parachutist Badge and the Combat Action Badge and is a graduate of Survive, Evade, Resist, Escape course and the Special Operations Aviation Training Course. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Communications from Norwich University, a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, and a Master's of Science in National Security Strategy from The National War College.

BG Braman is a lifelong Boston sports fan and has 2 sons, Gavin (16) and Kellen (14).

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Rear Admiral Wesley P. Bringham

Deputy Director For Nuclear Operations And Homeland Defense, Joint Staff J-36



RDML Wes Bringham is a native of Dallas, Texas and a 1995 graduate of Texas A&M University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering. Graduate education has included the Naval War College, where he graduated with distinction and achieved certification as a Naval Operational Planner, the Naval Postgraduate School, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Seminar 21 fellowship.

At sea, RDML Bringham's assignments included various division officer billets onboard USS Hawkbill (SSN 666), Navigator and Operations Officer of USS Alexandria (SSN 757), and Executive Officer of USS Virginia (SSN 774).

RDML Bringham commanded USS Bremerton (SSN 698) and Submarine Squadron 1.

Ashore, RDML Bringham served on the staffs of Submarine Squadron 22 in La Maddalena, Italy, the U. S. Pacific Command Strategic Planning and Policy Directorate (J5), the Chief of Naval Personnel, and Submarine Squadron 1, as Executive Assistant to the director, Undersea Warfare Division (N97) in Washington, D.C, and as Assistant Deputy Director for Regional Operations (J-35) and Executive Assistant to the Director for Operations (J-3) on the Joint Staff, Washington, D.C. His most recent tour was on the staff of the Vice Chief of Naval Operations. RDML Bringham reported to the Joint Staff in June 2025.

RDML Bringham has completed five overseas deployments in support of submarine operations in the Pacific Command, European Command, and Africa Command Areas of Responsibility. He and his family live in Arlington, Virginia.



A native of Chicago, Illinois, Brigadier General Thomas "Tom" E. Burke commissioned into Aviation upon graduation from St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota. Following the Officer Basic Course and flight school at Fort Rucker, Alabama, Brigadier General Burke served his initial tour as an AH-64A Apache Platoon Leader, Aviation Support Platoon Leader, and Battalion S4 with 2nd Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

His key assignments include: Assistant Brigade S3 and Commander, Alpha Troop, 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Brigade at Camp Humphreys, Korea; Aviation Captains Assignment Officer with Human Resources Command in Alexandria, Virginia; Joint Chiefs of Staff/Office of the Secretary of Defense (JCS/OSD) Intern to the Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld; Executive Officer to the Commanding General of the Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq/NATO Training Mission-Iraq at Camp Phoenix in

Baghdad, Iraq; Battalion Operations Officer and Executive Officer with 3rd Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and Forward Operating Base Salerno in Khost Province, Afghanistan; Deputy Chief of Strategic Plans and Policy in the Pakistan-Afghanistan Coordination Cell at the Pentagon in Washington, DC; Battalion Commander of 3rd Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment at Fort Campbell, Kentucky and Forward Operating Base Fenty in Jalalabad, Afghanistan; Brigade Commander of the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade with the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Chief of Staff of the Army Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington, DC; Deputy Commanding Officer-Support with the 7th Infantry Division at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington and; Director, House Affairs in the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs at the Pentagon in Washington, DC.

Brigadier General Burke received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from St. John's University, a Master of Science degree in Policy Management from Georgetown University, and PhD in International Relations from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.

Brigadier General Burke's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Bronze Star Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Air Medal (numeral device "2"), Meritorious Service Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Senior Aviator Badge, Combat Action Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.

Brigadier General Burke is married to the former Frances Tilney and they have three daughters – Mary (15), Claire (14), and Catherine (4) – and one son, Nicholas (10).

Rear Admiral Cameron R. Chen
Deputy Director of Operations and Cyber, J3
United States Africa Command



Rear Admiral Cameron Chen, a native of La Jolla, CA, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science in Physics and holds a Master of Science in Applied Physics from Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory.

A career Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) officer, his operational experience includes deployments aboard USS Guardian (MCM 5), as a Platoon Commander in Fallujah, Iraq, and with Naval Special Warfare Development Group. He commanded Task Force 68 in Rota, Spain, directing Navy Expeditionary Combat Forces in support of U.S. 6th Fleet and NATO operations in Europe and Africa. He also commanded the EOD Squadron at Naval Special Warfare Development Group. RDML Chen completed multiple shipboard deployments in the Pacific and Central theaters, as well as ground combat deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan supporting U.S. Marine Corps and Joint Special Operations Task Forces.

Ashore, he commanded the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center, earning safety excellence awards for his leadership. His staff assignments include the Joint Staff Global Operations Directorate (JS J39) and various requirements, resourcing, and budgetary assessment roles within the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV), focusing on Navy Expeditionary Combat and Mine Countermeasures.

A designated EOD Warfare, Deep Sea Diving, Surface Warfare Officer, and Naval Parachutist, RDML Chen is conversant in Mandarin and a Life member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He is proud to have served in EOD, U.S. Marine Corps, and Naval Special Warfare units awarded multiple Presidential Unit and Meritorious Unit Commendations.

RDML Chen is currently serving as the Deputy Director of Operations, U.S. Africa Command.

Last updated: 17 November 2025



Rear Admiral Todd F. Cimitata

**Commander, Logistics Group Western Pacific (COMLOG WESTPAC),
Commander, Task Force 73 (CTF 73)**



Rear Adm. Todd F. Cimitata was born in Rochester, NY. He received his commission through the Villanova University NROTC program in 1995.

Cimitata was designated a Naval Aviator in October 1998 and received orders to the “Grim Reapers” of VF-101 at NAS Oceana for F-14 Tomcat training. His first fleet assignment was as a member of the Forward Deployed Naval Forces of Carrier Air Wing FIVE (CVW-5) and the “Black Knights” of VF-154 in Atsugi, Japan. The squadron embarked to the Western Pacific aboard the USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63).

In April 2002, Cimitata was selected to attend the US Navy Test Pilot School Cooperative Program, where he was part of the first Navy class to receive a Master’s degree from the Air Force Institute of Technology before attending Test Pilot School. After graduating, he joined the “Salty Dogs” of VX-23 in Patuxent River, Maryland.

In April 2006, Cimitata reported to the “Pukin’ Dogs” of VFA-143 for a second operational sea assignment where he served as Operations and Maintenance Officer.

In January 2009, Cimitata was selected to be Aide-de-Camp to the Deputy Commander, US European Command in Stuttgart, Germany. In January 2010, he reported to the US Military Delegation to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in Brussels, Belgium. As a member of the Joint Staff, he worked as Flag Aide to the US Military Representative and as the US Air Planner. Following his return from overseas, he joined the “Flying Eagles” of VFA-122 in January 2012 as the Executive Officer. In December 2012, Cimitata reported to VFA-147 as the Executive Officer and became the Commanding Officer of the Argonauts in December 2013. After completing his command tour in May 2015, he was selected as a Federal Executive Fellow and spent one year at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. Subsequently, he became the Naval Aviation programs lead in the Navy Office of Legislative Affairs where he was the

primary conduit of information flow between Capitol Hill and Navy leadership for myriad aviation related programs. Following that tour, he then joined CVW-17 and was Commander from June 2020 to July 2021. Camicata most recently served as Chief of Staff of Commander, Naval Air Forces at Naval Air Station North Island.

Camicata is a 1995 graduate of Villanova University, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering with a business concentration. He holds a Master of Science in Aeronautical Engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology.

Camicata assumed duties as commander, Logistics Group Western Pacific / Task Force SEVEN-THREE in Singapore in August 2024.

His personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (2), the Meritorious Service Medal (2), the Strike Flight Air Medal (3), and various campaign and unit awards.



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BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN A. CONLEY

Brigadier General John Conley is the Adjutant General of Arizona and Director of the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs, at Joint Force Headquarters, Papago Park Military Reservation, Phoenix, Arizona. He is responsible for leading Arizona's Army and Air National Guard, Joint Programs, and the Division of Emergency Management. Brigadier General John Conley oversees an 8,300-member department, of which 2,400 are fulltime federal military and civilian personnel, and 600 are fulltime state employees.

Brigadier General Conley earned his commission as a Second Lieutenant through Army ROTC, Northeastern University, Boston, MA in June 1992. After graduating from the University of Arizona College of Law, Brigadier General Conley attended the Army Judge Advocate Officer Basic Course in Charlottesville, VA in 1996. He served on active duty as Legal Assistance attorney and later Trial Counsel at Camp Humphreys Army Airfield, Korea. He was assigned as Trial Counsel and later Labor Counselor at Wiesbaden Army Airfield, Germany. After leaving active duty, Brigadier General Conley served as Executive Officer and later Officer in Charge of the largest Army Reserve legal support team in Arizona. In March 2011, Brigadier General Conley transferred to the Arizona Air National Guard. He was the senior legal advisor to both the Air Component Commander, Arizona Air National Guard, and The Adjutant General, Arizona. He directed all Air and Army Judge Advocates, DEMA civilian counsel, and paralegals in the performance of their duties. Brigadier General Conley oversaw Air and Army military justice, operational law, civil law, fiscal law, cyber law, and ethics functions at all command levels. Prior to his current position, Brigadier General Conley served as the Director of Administrative Services, DEMA, Phoenix, Arizona where he managed a broad spectrum of personnel, finance, and mission support functions for the Arizona National Guard and Division of Emergency Management.



EDUCATION

- 1992 Bachelor of Science, Northeastern University, cum laude, Boston, Mass.
- 1995 Juris Doctorate, University of Arizona College of Law, Tucson, Ariz.
- 1996 139th Judge Advocate Officer Basic Course, TJAGLCS, Charlottesville, Va.
- 2006 Judge Advocate Reserve Officer Advanced Course, TJAGLCS, Charlottesville, Va, by correspondence
- 2012 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., by correspondence
- 2016 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2016 Air Force Cyber Law Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala.
- 2024 Senior Leader Orientation Course, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
- 2024 National Security Management Course, Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.
- 2024 General and Flag Officer Homeland Security Executive Seminar, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 1996 – September 1996, Legal Assistance Attorney, 23rd Area Support Group, U.S. Forces Korea
2. September 1996 – May 1997, Trial Counsel, 23rd Area Support Group, U.S. Forces Korea





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3. May 1997 – July 1999, Trial Counsel, V Corps, U.S. Army Europe
4. July 1999 – May 2000, Labor Counselor, V Corps, U.S. Army Europe
5. June 2003 – June 2005, Executive Officer, 75th Legal Support Organization, Team 3, Phoenix, Ariz.
6. June 2005 – March 2011, Officer in Charge, 75th Legal Support Organization, Team 3, Phoenix, Ariz.
7. March 2011 – January 2016, Staff Judge Advocate, 161st Air Refueling Wing, Phoenix, Ariz.
8. February 2015 – January 2017, AMC-West JAG Council Liaison, Goldwater Air National Guard Base, Ariz.
9. January 2016 – September 2019, Legal Advisor, Joint Task Force Ariz.
10. January 2016 – January 2023, Staff Judge Advocate, Arizona Air National Guard, Ariz.
11. January 2017 – December 2020, Chair, ANG JA Working Group on Full-Time JAGs and Paralegals, Goldwater Air National Guard Base, Ariz.
12. October 2017 – January 2023, State Judge Advocate, Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs, Ariz.
13. October 2017 – present, Member, TAG Council State Strategic Engagement Working Group, Papago Park Military Reservation, Ariz.
14. April 2019 – present, Member, NGB Duty Status Reform Working Group, Papago Park Military Reservation, Ariz.
15. January 2023 – May 2025, Director of Administrative Services, Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs, Papago Park Military Reservation, Ariz.
16. May 2025 – present, The Adjutant General, Arizona and Director, Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs, Papago Park Military Reservation, Ariz.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal (with Third Oak Leaf Cluster)
Air Force Commendation Medal
Army Commendation Medal
Army Achievement Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster)
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (with Oak Leaf Cluster)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	19 June 1992
First Lieutenant	29 May 1995
Captain	1 August 1996
Major	2 April 2004
Lieutenant Colonel	13 October 2012 (Air Force)
Colonel	25 May 2017
Brigadier General	9 January 2023

(Current as of June 2025)





United States Army Fires Center of Excellence

Fort Sill, Oklahoma

Brigadier General Patrick M. Costello

Commanding General



BG Patrick Costello was born in Charlottesville, Virginia. He commissioned as an Air Defense Artillery Officer upon graduation from Providence College in 1997. He holds Master's Degrees in Military Studies from the Marine Corps University and Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College.

BG Costello's most recent assignment was as the Commanding General, 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickman. BG Costello's first assignment was with 3d Battalion (Airborne) 4th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC. After completion of the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, he was assigned to 2d Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) where he served as assistant S3, and commanded Charlie Battery, 2-44 ADA during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Upon completion of command, BG Costello was assigned as SHORAD systems evaluator, Army Test and Evaluation Command, and later as Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General, Army Test and Evaluation Command, Alexandria, Virginia. Following these duties BG Costello was assigned to the Army Staff where he served as a Strategic Planner in the HQDA G-3/5/7 Army Initiatives Group, and later as Executive Officer to the Army Deputy G-3. He returned to Fort Bragg in 2009 and served as Battalion Executive Officer of 3d Battalion, 4th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, Brigade S3, and Deputy Commanding Officer of the 108th ADA Brigade, both deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and at Fort Bragg. From May of 2013 until June of 2015, BG Costello commanded 3d Battalion, 4th Air Defense Artillery Regiment and deployed in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Inherent Resolve. After Senior Service College, he served as the Theater Missile Defense Chief for United States Forces Korea and Combined Forces Command. After departing Korea, BG Costello commanded the 38th ADA Brigade, Sagami General Depot Japan followed by an assignment as Deputy Director of Fires for HQDA G-3/5/7. Following HQDA G-3/5/7, BG Costello was assigned as the Executive Officer to the Secretary of the Army. He then was assigned as the Director of the Air and Missile Defense Cross Functional Team under Army Futures Command.

His military education and training include the Air Defense Artillery Officer Basic Course, Infantry Officers' Advanced Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, the Army War College Advanced Strategic Arts Program, Airborne School, Air Assault School, and the Jumpmaster Course. Awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Senior Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Combat Action Badge, Army Staff Identification Badge, and the German and Canadian parachutist badges.

BG Costello is married and has three children.



BG Rory A. Crooks

Deputy Commanding General – Operations

1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss, TX

BG Rory Crooks was commissioned as a Field Artillery Officer from Washington State University in 1994. Crooks served his company grade years as a Fire Support Officer for Airborne, Ranger, and Armor units, commanding in Korea and training units as an observer/controller in Germany. His experience in Operation Iraqi Freedom included pioneering the first operational Counter-Rocket, Artillery, and Mortar system. As a field grade officer, Crooks commanded within a Stryker Brigade Combat Team and deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan. He served with 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne) and deployed with them in support of the Joint Special Operations Task Force-Philippines.

While serving as the 1st Infantry DIVARTY Commander, Crooks conducted three Warfighter Exercises and one Joint Warfighting Assessment in Germany. Additionally, he served with the NATO Special Operations Component Command/Special Operations Joint Task Force-Afghanistan and later as the V Corps Chief of Staff. BG Crooks was the Director of the Long Range Precision Fires Cross Functional Team, US Army Futures Command, Fort Sill, OK before assuming his duties as Deputy Commanding General-Operations of 1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss, TX.

His civilian education includes a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Washington State University, a Master of Military Arts and Sciences, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the Army War College. BG Crooks and his wife, LTC (Ret) Lisa Crooks, have two sons, Ryan, and Daniel.



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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL MICHAEL D. CURRY

Brig. Gen. Michael D. Curry is the Director, Mission Integration, Deputy Chief of Staff, Air Force Futures, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. He leads a staff of military and civilians to develop integrated capability requirements, competitive operational concepts and modernization plans, to prepare the Air Force to compete, deter and, if necessary, prevail against future adversaries.

Brig. Gen. Curry grew up in Edon, Ohio and received his commission through the United States Air Force Academy in 1998. Brig. Gen. Curry has served in Air Force Special Operations Command, Air Staff, Joint Staff, and Air Education and Training Command assignments, commanding at the squadron, Joint Special Operations Air Component and wing level. He has deployed throughout the world, conducting special operations in Africa, Iraq and Afghanistan. Most recent, Brig. Gen. Curry served as Chief of Staff, Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve, U.S. Central Command. As Command Pilot, he has logged more than 3,400 flying hours in a variety of special operations aircraft.

EDUCATION

1998 Bachelor of Science, General Engineering, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.
2004 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2004 Master of Science, Aerospace Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Fla.
2007 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2010 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2011 Master of Public Administration, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Mass.
2012 Master of Philosophy, Military Strategy, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2016 Master of Science, National Security Strategy, National War College, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1998–April 1999, Wing Scheduling Officer, 4th Operational Support Squadron, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.
2. April 1999–September 1999, Student, 84th Flying Training Squadron, Laughlin AFB, Texas
3. September 1999–June 2000, Student, VT-35, Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas
4. June 2000–March 2005, MC-130E Pilot and Instructor Pilot, 8th Special Operations Squadron, Duke Field, Fla.
5. March 2005–September 2005, Wing Executive Officer and MC-130E Instructor Pilot, 16th Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
6. September 2005–April 2009, Evaluator Pilot and Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, Special Operations Squadron
7. April 2009–July 2010, Aide-de-Camp, Secretary of the Air Force, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
8. July 2010–June 2011, Student, Mid-Career Master of Public Administration, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Mass.
9. June 2011–June 2012, Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
10. June 2012–June 2015, Operations Officer and Commander, Special Operations Squadron
11. July 2015–June 2016, Student, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
12. June 2016–February 2017, Branch Chief, Levant and U.S. Southern Command, Deputy Director of Special Operations, J-37, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
13. February 2017–March 2018, Senior Executive Assistant, Director for Operations, J3, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
14. March 2018–July 2018, Division Chief, Strategy, Plans and Policy, Deputy Director of Special Operations, J-37, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
15. July 2018–July 2020, Vice Commander, 1st Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
16. July 2020–June 2022, Commander, 58th Special Operations Wing, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
17. July 2022–April 2024, Director, Secretary of the Air Force/Chief of Staff of the Air Force Executive Action Group, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.



EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant
May 27, 1998

First Lieutenant
May 27, 2000

Captain
May 27, 2002

Major
December 01, 2007

Lieutenant Colonel
December 01, 2011

Colonel
April 01, 2018

Brigadier General
May 03, 2025



18. May 2024–May 2025, Chief of Staff, Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve, U.S. Central Command
19. June 2025–present, Director, Mission Integration, Deputy Chief of Staff, Air Force Futures, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2016–February 2017, Branch Chief, Levant and U.S. Southern Command, Deputy Director of Special Operations, J-37, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a lieutenant colonel
2. February 2017–March 2018, Senior Executive Assistant, Director for Operations, J3, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a colonel
3. March 2018–July 2018, Division Chief, Strategy, Plans and Policy, Deputy Director of Special Operations, J-37, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a colonel
4. May 2024–May 2025, Chief of Staff, Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve, U.S. Central Command, as a brigadier general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight Hours: more than 3,400 hours

Aircraft Flown: T-37, C-12, C-130E, MC-130E, MC-130H, MC-130J, C-208, PC-6, BE-200, CN-235, B-90, PAX-750XL, MX-7, U-28A, UH-1N, TH-1, HH-60W, CV-22

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters

Bronze Star Medal

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with twelve oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Joint Service Achievement Medal

Air and Space Achievement Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2005 Airlift Tanker Association Young Leadership Award

1998 Graduate with Military Distinction, USAF Academy

(Current as of July 2025)





Rear Admiral Gavin Duff

Director, Plans, Policy and Integration (N5), Office of the Chief of Naval Operations



Rear Adm. Gavin “Deedle” Duff is a native of Toms River, New Jersey. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science in Naval Architecture and earned his Wings of Gold in 1998. A graduate of the US Naval Test Pilot School and the Navy’s Nuclear Propulsion Training program, he also holds a master’s degree from Old Dominion University. He was a 2019 Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI fellow.

Operationally, he has completed nine carrier deployments to the Western Pacific, South China Sea, Mediterranean, and Middle East, supporting Operations Southern Watch, Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn, Enduring Freedom and Inherent Resolve. Assignments include the Marauders of Strike

Fighter Squadron (VFA) 82, Eagles of VFA-115 and Executive Officer of USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77). He commanded the Tophatters of VFA-14. His major commands included USS Mesa Verde (LPD 19) and as the 13th Commanding Officer of USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75).

His shore assignments include duties as a Test Pilot at Air Test and Evaluation Squadron 23 (VX-23), VFA Assignments Officer at Navy Personnel Command, Executive Officer at VFA-122, the Joint Staff where he served as Division Chief and Desk Officer (J-7) and CVN ROC Senior Advisor for Commander, Naval Air Forces Atlantic Fleet.

He assumed his current duties as Director of Plans, Policy and Integration (OPNAV N5) in April 2024.

Duff has accumulated more than 3,500 flight hours in the F/A-18A-F and over 950 arrested landings on 8 different aircraft carriers. His awards include Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with Gold Star (in lieu of second award), Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star (in lieu of third award), Strike/Flight Air Medal (10 awards with Bronze Star and Combat Distinguishing Device), and various personal, unit and service awards. Duff is the 2014 recipient of Vice Admiral James Bond Stockdale Award for Inspirational Leadership.



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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL TODD R. DYER

Brigadier General Todd R. Dyer is the Director of Plans, Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Programs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Arlington, Virginia. He leads a staff of military and civilians in the annual development of the Air Force's 30-Year Resource Allocation Plan. Col Dyer is also responsible for the development and integration of the Air Force strategy and long-range plans to ensure the Air Force builds and employs effective air, space and cyber forces to achieve national defense objectives.

Col. Dyer is a 1998 graduate of the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University ROTC program. He earned his pilot wings at Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training and spent the majority of his early career in the F-15E; he is a command pilot with over 3,500 total flying hours and 700 combat hours. He has commanded at the fighter squadron and air base wing level, and his staff assignments include service on the Joint and Headquarters Air Force staffs. Prior to his current assignment, he served as the Director, Advanced Battle Management Cross Functional Team, Deputy Chief of Staff, Air Force Futures, the Pentagon, Arlington, VA.



EDUCATION

1998 Bachelor of Science, Aeronautical Science, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, FL

2004 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL

2009 Master of Science, Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Extended Campus

2010 Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Quantico MCB, VA

2016 Master of Science, National Security and Resource Strategy, Eisenhower School, National Defense University, Ft. McNair, Washington D.C.

2017 Center for Creative Leadership, Leading Strategically, Colorado Springs, CO

2018 Driving Government Performance, Harvard Kennedy School, Boston, MA

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1998–January 2000, Student Pilot, 88th Flying Training Squadron, Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls, TX

2. January 2000–October 2000, F-15E Student Pilot, 334th Fighter Squadron, Seymour-Johnson AFB, Goldsboro, NC

3. October 2000–June 2003, F-15E Multi-Ship Lead/Scheduling Officer, 336th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, Goldsboro, NC

4. June 2003–April 2006, F-15E Evaluator Pilot/Flight Commander, 494th Fighter Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom

5. April 2006–June 2007, T-38 Instructor Pilot/Assistant Operations Officer, 479th Operations Support Squadron, Moody AFB, GA

6. June 2007–June 2009, T-38 Evaluator Pilot/Wing Executive Officer, 71st Flying Training Wing, Vance AFB, OK

7. July 2009–June 2010, Student, Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Quantico MCB, VA

8. July 2010–May 2015, Director of Operations and Commander, 335th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC





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9. July 2015–June 2016, Graduate Student, National Defense University, Eisenhower School, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.
10. June 2016–May 2018, Deputy Division Chief, Joint Operations Division - Africa, Joint Chiefs of Staff, J35, the Pentagon, Arlington, VA
11. June 2018–June 2020, Vice Wing Commander, 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin AFB, TX
12. June 2020–June 2022, Commander, 99th Air Base Wing, Nellis AFB, NV
13. July 2022–September 2023, Senior Executive Officer to the Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, VA
14. September 2023–August 2024, Division Chief, Futures and Concepts, Deputy Chief of Staff, Air Force Futures, the Pentagon, Arlington, VA
15. August 2024–March 2025, Director, Advanced Battle Management System Cross-Functional Team, Deputy Chief of Staff, Air Force Futures, the Pentagon, Arlington, VA
16. March 2025–Present, Director of Plans, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, VA

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. Deputy Division Chief, Joint Operations Division - Africa, Joint Chiefs of Staff, J35

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: More than 3,000, including 700 combat hours

Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, and F-15E

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Distinguished Flying Cross with Valor

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Air Medal

Air Force Combat Action Medal

OTHER AWARDS AND HONORS

Excellence in Competition Badge, Pistol

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 27, 1998

First Lieutenant May 27, 2000

Captain May 27, 2002

Major January 1, 2008

Lieutenant Colonel December 1, 2011

Colonel April 1, 2018

Brigadier General May 21, 2025

(Current as of May 2025)





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BRIGADIER GENERAL CHAD R. ELLSWORTH

Brig Gen Chad R. Ellsworth is the Director of Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe-Air Forces Africa, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. As Director, he provides leadership, management and integration of aircraft and munitions maintenance, civil engineers, security forces, transportation and material management, storage, and distribution. His directorate supports the deployment, basing, sustainment, and redeployment of military forces across an area of operations covering 19 million square miles and 104 countries in Europe, Africa, Asia and the Middle East. Additionally, he oversees force protection, logistics and base operating support for over 200 aircraft plus 63,000 military and dependents at 10 wings and 83 geographically separated units.

Brig Gen Ellsworth entered the Air Force in 1993 through Basic Military Training. He received his commission through Officer Training School in 2000 after earning his bachelor's degree from Faulkner University in Alabama. As a career logistician, he has served in various positions at the wing, major command, Secretary of the Air Force, Joint Staff and Office of the Secretary of Defense levels.



Prior to his current assignment, Brig Gen Ellsworth served as the Commander of Defense Logistics Agency Aviation and Defense Supply Center Richmond, Virginia. While there, he led a team of more than 4,300 civilian and military personnel in support of over 2,340 weapons systems. He also served as the base commander for Defense Supply Center Richmond, providing installation support, services and security for 20 tenants, including the two-star Virginia National Guard Joint Headquarters.

EDUCATION

1999 Associate of Science, Transportation Management, Community College of the Air Force

1999 Honor Graduate, Bachelor of Business Management, Faulkner University, Ala.

2000 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2005 Top-Third and Outstanding Contributor Graduate, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2008 Fellow, Master of Arts, Organizational Management, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

2009 Strategic Policy Intern (IDE), Air Force Intern Program, Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

2009 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2010 Distinguished Graduate, Advanced Logistics Readiness Officer Course, McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.

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

2011 Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Joint Professional Military Education Phase II, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.

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

2018 National Defense Fellow (SDE), Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Mass.

2021 USAF Global Supply Chain Executive Development Program, Haslam College of Business, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

2021 Air Force Enterprise Leadership Summit, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2022 Leadership Decision Making, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Mass.

2023 Artificial Intelligence for National Security Leaders, Sloan School of Management, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge

ASSIGNMENTS

1. November 1993-February 1995, Traffic Management Apprentice, 39th Transportation Squadron, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey
2. February 1995-August 1997, Traffic Management Journeyman, 65th Transportation Squadron, Lajes Field Azores, Portugal (August-November 1995, Traffic Management, 4404th Wing, Southwest Asia)
3. August 1997-January 2000, Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, Student Issues Branch, Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
4. January 2000-April 2000, Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
5. April 2000-June 2002, Squadron Section Commander, Flight Commander and Air Terminal Operations Center Duty Officer, 436th Aerial Port Squadron, Dover AFB, Del.
6. June 2002-December 2002, Chief of Weapons and Mobility Bags and Flight Commander Traffic Management Office, 31st Logistics Readiness Squadron, Aviano AB, Italy
7. December 2002-June 2005, Executive Officer, Command Logistics Readiness Inspector, Office of Inspector General, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio (July-November 2004, Chief, NATO Channel Flight Coordination Cell, Joint Forces Command, Naples, Italy)
8. June 2005-August 2006, Director U.S. Air Force Inspectors Course, Office of the Inspector General, Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
9. August 2006-June 2008, Air Force Intern, Chairman's Action Group, Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Congressional Activities, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
10. June 2008-October 2008, Air Force Nuclear Logistics Surety Team Member, Directorate of Logistics Readiness, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Installations and Mission Support, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
11. October 2008-September 2009, Operations Officer, 5th Expeditionary Air Mobility Squadron, Abdullah Al-Mubarak AB, Southwest Asia
12. September 2009-June 2012, Deputy Program Manager, Military Assistant to the Director J-3/4, Joint Logistics Operations Officer, Directorate of Logistics Operations (J-3), Headquarters Defense Logistics Agency, Fort Belvoir, Va.
13. June 2012-July 2014, Commander, 90th Logistics Readiness Squadron, F. E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
14. July 2014-June 2015, Deputy Commander, 90th Mission Support Group, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
15. June 2015-June 2017, Executive Officer to the Air Force Materiel Command Commander; Chief, Commander's Action Group, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
16. July 2017-July 2018, National Defense Fellow, International Security Program, Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Cambridge, Mass.
17. August 2018-June 2020, Commander, 66th Air Base Group, Hanscom AFB, Mass.
18. July 2020-June 2022, Commander, 635th Supply Chain Operations Wing, Scott AFB, Ill.
19. June 2022-July 2024, Deputy Director for Contested Logistics; Associate Director Resource Integration, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection, HQ USAF, Washington, D.C.
20. July 2024-June 2025, Commander, Defense Supply Center Richmond and Defense Logistics Agency Aviation, Richmond, Va.
21. June 2025-Present, Director of Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe-Air Forces Africa, Ramstein AB, Germany

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Achievement Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster
Joint Meritorious Unit Award with oak leaf cluster Meritorious Unit Award
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with two oak leaf clusters

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant April 7, 2000
First Lieutenant April 7, 2002
Captain April 7, 2004
Major Nov. 1, 2009
Lieutenant Colonel Dec. 1, 2013
Colonel May 1, 2018
Brigadier General May 30, 2025

(Current as of July 2025)



BG Joseph Escandon

Deputy Commanding General I Corps, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA



Brigadier General Joseph Escandon is the Deputy Commanding General of I Corps at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA. A native of Tucson, Arizona, he enlisted in the Army in 1988 and served four years as an infantryman. Brigadier General Escandon graduated from the University of Arizona and was commissioned through the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps as an infantry officer in 1996.

Brigadier General Escandon has served in every division in the XVIII Airborne Corps, to include commanding at the company, battalion, and brigade level. He also served as the Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General V Corps / Commander of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) Joint Command in Afghanistan, Director of the Army Campaign Plan, Executive Officer to the Army G-3/5/7, and as the Commander of the U.S. Army Joint Modernization Command. While Commander of JMC, Brigadier General Escandon led the organization through the execution of Project Convergence 22 and multiple other persistent experimentation events.

As a General Officer, Brigadier General Escandon served as the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7 at U.S. Army Futures Command in Austin, TX, and Deputy Commanding General (Operations), 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) at Fort Drum, NY. This assignment included the establishment of Joint Task Force-Southern Border.

Brigadier General Escandon holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the University of Arizona, a Master of Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, two Master of Military Art and Science degrees from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

Brigadier General Escandon's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with 4 bronze oak leaf clusters, Bronze Star Medal with 3 bronze oak leaf clusters, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with 1 bronze oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with 4 bronze oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with silver oak leaf cluster, the Joint Services Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with 2 bronze oak leaf clusters, the Master Combat Infantryman Badge, Ranger Tab, Senior Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Air Assault Badge, Army Staff Identification Badge, and the German Parachutist Badge.

Brigadier General Escandon is married and has one son.



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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL NICHOLAS EVANS

Brig. Gen. Nicholas Evans is the Vice Superintendent, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado. He serves as chief operations officer to the Superintendent. He is the principal coordinating agent for all command matters and supports the Superintendent in directing a four-year regimen of military training, academics, athletic and character development programs leading to a Bachelor of Science degree and a commission as a second lieutenant ready to lead in the 21st century.

Brig. Gen. Evans received his commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1999. He is a command pilot with over 2,400 hours in the F-16 and F-35, and is a graduate of the USAF F-16 Weapons Instructor Course. He has commanded at the squadron, group, air operations, and wing levels, and his notable staff and joint assignments include the Executive Assistant to the Commander, Pacific Air Forces, and Director of the Commander's Action Group for U.S. Indo-Pacific Command. Additionally, he holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Military Strategy.

Prior to his current assignment, Brig. Gen. Evans served as the Commander, 18th Wing, Kadena Air Base, Japan.

EDUCATION

1999 Bachelor of Science, Military History, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.
2006 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2007 F-16 Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nev.
2009 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., correspondence
2010 Master of Science, Aerospace Science, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.
2012 Master of Arts, Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2012 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., correspondence
2013 Master of Philosophy, Military Strategy, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2017 Doctor of Philosophy, Military Strategy, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2019 Joint Professional Military Education-Phase 2, Joint Forces Staff College Satellite Course, Norfolk, Va.
2021 Executive Leadership Seminar, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1999–March 2001, Student Pilot, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas
2. March 2001–February 2002, Student Pilot, F-16 Basic Course, Luke AFB, Ariz.
3. March 2002–November 2004, Chief of Training, F-16 Instructor Pilot, 4th Fighter Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah
4. November 2004–June 2005, Chief of Wing Training, F-16 Instructor Pilot, 388th Operational Support Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah
5. June 2005–July 2007, Flight Commander, F-16 Instructor Pilot, 310th FS, Luke AFB, Ariz.
6. July 2007–December 2007, F-16 Weapons Instructor Course Student, 16th Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
7. January 2008–June 2008, Chief, Weapons and Tactics, 80th FS, Kunsan AB, South Korea
8. June 2008–January 2009, Chief, Wing Weapons and Tactics, 8th OSS, Kunsan AB, South Korea
9. February 2009–July 2011, Chief of F-16 Programs, F-16 Operational Test and Evaluation Standardization Evaluation Flight Examiner, 85th Test and Evaluation Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
10. August 2011–June 2012, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
11. June 2012–August 2013, Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
12. September 2013–May 2016, Commander and Director of Operations, 36th FS, Osan AB, South Korea
13. June 2016–May 2017, Lorenz Fellow, PhD Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
14. May 2017–June 2019, Director, Commander's Action Group, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, Camp Smith, Hawaii
15. July 2019–June 2020, Commander, 8th Operations Group, Kunsan AB, South Korea
16. June 2020–August 2022, Commander, 613th Air Operations Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
17. August 2022–July 2023, Executive Assistant to the Commander, Pacific Air Forces, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
18. July 2023–July 2025, Commander, 18th Wing, Kadena AB, Japan
19. July 2025–Present, Vice Superintendent, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.



Second Lieutenant
June 02, 1999

First Lieutenant
June 02, 2001

Captain
June 02, 2003

Major
January 01, 2009

Lieutenant Colonel
November 01, 2012

Colonel
June 01, 2018

Brigadier General
August 30, 2024



FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 2,500

Aircraft flown: F-35, F-16C/D, T-38, T-37

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters

Defense Superior Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Korean Defense Service Medal

Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon

(Current as of August 2025)





Rear Admiral Todd “Toad” Evans
Commander, Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division



Rear Adm. Todd M. Evans is a native of Steamboat Springs, Colorado. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Marine Engineering from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and a Master of Science in Systems Engineering from Johns Hopkins University. He received his commission upon graduation from Kings Point.

Designated a naval aviator, Evans trained in the MH-53E at Marine Heavy Helicopter Training Squadron 302. His first fleet assignment was with the “Vanguard” of Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron (HM) 14, where he qualified as an air mission commander and deployed to Bahrain.

Following graduation from U.S. Naval Test Pilot School, he was assigned to Rotary Wing Test Squadron (HX) 21 as the Organic Mine Countermeasures Project Officer. Subsequent operational assignments included Mine Countermeasures Squadron 2 and Officer in Charge of the “Blackhawks” detachment of HM-15 in Bahrain.

He served as Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of HM-14, supporting Operation Unified Response (Haiti, 2010) and Operation Tomodachi (Japan, 2011). Ashore, Evans held roles as Assistant Program manager for Logistics and In-service Integrated Product Team Lead for the H-60 and Presidential Helicopter programs. He later served as Executive Assistant to the Commander, Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR).

Evans was program manager for PMA-299 (H-60 Multi-Mission Helicopters), then served as Principal Military Deputy for the NAVAIR Sustainment Group, and subsequently as Vice Commander, NAVAIR. Prior to his current assignment and in his first flag role, Evans served concurrently as commander, Naval Surface Warfare Center and commander, Naval Undersea Warfare Center with headquarters in Washington and Newport, Rhode Island.

Rear Adm. Evans assumed command of the Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division in June 2025. His personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and various unit and campaign awards.



Brigadier General Joseph M. Ewers
Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, G3
U.S. Army Europe & Africa

Brigadier General Ewers currently serves as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, G3, at U.S. Army Europe and Africa in Wiesbaden, Germany.

Ewers began his military career as an enlisted Soldier (MOS 19D Cavalry Scout) and served in Operation Desert Storm with 2d ACR. He graduated from West Point in 1997 and commissioned as an Infantry Officer.

Ewers has served in numerous command and staff positions in Light, Mechanized, Stryker, and Ranger units. He served as a Rifle Platoon Leader in both the 101st Airborne Division and 2d Ranger Battalion, then as a Mechanized Infantry Company and HHC Company Commander in 1st Armored Division. He instructed cadets while on the West Point Faculty. He served as Ranger Battalion S3, Battalion XO, and Regimental XO in the 75th Ranger Regiment. He commanded a Stryker Infantry Battalion and served as Division G3 in 4th Infantry Division, and he also commanded a Ranger Battalion (RSTB) in the 75th Ranger Regiment. He commanded the storied 2d Cavalry Regiment, serving as the 81st Colonel of the Regiment. He then served as the Executive Officer to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR) and Commander, United States European Command. He most recently served as a Deputy Commanding General for 7th Infantry Division.



Brigadier General Ewers has deployed numerous times in support of combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan with both Special Operations and General Purpose Forces.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Master Combat Infantryman's Badge, Ranger Tab, and Master Parachutist Badge.

Brigadier General Ewers holds a Bachelor of Science from the United States Military Academy at West Point, a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Harvard University, and a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College.

Brigadier General Ewers and his wife, Sandy, have four children.



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UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL CHRISTOPHER A. FERNENGEL

Brig. Gen. Christopher “Trigger” Fernengel is the Director, Plans and Programs, Office of the Chief Strategy and Resource Officer, Headquarters Space Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. As Resourcing Lead, he is responsible for executing U.S. Space Force programs across the Future Years Defense Plan and the Program Objective Memorandum.

Brig. Gen. Fernengel received his commission from Ohio University ROTC program in 2001 with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. His career includes assignments as a space operator, instructor, tactician, joint planner, joint strategist, 3-star speechwriter and, Operational Capability Requirements Director for Headquarters Space Force. He deployed to Afghanistan during Operations RESOLUTE SUPPORT and FREEDOM'S SENTINEL as an expeditionary squadron commander. He has also commanded at the Squadron and Delta level.

Prior to his current assignment, Brig. Gen. Fernengel was the Director, Commander's Action Group for United States Space Command at Peterson SFB, Colorado.



EDUCATION

- 2001 Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio
- 2002 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2004 Master of Business Administration in Accounting, Trident University, Cypress, Calif.
- 2006 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2007 USAF Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nev.
- 2010 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2011 Special Technical Operations Planners Course, Landover, Md.
- 2013 Joint and Coalition Warfighter School, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
- 2014 Naval Command and Staff College, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.
- 2014 Master of National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.
- 2019 Marine Corps War College, Marine Corps University, Quantico, Va.
- 2019 Master of Strategic Studies, Marine Corps University, Quantico, Va.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 2001 – May 2002, Student, Undergraduate Space and Missile Training and GPS Initial Qualification Training, 392nd Training Squadron, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.
2. May 2002 – December 2003, GPS Operations Crew Commander, 1st Space Operations Squadron, Schriever AFB, Colo.
3. December 2003 – December 2004, Alternate Senior Instructor, 50th Operations Support Squadron, Schriever AFB, Colo.
4. December 2004 – May 2005, Wing Tactics Officer, 50th Operations Support Squadron, Schriever AFB, Colo.
5. May 2005 – January 2007, Space Defense Director Instructor, 1st Space Control Squadron, Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, Colo.

6. January 2007 – June 2007, Student, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
7. June 2007 – April 2009, Chief, Weapons and Tactics, 614th Air and Space Operations Center, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
8. April 2009 – April 2010, Chief, SSA Operations Team, 614th Air and Space Operations Center, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
9. April 2010 – July 2011, Commander's Action Group, Headquarters, 14th Air Force, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
10. July 2011 – July 2013, Chief, Weapons and Tactics for Special Technical Operations, Global Operations, US Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.
11. July 2013 – July 2014, Student, Naval Command Staff College, Newport, R.I.
12. July 2014 – April 2016, Director of Operations, 527th Space Aggressor Squadron, Schriever AFB, Colo.
13. April 2016 – June 2018, Commander, 4th Space Control Squadron, Peterson AFB, Colo.
14. June 2018 – June 2019, Student, Marine Corps War College, Quantico, Va.
15. June 2019 – March 2020, Chief, Space Forces Requirements Division, Headquarters, US Air Force, Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
16. March 2020 – July 2021, Director, Operational Capability Requirements Directorate, Headquarters, US Space Force, Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
17. July 2021 – June 2023, Commander, Space Delta 3, Peterson SFB, Colo.
18. June 2023 – August 2025, Director, Commander's Action Group, United States Space Command, Peterson SFB, Colo.
19. August 2025 – Present, Director, Plans and Programs, Office of the Chief Strategy and Resource Officer, Headquarters Space Force, Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2011 – July 2013, Chief, Weapons and Tactics for Special Technical Operations, Global Operations, US Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.
2. June 2023 – August 2025, Director, Commander's Action Group, United States Space Command, Peterson SFB, Colo.

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
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with two Combat Devices and two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal
Joint Meritorious Unit Award
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with star device
Global War on Terrorism Medal
Air and Space Campaign Medal with star device
NATO Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2019 "The Kill Chain in Space: Developing a Warfighting Mindset," War on the Rocks, Publication
2023 Association of Old Crows' (AOC) Kearney Pioneer Award

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 9, 2001
First Lieutenant July 9, 2003
Captain July 9, 2005
Major September 1, 2011
Lieutenant Colonel January 1, 2016
Colonel March 1, 2020
Brigadier General November 4, 2025

(Current as of 4 November 2025)



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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL BRIAN A. FILLER

Brig Gen Brian A. Filler is the Director of Security Forces, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Arlington, Virginia. He is the focal point for ensuring base defense operations, the physical security of Air Force nuclear assets and planning, and programming for more than 43,000 Active-Duty and Reserve component Security Forces at locations worldwide. He provides policy and oversight for protecting Air Force resources from terrorism, criminal acts, sabotage and acts of war. Furthermore, he ensures security forces are organized, trained, equipped and prepared to support operational and contingency plans.

Brig. Gen. Filler graduated from the University of Colorado, Boulder in 1999. He is a career security forces officer who has completed various command and staff assignments at the unit, major command, combatant command and Headquarters Air Force levels. Brig. Gen. Filler has deployed in support of operations Enduring Freedom and Iraq Freedom and supported Operation Inherent Resolve from Turkey.

He commanded the 99th Ground Combat Training Squadron, the 741st Missile Security Forces Squadron, served as the Vice Commander for the 39th Air Base Wing and commanded the 501st Combat Support Wing.

Prior to assuming his current position, Brig. Gen. Filler served as Director, Air Force Colonel Management, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia.

EDUCATION

1999 Bachelor of Science, in Business Administration, University of Colorado, Boulder
 2004 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
 2006 Master of Aerospace Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.
 2009 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
 2010 Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Norfolk, Va.
 2011 Distinguished Graduate, Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Quantico, Va.
 2011 Master of Military Science, Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Quantico, Va.
 2014 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
 2018 National Defense Fellowship, Harvard University, Belfer Center, Cambridge, Mass.
 2019 Leadership Decision Making, Harvard University, Kennedy School, Cambridge, Mass.
 2024 Enterprise Perspective Seminar, Capitol Hill Workshop, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1999–October 2000, Element Leader, 12th Missile Squadron, Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont.
2. November 2000–December 2001, Officer in Charge, Mobile Fire Teams and Convoy Response Force, 741st Security Forces Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.
3. January 2002–June 2003, Flight Commander, 48th Security Forces Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom
4. July 2003–December 2004, Officer In Charge, Resources and Training, 48th SFS, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom
5. January 2005–May 2005, Assistant Operations Officer, 90th Missile Security Forces Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
6. June 2005–April 2006, Operations Officer, 790th Security Forces Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
7. May 2006–June 2007, Base Defense Unit Team Leader, 732nd Security Forces Squadron, Camp Taji, Iraq
8. July 2007–May 2008, Officer In Charge, Tactical Response Force, 90th Security Forces Group, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
9. June 2008–July 2010, Antiterrorism Action Officer, European Command, Vaihingen, Germany
10. August 2010–June 2011, Student, Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Quantico, Va.
11. July 2011–May 2013, Commander, 99th Ground Combat Training Squadron, Creech AFB, Nev.
12. June 2013–April 2015, Commander, 741st Missile Security Forces Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.
13. May 2015–June 2015, Deputy, 341st Security Forces Group, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.
14. July 2015–January 2017, Chief, Nuclear Security Policy Branch, Directorate of Security Forces, Headquarters Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
15. February 2017–June 2017, Chief, Nuclear Security Division, Directorate of Security Forces, HAF, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
16. July 2017–June 2018, Student, National Defense Fellow, Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Cambridge, Mass.
17. July 2018–May 2019, Vice Commander, 39th Air Base Wing, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey
18. May 2019–July 2021, Deputy Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Forces in Europe-Air Forces Africa, Ramstein AB, Germany
19. July 2021–July 2023, Commander, 501st Combat Support Wing, RAF Alconbury, United Kingdom
20. August 2023–June 2024, Director, Air Force Colonels Management, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel, and Services, HAF, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
21. July 2024–present, Director of Security Forces, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Engineering, and Force Protection, HAF, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2008–July 2010, Antiterrorism Action Officer, European Command, Vaihingen, Germany, as a major

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters
 Bronze Star Medal
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal
 Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
 Air and Space Achievement Medal



EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant
June 13, 1999

First Lieutenant
June 13, 2001

Captain
June 13, 2003

Major
April 01, 2009

Lieutenant Colonel
December 01, 2013

Colonel
May 01, 2018

Brigadier General
May 30, 2025





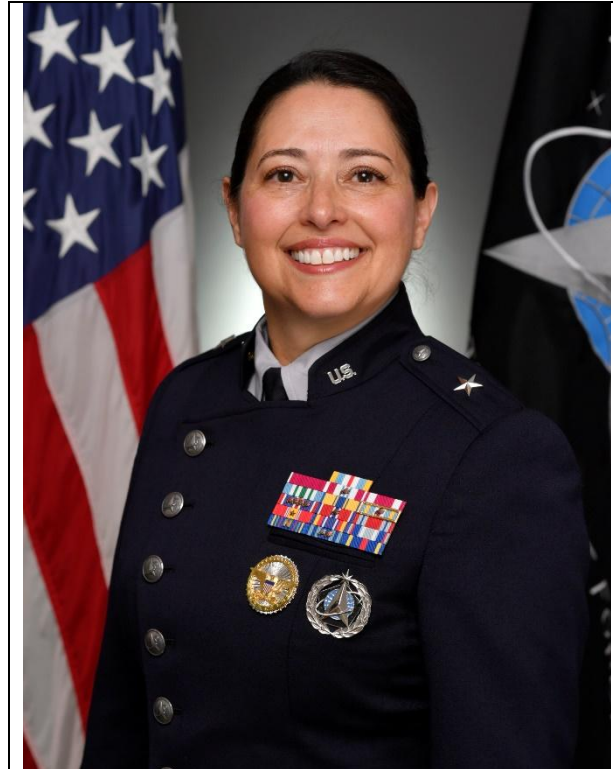
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UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL NIKKI R. FRANKINO

Brigadier General Nikki Frankino is the Legislative Liaison, United States Space Force. In this role she serves as the Liaison between the Space Force and Congress on all programs, weapons systems, and issues, including legislative and constituent inquiries. Brigadier General Frankino collaborates directly with the House of Representatives and Senate to secure the resources and authorities of the Space Force's annual budget and assist Congress in its constitutionally directed oversight responsibilities. Brigadier General Frankino also prepares the Chief of Space Operations, and other Space Force leaders, for engagements and testimony on Capitol Hill.

Brigadier General Frankino entered the Air Force in May 1998 as a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy. She has served in a variety of space operations and staff positions in Air Force Space Command, the Pentagon, and the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO). Her notable tours include Executive Officer to the Deputy Director of the NRO, Chief of Staff of the Ground Enterprise Directorate, Commander of the Operations Support Squadron at Aerospace Data Facility—East (ADF-E), Commander, Delta 21, Deputy Commander, ADF—E, and Senior Military Assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force. Prior to her current position, Brigadier General Frankino was the Division Chief, House Liaison Office, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.



EDUCATION

1998 Bachelor of Science degree in Management, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

2003 Master of Science degree in Administration, Central Michigan University, via Minot AFB, N.D.

2004 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2010 Master of Science degree in Strategic Intelligence, National Defense Intelligence College, Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C.

2019 Master of Science degree in National Security and Resource Strategy, Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. May 1998 – July 1999, Distinguished Graduate, Undergraduate Space and Missile Training, Vandenberg Air Force Base (AFB), Calif.
2. July 1999 – July 2003, Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Wing Emergency War Order Instructor, Minot AFB, N.D.
3. July 2003 – July 2006, Test Program Manager and Executive Officer, NAVSTAR Global Positioning System, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.
4. July 2006 – July 2009, Flight Commander, Processing Operations, Data Masked
5. July 2009 – July 2010, Student, National Defense Intelligence College, Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C.
6. July 2010 – July 2013, Branch Chief, Space Superiority Branch, Directorate of Strategic Plans, Programs, and Analyses Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
7. July 2013 – July 2014, Deputy Division Chief, DoD Executive Agent for Space Staff, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.





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8. July 2014 – July 2016, Squadron Commander, Operations Support Squadron, National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), Fort Belvoir, Va.
9. July 2016 – July 2017, Chief of Staff, Ground Enterprise Directorate, NRO, Chantilly, Va.
10. July 2017 – July 2018, Executive Officer, Deputy Director of the NRO, NRO, Chantilly, Va.
11. July 2018 – July 2019, Student, Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
12. July 2019 – July 2021, Senior Military Evaluator for Space, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Systems, Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington, D.C.
13. July 2021 – June 2023, Commander, Delta 21, and Deputy Commander, NRO, Aerospace Data Facility – East, Fort Belvoir, Va.
14. June 2023 – July 2024, Senior Military Assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
15. July 2024 – May 2025 Chief, House Liaison Division, Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
16. May 2025 – Present, Space Force Legislative Liaison, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2019 – July 2021, Senior Military Evaluator for Space, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Systems, Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington, D.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal
Legion of Merit
Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal
Joint Meritorious Unit Award
Combat Readiness Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Air and Space Campaign Medal
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with 'N' device

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1999 Distinguished Graduate, Undergraduate Space and Missile Training

OCCUPATIONAL BADGES

Master Space Operations Badge
Basic Missile Badge

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 27, 1998
First Lieutenant May 27, 2000
Captain May 27, 2002
Major January 1, 2008
Lieutenant Colonel May 1, 2013
Colonel July 1, 2019
Brigadier General June 30, 2025

(Current as of July 2025)





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Pacific Ocean Division**

**Brigadier General
Joseph C. “Clete” Goetz II
Commanding General**



Brigadier General Joseph C. “Clete” Goetz II became the 35th Commander and Division Engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pacific Ocean Division on June 13, 2024, where he is responsible for a mission operating in a complex and diverse region spanning 16 time zones and covering 52% of the Earth’s surface for four engineer districts – Alaska, Far East, Honolulu, and Japan.

BG Goetz previously served as the 100th Commandant of the U.S. Army Engineer School at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, where he oversaw the professional military education and functional training courses for U.S. Army combat engineers and oversaw the development of doctrine for combat engineer operations.

As a company grade officer, he served with the 27th Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and the 41st Engineer Battalion, 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, New York. He deployed to Afghanistan in 2002 and Iraq in 2003-2004.

After serving at the company command level, BG Goetz attended the University of Texas at Austin and subsequently served as a Project Manager and Deputy District Commander at the USACE Buffalo District. While assigned to the Buffalo District he served with Task Force Hope in New Orleans, Louisiana, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Upon completion of Command and General Staff College, BG Goetz served as the Brigade Operations Officer for the 20th Engineer Brigade, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

He commanded the 15th Engineer Battalion at Grafenwoehr, Germany, from 2014 to 2016. While there, he deployed to multiple Allied and partner nations, including Norway, Serbia, and Ukraine in support of U.S. and NATO security cooperation activities.

Following graduation from the U.S. Army War College in 2017, BG Goetz served as the military assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works. Prior to brigade command, he deployed to Camp Taji, Iraq, to command the USACE Contingency Engineer Task Force in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. He then commanded the 36th Engineer Brigade at Fort Hood, Texas, from 2019-2021. Following brigade command, he served as the Director of the Office of the Chief of Engineers in the Pentagon from 2021 to 2022.

BG Goetz is a graduate of the Army War College and has earned degrees in Civil Engineering from the United States Military Academy, University of Missouri at Rolla, and the University of Texas at Austin. He is a registered Professional Engineer.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and Meritorious Service Medal. He has earned the Ranger tab, Sapper tab, and Senior Parachutist wings.

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Assistant Division Commander BRIGADIER GENERAL MATTHEW T. GOOD 3D MARINE DIVISION

Brigadier General Matt T. Good is a native of Texas. Upon graduating from Texas A&M University, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 1995.

Upon graduation from The Basic School and Infantry Officer's Course, he was assigned to 1st Bn, 2nd Marines in Camp Lejeune, NC. Here, he held the billets of Platoon Commander, Rifle Company and Weapons Company Executive Officer, and Rifle Company Commander. His deployments during this tour included participation as LF6F for the 22d MEU, and a Unit Deployment Program to Okinawa, Japan.

In 2000, Brigadier General Good transferred to Weapons Company 1/23 in Austin, Texas where he served as Inspector-Instructor. In 2003, Brigadier General Good attended Expeditionary Warfare School in Quantico, Va. Upon completion, Brigadier General Good reported to 3d Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion (LAR) aboard Marine Air Ground Combat Center, 29 Palms, CA where he served as Company Commander and Operations Officer from 2004 to 2007. At 3d LAR, he deployed to support Operations Iraqi Freedom 2-2 and 5-7.1.

Upon completion of his tour of duty with 3d LAR, Brigadier General Good was assigned to Tactical Training and Exercise Control Group (TTECG), where he served

from 2007 to 2009. Upon completion of his tour of duty with TTECG he attended Command and Staff College, in Quantico, VA. Following graduation, Brigadier General Good was assigned to the J5, Joint Task Force North where he served as Chief of Plans and Chief of Theatre Security Cooperation from 2010 to 2012.

Following his tour at Joint Task Force North, Brigadier General Good assumed command of 3d LAR in 2012, where he served as Battalion Commander until 2015.

After completion of his Battalion Command tour, Brigadier General Good attended Marine Corps War College in Quantico VA, after which he was assigned to the faculty at the Command and Staff College. In 2018, he served as the Ground Colonel's Monitor, Officer Assignments MMOA, MM, M&RA, whereupon he was selected to command 7th Marine Regiment in 29 Palms, California. In 2021, Brigadier General Good was assigned as Director, Senate Liaison, Office of Legislative Affairs, HQMC. In 2023, Brigadier General Good served as the Deputy Commander for Marine Forces Command in Norfolk, Virginia.

Brigadier General Good is currently assigned as the Assistant Division Commander, 3d Marine Division in Okinawa, Japan.



Brigadier General Christopher M. Haar

**Deputy Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development
Command/Director, Joint and Naval Integration Directorate**

Brigadier General Haar is a pastor's son from the Midwest, growing up in Minnesota and Kansas. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1991 and was promoted to Staff Sergeant before being commissioned in 1998. He was designated as a Combat Engineer Officer. He assumed his current position as Deputy Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command and Director, Joint and Naval Integration Directorate, Combat Development and Integration in May 2025.

He has commanded at the platoon, company, battalion, and regimental-level, to include an engineer company during Operation Iraqi Freedom 1, 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, and Combat Logistics Regiment 3.

As a graduate of the School of Advanced Warfighting, his planner assignments included MARCENT (FWD) in Bahrain where he was lead planner for JTF-NEO; Future Operations Planner for III Marine Expeditionary Force focused on Korea; lead planner for JTF-505 as it deployed to provide Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief to the people of the Philippines during Operation Damayan; and the US INDOPACOM East and Southeast Asia Contingency Plans Chief.

His staff tours include Academics Officer and Officer Instructor at Marine Corps Engineer School; Small Group Leader at US Army Engineer School; Operations Officer for MEU Service Support Group 26 for an OIF deployment; Executive Officer of 9th Engineer Support Battalion for an OIF deployment; the Combat Engineer Proponent in PP&O; Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff G-3 for 3d Marine Logistics Group; and as the Executive Assistant to DC, I&L.

Brigadier General Haar is a graduate of Expeditionary Warfare School, the US Army Engineer Captains Career Course, Marine Corps Command and Staff College, the School of Advanced Warfighting, the National War College, and the United Kingdom Higher Command and Staff Course. He holds a BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Kansas, a MS in Engineering Management from the Missouri University of Science and Technology, a MS in Operational Studies from the Marine Corps University, and a MS in Strategic Studies with an emphasis in Long-Term Strategy from the National Defense University.

Brigadier General Haar's personal awards include: the Defense Superior Service Medal; the Legion of Merit; the Meritorious Service Medal with four gold stars; the Joint Commendation Medal; the Navy Commendation Medal with gold star; the Navy Achievement Medal; the Humanitarian Assistance Medal; the Volunteer Service Medal; and the Combat Action Ribbon.

He is married to his High School Sweetheart, Shelly, and they have two adult children, two granddaughters, and two grandsons.



MG Charles D. Hausman **The Adjutant General** **Missouri Army National Guard**



Major General Hausman assumed duties as The Adjutant General of the Missouri National Guard on February 1, 2025. As The Adjutant General, on behalf of the Governor, he provides command and control of over 12,000 Missouri National Guard Soldiers, Airmen, Federal, and State employees. He ensures the Missouri National Guard is manned, trained, equipped, and resourced for its dual state and federal missions.

MG Hausman received a Bachelor of Science degree in Aviation Technology from the University of Central Missouri in 1991 and a Master of Science degree in Aviation Safety from the University of Central Missouri in 1993. He completed a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies through the United States Naval War College in 2015.

MG Hausman commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Central Missouri in 1990 and joined the Missouri National Guard as a Platoon Leader in Company A, 110th Engineer Battalion. Upon branch transferring to Aviation in 1993, he served as Commander of the following: Aviation Reconnaissance and Interdiction Detachment; Headquarters and Headquarter Company, 1-135th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion; Company C, 1-114th Aviation (Assault); 1-135th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion; and the 35th Combat Aviation Brigade.

MG Hausman has served in several other military assignments including Executive Officer, 35th Combat Aviation Brigade; Deputy Commander, 70th Troop Command; Director of Aviation and Safety, Director, Joint Staff, Joint Force Headquarters Missouri. MG Hausman deployed in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM and OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM with the 1107th Theater Aviation Sustainment and Maintenance Group from October 2005 to November 2006. He later deployed as the Executive Officer with the 35th Combat Aviation Brigade from June 2012 to May 2013 in support of OPERATION SPARTAN SHIELD. His most recent deployment was as Commander of the 35th Combat Aviation Brigade in support of OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE and OPERATION SPARTAN SHIELD from August 2018 to May 2019.

MG Hausman has received several military awards including the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with bronze oak leaf cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with three Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal with Numeral Two, Army Commendation Medal with one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, National Defense Medal with one Bronze Service Star, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Master Army Aviator Badge. He is qualified in the TH-67, UH-60A/L, UH-1 Huey, AH-1 Cobra, AH64D Apache, and is qualified as an instructor pilot in the OH-58A/C and AH-64A Apache.

Major General Hausman resides with his wife Julie Hausman in Jefferson City, MO. They have two adult children, Alex and Libby.



United States Army

Brigadier General GREGORY L. HOLDEN

**Vice Director for Intelligence, J-2
The Joint Staff
Defense Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20318-2000
Since: July 2025**



SOURCE OF COMMISSIONED SERVICE ROTC

EDUCATIONAL DEGREES

University of Cincinnati – BS – Civil Engineering

Joint Military Intelligence College – MS – Strategic Intelligence

United States Naval War College – MA – National Security and Strategic Studies

MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED

Infantry Officer Basic Course

Postgraduate Intelligence Program

Military Intelligence Captains Career Course

United States Army Command and General Staff College

United States Naval War College

FOREIGN LANGUAGE(S) None recorded

PROMOTIONS

DATE OF APPOINTMENT

2LT	10 Jun 95
1LT	3 Jun 97
CPT	1 Jul 99
MAJ	1 Nov 05
LTC	1 May 12
COL	1 Aug 17
BG	3 Jun 24

FROM TO ASSIGNMENT

Jul 25	Present	Vice Director for Intelligence, J-2, Joint Staff (Defense Intelligence Agency), Washington, DC
Aug 23	Jun 25	Director, J-2, United States European Command, Germany
Aug 22	Jul 23	Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, United States Army Intelligence and Security Command, Fort Belvoir, Virginia
Sep 21	Aug 22	Chief of Staff, J-2, Joint Staff, Washington, DC
Jun 18	Jun 20	Commander, 66th Military Intelligence Brigade (Theater), Germany
Aug 17	Jun 18	Student, United States Naval War College, Newport Rhode Island
Jul 16	Jun 17	Director, J-2, Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command, Operation INHERENT RESOLVE, Iraq
May 15	Jul 16	Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas
Jun 14	May 15	Chief Of Operations, G-2, I Corps, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington
Sep 12	May 14	Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Allied Land Command, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Turkey
Sep 11	Sep 12	Deputy Director, Doctrine Division, United Army Intelligence Center of Excellence, Fort Huachuca, Arizona
Sep 10	Sep 11	Executive Officer, 201st Battlefield Surveillance Support Brigade, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington
Dec 08	Sep 10	Brigade Intelligence Officer, 17th Fires Brigade, Fort Lewis, Washington and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq
Aug 05	Jun 09	Strategic Intelligence Officer, Defense Intelligence Agency, Fort Detrick, Maryland and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq
Apr 04	Aug 05	Student, Post Graduate Intelligence Program, Joint Military Intelligence College, Fort Belvoir, Virginia
Apr 03	Mar 04	Assistant Intelligence Officer, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (AASLT), Fort Campbell, Kentucky
Apr 02	Mar 03	Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (AASLT), Fort Campbell, Kentucky
Dec 99	Apr 02	Battalion Intelligence Officer, 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry, Fort Campbell, Kentucky
Oct 98	Apr 99	Battalion Maintenance Officer, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, Germany
Mar 98	Oct 98	Executive Officer, C Company, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, Germany and Operation JOINT GUARD and Operation JOINT FORGE, Bosnia
Jun 97	Feb 98	Executive Officer, A Company, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, Germany
Jan 97	Jun 97	Platoon Leader, B Company, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, Germany
Oct 95	Jan 96	Platoon Leader, B Company, 4th Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, Germany and Operation JOINT ENDEAVOR, Bosnia

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Vice Director for Intelligence, J-2, Joint Staff (Defense Intelligence Agency), Washington, DC	Jul 25 - Present	Brigadier General
Director, J-2, United States European Command, Germany	Aug 23 - Jun 25	Colonel/Brigadier General

Chief of Staff, J-2, Joint Staff, Washington, DC
Strategic Intelligence Officer, Defense Intelligence Agency, Fort
Detrick, Maryland and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq

Sep 21 - Aug 22
Aug 05 - Jun 08

Colonel
Major

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

DATE

GRADE

Director, J-2, Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command,
Operation INHERENT RESOLVE, Iraq

Jul 16 - Jun 17

Lieutenant Colonel

Brigade Intelligence Officer, 17th Fires Brigade, Operation IRAQI
FREEDOM, Iraq

Jul 09 - Jul 10

Major

Intel Officer, Special Operations Task Force, Operation IRAQI
FREEDOM, Iraq

Jun 07 - Oct 07

Major

Task Force Operations Officer, Multi National Forces-Iraq, Operation
IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq

Jul 06 - Jan 07

Major

Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade
Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (AASLT), Kuwait

Feb 03 - Apr 03

Captain

Executive Officer, C Company, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment,
Germany and Operation JOINT GUARD and Operation JOINT
FORGE, Bosnia

Mar 98 - Sep 98

First Lieutenant

Platoon Leader, B Company, 4th Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment,
Germany and Operation JOINT ENDEAVOR, Bosnia

Mar 96 - Nov 96

Second Lieutenant

US DECORATIONS AND BADGES

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit

Bronze Star Medal

Defense Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Army Commendation Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Army Achievement Medal

Parachutist Badge

Air Assault Badge



United States Navy Biography

Rear Admiral Marcos “DB” Jasso Deputy Director, Strategy, Plans and Policy (DJ5), U. S. Space Command

Rear Admiral Marcos Jasso was born in Tokyo, Japan (Yokota Air Base) and raised in Tucson, Arizona, as the son of a U.S. Air Force Tech Sergeant. At 17, he took the Oath of Enlistment and entered the Navy’s Delayed Entry Program. Beginning his career as an enlisted Sailor, he quickly earned his submarine warfare qualification and advanced to first class petty officer (E-6) as a Sonar Technician (STS1(SS)). Rear Adm. Jasso was commissioned as an Ensign through Officer Candidate School, NAS Pensacola, FL in 1997.



Rear Adm. Jasso's operational command tours include the Commanding Officer of VFA-41 Black Aces (F/A-18F Squadron) and Commander, Carrier Air Wing THREE (CAG CVW-3/Battle Axe). He also served in operational squadrons VF-41 (F-14A Tomcat Squadron), VFA-22 Redcocks and VFA-154 Black Knights. During these operational assignments he completed multiple deployments aboard USS Enterprise (CVN-65), USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN-69), USS John C. Stennis (CVN-74), and USS Ronald Reagan (CVN-76), supporting Operations Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, Inherent Resolve, Freedom’s Sentinel, and multiple Western Pacific security and presence deployments. Under Rear Adm. Jasso’s leadership as CAG, the Battle Axe Air Wing and the "IKE" team were awarded the prestigious Commander, Naval Air Forces' (CNAF) RAMAGE AWARD as the best combat team across all CVW/CVN teams on the East and West Coasts or Forward Deployed Naval Forces.

Rear Adm. Jasso shore assignments include Instructor Duty with VFA-122 Flying Eagles, Operational Flight Test Engineer with VX-9 Vampires at Detachment Nellis AFB, and studies at the Naval War College. His staff assignments include the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) in Chantilly, VA and qualified as navy Space Cadre officer; Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington DC, as the Hornet Requirements Officer and Special Programs Branch Head for the Air Warfare Division (OPNAV N98); and as Director of Operations (N3) for the Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Throughout his career, Rear Adm. Jasso has worked alongside the Navy's finest Sailors, resulting in numerous personal awards and recognitions, including the William J. Dey Junior Officer Leadership Award, F/A-18 E/F Super Hornet Instructor of the Year, Admiral Wesley L. McDonald Leadership Award for Strike Fighter Wing Pacific, NRO Field Grade Officer of the Year, Mission Integration Directorate, and the CNAF's Navy and Marine Corps Association Peer Leadership Award on multiple occasions. Additionally, he was the Tailhooker of the Year (2021) selected by the Tailhook Association, Board of Directors. Rear Adm. Jasso is graduate of the U.S. Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN) and holds a Bachelor of Science in Professional Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and a Master’s in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College.

Rear Adm. Jasso assumed duties as the Deputy Director, Strategy, Plans, and Policy (DJ5) for U.S. Space Command in July 2024.



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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL JOY M. KACZOR

Brig. Gen. Joy M. Kaczor serves as the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Warfighter Communications and Cyber Systems, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va. In this capacity, she is responsible for guidance, oversight and advocacy of Air Force Warfighter Communications and Cyber Systems implementation. She integrates comprehensive planning, strategic resourcing and force development, readiness and management activities to deliver critical freedom of action in cyberspace, advancing joint warfighting missions by ensuring the service maintains technological superiority and operational resilience across all domains of conflict.

Brig. Gen. Kaczor was commissioned through Officer Training School in January 1999. She began her career as a Communications and Information Officer serving in various base-level communications units. In 2009, she became a Cyber Warfare Officer. Brig. Gen. Kaczor served at multiple levels of command including at the wing-level as the White House Communications Agency Commander and as the 33rd Network Warfare Squadron Commander. She also served as the deputy commander of the 67th Cyberspace Operations Group. Brig. Gen. Kaczor served in numerous joint positions including Current Operations Division Chief for U.S. Cyber Command, Computer Network Operations Branch Chief and Information Operations Planner for Special Operations Command Pacific and U.S. Central Command Forward Chief of Protocol.

She completed Senior Developmental Education at the National Defense University Eisenhower School, Washington, D.C., where her paper on creating a cybersecurity culture earned the National Defense University President’s Strategic Vision Research and Writing Award. Her staff assignments include time as an action officer and executive officer to the Secretary of the Air Force Chief Information Officer (A6), Computer Network Operations and Information Operations Planner for Special Operations Command, Pacific, and as the U.S. Cyber Command Current Operations Division Chief.

EDUCATION

- 1996 Bachelor of Arts, Mathematics, Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga.
- 1999 Basic Communications and Information Officers Course, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.
- 2001 Master of Science, Information Systems, University of Phoenix, Colo.
- 2005 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2006 Warfighters Integration Course, Distance Learning Seminar
- 2006 PhD Candidate, All But Dissertation, Computer Information Systems, Nova Southeastern University, Fla.
- 2007 Advanced Communications and Information Officers Course, Keesler AFB, Miss.
- 2008 Joint Network Attack Course, Corry Station, Fla.
- 2009 Joint Information Operations Planners Course, Joint Forces Staff College, Va.
- 2010 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2011 Master of Science, Strategic Intelligence, National Defense Intelligence University, Defense Intelligence Agency, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C.
- 2011 Denial and Deception Advanced Studies Program, Foreign Denial and Deception Committee, National Defense Intelligence University, Defense Intelligence Agency, JB Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C.
- 2011 Certified Information Security Manager, Information Systems Audit and Control Association
- 2011 Cyber 300, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
- 2012 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala. by correspondence
- 2016 Cyber 400, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
- 2017 Master of Science, National Resource Strategy, Eisenhower School, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

- 1. January 1999–February 2000, Chief, Network Administration, 10th Communications Squadron, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.



EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	
January 08, 1999	
First Lieutenant	
January 08, 2001	
Captain	
January 08, 2003	
Major	
August 01, 2008	
Lieutenant Colonel	
November 01, 2012	
Colonel	
February 01, 2019	
Brigadier General	
September 30, 2024	

2. February 2000–July 2001, Executive Officer, 10th Civil Engineer Group, USAF Academy, Colo.
3. July 2001–January 2003, Course Director and Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, USAF Academy, Colo.
4. January 2003–January 2004, Combat Support Flight Commander, 607th Combat Communications Squadron, Camp Humphreys, Korea
5. February 2004–April 2006, Maintenance Flight Commander, 17th Test Squadron, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.
6. April 2006–July 2008, Information Systems Flight Commander and Director of Operations, 45th Space Communications Squadron, Patrick AFB, Fla.
7. May 2007–September 2007, Chief of Protocol, U.S. Central Command Forward, Camp As Sayliyah, Qatar
8. July 2008–July 2010, Chief, Computer Network Operations, Special Operations Command, Pacific, Camp H. M. Smith Marine Corps Base, Hawaii
9. August 2010–July 2011, Student, National Intelligence University, Defense Intelligence Agency, Joint Base Anacostia Bolling, Washington, D.C.
10. August 2011–April 2012, Chief, Enterprise Services Branch, Cyber Operations Directorate, Office of Information Dominance and Chief Information Officer (SAF/CIO A6), Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
11. May 2012–June 2013, Executive Officer to the Chief, Information Dominance and Chief Information Officer (SAF/CIO A6), Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
12. June 2013–July 2015, Commander, 33d Network Warfare Squadron, JB San Antonio-Lackland, Texas
13. August 2015–July 2016, Deputy Commander, 67th Cyberspace Operations Group, JB SA-Lackland, Texas
14. August 2016–June 2017, Student, Eisenhower School, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, D.C.
15. July 2017–May 2018, Cyber Battle Captain, Joint Operations Center, U.S. Cyber Command, Fort George G. Meade, Md.
16. May 2018–May 2019, Division Chief, Current Operations, U.S. Cyber Command, Fort George G. Meade, Md.
17. May 2019–January 2021, Vice Commander, White House Communications Agency, JB Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C.
18. January 2021–June 2023, Commander, White House Communications Agency, JB Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C.
19. July 2023–July 2025, Director, Cyberspace Operations and Warfighter Communications, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
20. July 2025–present, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Warfighter Communications and Cyber Systems, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 2007–September 2007, Chief of Protocol, U.S. Central Command Forward, Camp As Sayliyah, Qatar
2. July 2008–July 2010, Chief, Computer Network Operations, Special Operations Command, Pacific, Camp H. M. Smith Marine Corps Base, Hawaii
3. July 2017–May 2018, Battle Captain, Joint Operations Center, U.S. Cyber Command, Fort George G. Meade, Md.
4. May 2018–May 2019, Division Chief, Current Operations, U.S. Cyber Command, Fort George G. Meade, Md.
5. May 2019–January 2021, Vice Commander, White House Communications Agency, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C.
6. January 2021–June 2023, Commander, White House Communications Agency, JB Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal
 Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
 Joint Service Commendation Medal
 Air and Space Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
 Joint Service Achievement Medal
 Air and Space Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2000 Communications and Information Officer of the Year, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.
 2001 Young Alumnae Award, Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga.
 2005 Air Force International Test & Evaluation Association Test & Evaluation Team Achievement Award
 2006 Air Force Space Command General Rawlings Team of the Year
 2006 45th Space Wing Team Excellence Award of the Quarter, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.
 2006 14th Air Force Company Grade Officer of the Quarter and 14 AF CGO of the Year
 2013 24th Air Force Best Cyberspace Operations Squadron of the Year
 2013 24th Air Force Communications and Information General Rawlings Team of the Year
 2017 National Defense University President's Strategic Vision Research and Writing Award
 2018 U.S. Cyber Command Team of the Quarter and Team of the Year
 2019 U.S. Cyber Command Team of the Quarter
 2022 Federal Computer Week "Fed 100" Award Recipient

(Current as of August 2025)





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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL JASON J. LENNEN

Brig. Gen. Jason Lennen is Director of Policy and Resources at the Office of the Surgeon General, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Falls Church, Virginia. His directorate is responsible for the development and execution of Air Force Medical Service policy, plans, budgets, and programs for the delivery of comprehensive operational healthcare and health service support to Department of the Air Force missions by 43,000 active-duty officer, enlisted, and civilian medical personnel at 76 installations with a budget of more than \$6.2 billion. Additionally, Brig. Gen. Lennen is responsible for personnel policy, force development and staffing requirements, as well as Air Force medical education and training worldwide.

Brig. Gen. Lennen is also the Chief of the Air Force Biomedical Sciences Corps, serving as a senior advisor to the Air Force Surgeon General and leading the development, management, and sustainment of 2,300 officers to provide Air Force capabilities in 13 professions: Audiologist, Bioenvironmental Engineer, Biomedical Laboratory Officer, Clinical Psychologist, Clinical Social Worker, Dietitian, Occupational Therapist, Optometrist, Pharmacist, Physical Therapist, Physician Assistant, Podiatric Surgeon, and Public Health Officer.



Brig. Gen. Lennen received a direct commission as a second lieutenant and entered the U.S. Air Force in August 1998. He has been assigned to clinic, ambulatory surgery center, hospital, and medical center locations in a variety of student, staff, instructor, and leadership positions. The general is a licensed pharmacist and Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist that has held clinical privileges in both inpatient and outpatient settings. He has deployed twice in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM, served in five headquarters staff positions, and commanded a medical operations squadron and two medical groups. Prior to his current position, Brig. Gen. Lennen was the Command Surgeon for the Air Force District of Washington, headquartered at Joint Base Andrews in Maryland.

EDUCATION

- 1998 Bachelor of Science, Pharmacy, Albany College of Pharmacy, Albany, New York
- 1999 Aerospace Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base (AFB), Alabama
- 2001 Master of Business Administration, Webster University, Saint Louis, Missouri (Bolling AFB, DC campus)
- 2002 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence
- 2002 Air Mobility Command High Flight, Scott AFB, Illinois
- 2003 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 2005 Doctor of Pharmacy, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana
- 2007 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2009 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 2010 Intermediate Executive Skills Course, San Antonio, Texas
- 2012 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2015 Master of Strategic Studies, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 2016 Interagency Institute for Federal Health Care Executives, Bethesda, Maryland
- 2017 Combined Senior Leadership Course, Falls Church, Virginia
- 2018 Capstone Course for Military Health System Leaders, Falls Church, Virginia
- 2022 Leading Strategically Course, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- 2022 Medical Strategic Leadership Program, U.S. Army Medical Center of Excellence, San Antonio, Texas
- 2024 Senior Leader Orientation Course, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland



ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1998 – August 2000 Staff Pharmacist, 89th Medical Group, Andrews AFB, Maryland
2. August 2000 – June 2002 Pharmacy Element Chief, 62d Medical Group, McChord AFB, Washington
3. June 2002 – August 2003 Diagnostics & Therapeutics Flight Commander, 62d Medical Group, McChord AFB, Washington
4. August 2003 – May 2005 Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) Student (AFIT), Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana
5. May 2005 – July 2007 Clinical Pharmacy Practice Element Leader, 59th Medical Wing, Lackland AFB, Texas
(January 2007 – May 2007, Pharmacy Officer-in-Charge, 379th Expeditionary Medical Group, Southwest Asia)
6. July 2007 – August 2008 Pharmacy Residency Director & Pharmacotherapy Element Chief, 59th Medical Wing, Lackland AFB, Texas
7. August 2008 – July 2009 Intermediate Developmental Education Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
8. July 2009 – July 2012 Pharmacy Flight Commander & Biomedical Sciences Corps Executive, 35th Medical Group, Misawa Air Base, Japan
(December 2011 – June 2012, Pharmacy Consultant & Division Pharmacist, Regional Command-East/Combined Joint Task Force-1, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan)
9. August 2012 – June 2013 Commander, 92d Medical Operations Squadron, Fairchild AFB, Washington
10. June 2013 – June 2014 Commander, 92d Medical Operations Squadron & Deputy Commander, 92d Medical Group, Fairchild AFB, Washington
11. July 2014 – June 2015 Senior Developmental Education Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
12. July 2015 – July 2016 Pharmacy Division Chief, Air Force Medical Operations Agency, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas
13. July 2016 – August 2017 Executive Officer to the Air Force Surgeon General, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia
14. August 2017 – June 2018 Air Force Surgeon General's Special Assistant for National Defense Authorization Act Activities, Defense Health Headquarters, Falls Church, Virginia
15. June 2018 – June 2020 Commander, 87th Medical Group, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey
16. July 2020 – July 2022 Commander and Director, 316th Medical Group, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland
17. August 2022 – February 2024 Command Surgeon, Air Force District of Washington, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland
18. March 2024 – July 2024 Command Surgeon, Air Force District of Washington & Chief, Air Force Biomedical Sciences Corps, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland
19. July 2024 – Present Director of Policy and Resources, Office of the Surgeon General & Chief, Air Force Biomedical Sciences Corps, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Falls Church, Virginia

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal
Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Air Force Recognition Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	June 25, 1997
First Lieutenant	June 25, 1999
Captain	June 25, 2001
Major	August 1, 2007
Lieutenant Colonel	May 1, 2012
Colonel	February 1, 2019
Brigadier General	May 6, 2024

(Current as of September 2024)





Rear Admiral Robert E. “Rooster” Loughran, Jr.

Deputy Director for Resources and Acquisition, J-8, Joint Staff



Rear Adm. Robert “Rooster” Loughran, a native of Point Pleasant, NJ, is a 1994 graduate of Villanova University and was commissioned through the Naval ROTC program. RDML Loughran completed Joint Professional Military Education (JPME) Phase I in residence at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, earning a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies. He completed JPME Phase II at the National Defense University Joint Combined Warfighting School in Norfolk, VA.

Loughran served operationally in Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 83 aboard USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) and USS George Washington (CVN 73), Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 14 aboard USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74), and VFA-25

aboard USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76). Command assignments include VFA-151, deployed aboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), VFA-147 deployed aboard USS Nimitz (CVN 68), and CVW-17 deployed aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71).

Shore and staff assignments include instructor pilot at VFA-125, the F/A-18 Fleet Replacement Squadron. He completed his joint tour with the Joint Staff J8 and served as Battle Director at the U.S. Air Forces Central Combined Air Operations Center. He served as Executive Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfighting Development (OPNAV N7), and Branch Head for Carrier Strike Aircraft and Weapons (OPNAV N98).

His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, six Air Medals, and other personal and unit awards. He has accumulated more than 3,900 flight hours and over 1,250 carrier arrested landings while flying F/A-18A-F, and EA-18G aircraft.



BRIGADIER GENERAL ROBERT LYONS III

Brig. Gen Bob Lyons serves as the Program Executive Officer for Weapons and Director of the Armament Directorate, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. General Lyons is responsible for the planning and execution of all life cycle activities for air-delivered munitions, including the Advance Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missile, Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile, Long Range Anti-Ship Missile, Joint Direct Attack Munition, Air Dominance Advanced Programs, Hypersonic Weapons, Massive Ordnance Penetrator, and Small Diameter Bomb. The portfolio includes ammunition, combat training systems, threat emitters for test and training purposes, and aerial targets. The Armament Directorate's \$93 billion portfolio delivers weapons capabilities to the US services, allies, and partners.

General Lyons was commissioned as a distinguished graduate from University of Cincinnati's Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program.

During his career, General Lyons served in the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Office of the Secretary of Defense Acquisition, Technology, & Logistics, Air Force Special Operations Command, the Department of the Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office, and system program offices that field space, aircraft, and other capabilities.

Prior to serving as the Program Executive Officer for Weapons and Director of the Armament Directorate, General Lyons served as the F-35 Air Vehicle Program Manager in the F-35 Joint Program Office, responsible for F-35 development, production, post-production modifications, and operations and sustainment of the F-35 Air Vehicle.



EDUCATION

- 1992 Bachelor of Science, Chemical Engineering, University of Cincinnati, Ohio
- 1997 Master of Science, Chemical Engineering, University of Cincinnati, Ohio
- 2002 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2009 Strategic Policy Intern, Washington D.C.
- 2009 Air Command & Staff College, by correspondence
- 2010 Master of Airpower Arts & Science, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2010 School of Advanced Air & Space Studies (SAASS), Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2010 Counterinsurgency Leaders Course, Counterinsurgency Training Center, Afghanistan
- 2016 Air War College Distance Learning, Outstanding Graduate, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2016 National Defense Fellowship, Center for a New American Security, Washington D.C.
- 2017 Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
- 2025 Executive Program Manager's Course, Fort Belvoir, Va.
- 2025 Senior Acquisition Management Course, Fort Belvoir, Va.





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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1998 - August 1999, program manager, Ground Stations, Space-Based Infrared Systems Program Office, Los Angeles AFB Calif.
2. August 1999 - April 2001, program manager, Mission Operations & Integration, Space Based Infrared Systems Program Office, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.
3. April 2001 - July 2001, program manager, Satellite Ground Stations, Space Based Infrared Systems Program Office, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.
4. July 2001 - June 2002, program manager, Reconnaissance System Program Office, Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio
5. June 2002 - August 2004, Chief Special Projects, Reconnaissance System Program Office, Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio
6. August 2004 - August 2005, Strategic Policy Intern, Pentagon, Va.
7. August 2005 - August 2007, Chief of Intelligence Reconnaissance, & Surveillance (ISR) projects in Requirements, Plans and Programs Directorate, Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
8. August 2007 - May 2008, Deputy Chief Strike Technology, Plans and Programs Directorate, Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
9. May 2008 - July 2009, Aide-de-camp to Commander, Air Force Special Operations Command
10. July 2009 - July 2010, student, School of Advanced Air & Space Studies, Maxwell AFB Ala.
11. July 2010 - September 2010, Chief, Training Requirements, J7 Training, United States Forces-Afghanistan, Kabul
12. September 2010 - July 2011, Strategic Planner, J5 Strategic Plans & Programs, United States Forces-Afghanistan, Kabul
13. September 2011 - June 2013, Chief, Operations Support Branch, Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington D.C.
14. June 2013 - July 2015, Materiel Leader, Tactical Combat Systems, Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington D.C.
15. July 2015 - July 2016, National Defense Fellow, Center for a New American Security, Washington D.C.
16. July 2016 - July 2017, Defense Program Analyst, Office of the Secretary of Defense Acquisition Technology & Logistics, Washington D.C.
17. July 2017 - July 2018, Chief, Space, Cyber, Command & Control, Communications & Computers (C4), Joint Staff J8, Washington D.C.
18. July 2018 - June 2022, Senior Materiel Leader, Advanced Combat Systems, Department of the Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington D.C.
19. June 2022 - August 2024, Senior Materiel Leader Upper Echelon, F-35 Air Vehicle, F-35 Joint Program Office, Arlington Va.
20. August 2024 - present, Program Executive Officer for Weapons and Director of the Armament Directorate, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Eglin AFB, Fla.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2010 - July 2011, Strategic Planner, United States Force-Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan as a Major
2. July 2016 - July 2017, Defense Program Analyst, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), Washington D.C, as a Lt Colonel
3. July 2017 - July 2018, Chief, Space, Cyber, Command & Control, Communications & Computers (C4), Joint Chiefs of Staff J8, Washington D.C. as a Colonel





MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

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

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	July 14, 1998
First Lieutenant	July 14, 2000
Captain	July 14, 2002
Major	May 1, 2008
Lieutenant Colonel	December 1, 2011
Colonel	April 1, 2018
Brigadier General	May 23, 2025

(Current as of June 2025)





BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL MARK A. MASSARO

Brigadier General Mark A. Massaro is the Commander, 96th Test Wing, Air Force Materiel Command, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. He leads more than 10,000 military, civilian, and contractor personnel, in accomplishing the 96th TW’s missions of developmental testing and evaluation of conventional munitions, command and control systems, aircraft avionics and guidance systems, and radar cross section measurement. The 96th TW has eight groups and 32 squadrons, operates 38 uniquely modified test aircraft, and manages 120,000 square miles of over-water test ranges plus facilities in six states. He also directs all base operating support, infrastructure, and services support for the Air Force’s largest installation at 726 square miles. The 96th TW hosts nine tenant wings and wing equivalent units — to include the 33rd Fighter Wing (F-35 Joint Strike Fighter), 53rd Wing (Operational Test), 350th Spectrum Warfare Wing, U.S. Army 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Joint Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training Center — and 37 other associate units including the U.S. Army 6th Ranger Training Battalion and the 20th Space Surveillance Squadron. As commander, he interacts with local officials across a three- county, 11-city region with an annual military economic impact of \$10.8 billion.

Brig. Gen. Massaro earned his commission in 1998 as a distinguished graduate from Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 165 at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Ga. He later served as an Experimental Test Pilot at Eglin and Edwards conducting flight test operations in F-16, Fighting Falcon, and F-35 Lightning II. He deployed in support of Operation Allied Force, Southern Watch, Iraqi Freedom, and Enduring Freedom.

Brig. Gen. Massaro is a Command Pilot with more than 2,200 flight hours in more than 30 aircraft and has flown more than 100 combat hours in the F-16.



EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant
September 18, 1998



First Lieutenant
September 11, 2000



Captain
September 11, 2002



Major
June 01, 2008



Lieutenant Colonel
October 01, 2013



Colonel
November 01, 2019



Brigadier General
July 01, 2025



EDUCATION

- 1998 Bachelor of Civil Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Ga.
- 2005 Distinguished Graduate - Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2007 Master of Science, Flight Test Engineering, U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School, Edwards AFB, Calif.
- 2010 Master of Military Operational Art and Science with academic distinction, Air University, correspondence
- 2011 Distinguished Graduate - Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2013 Air War College, correspondence
- 2018 Senior Acquisition Course, Defense Acquisition University
- 2018 Distinguished Graduate - Masters of Science, National Resource Strategy, Eisenhower School, National Defense University, Washington D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

- September 1998 – June 1999, Adjutant, 81st Fighter Squadron, Spangdahlem AB, Germany
- June 1999 – December 2000, Distinguished Graduate – Student Pilot, JSUPT, Vance AFB, Okla.
- December 2000 – February 2001, Student Pilot, Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, Moody AFB, Ga.

March 2001 – November 2001, F-16 Student Pilot, F-16 Basic Fighter Qualification Course, 61st Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.
November 2001 – June 2004, F-16 Flight Lead, Assistant Weapons Officer, Scheduler, 389th Fighter Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
June 2004 – January 2006, F-16 Instructor/Evaluator Pilot, Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, 309th Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.
January 2006 – July 2006, Stan Eval, 56th Operations Group, Luke AFB, Ariz.
August 2006 – December 2006, Flight Commander, 309th Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.
December 2006 – December 2007, Student Test Pilot, USAF Test Pilot School, Edwards AFB, Calif.
December 2007 – July 2010, F-16 Experimental Test Pilot, Assistant Director of Operations, 40th Flight Test Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
July 2010 – June 2011, Student Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
June 2011 – June 2013, F-35 Chief of Test and Mission Systems Requirements, HQ ACC Strategic Plans and Programs Directorate, Langley AFB, Va.
June 2013 – May 2015, Director of Operations, F-35 Experimental Test Pilot, 461th Flight Test Squadron, Edwards AFB, Calif.
June 2015 – June 2017, Commander, 412nd Operations Support Squadron, Edwards AFB, Calif.
July 2017 – June 2018, Student, Eisenhower School for National Resource Strategy, National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington D.C.
June 2018 – June 2019, Deputy Chief, Air Force Test and Evaluation Policy, Programs, and Resources Division, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
June 2019 – June 2020, Chief, Air Force Test and Evaluation Policy, Programs, and Resources Division, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
June 2020 – August 2022, Commander, 495th Fighter Group (Active Associate), Shaw AFB, S.C.
August 2022 – June 2024, Commander, Data Masked
June 2024 – present, Commander, 96th Test Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 2,200 Combat hours: 110

Aircraft flown: F-35A/B/C, F-16, T-38, Talon, and more than 30 other aircraft types

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal with nine oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Combat Action Medal

AETC Commander's Trophy, Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training

Defense Acquisition University Award for Excellence in Research and Writing

Distinguished Alumni Award Georgia Institute of Technology Ivan Allen College

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant: Sept. 18, 1998

First Lieutenant: Sept. 11, 2000

Captain: Sept. 11, 2002

Major: June 1, 2008

Lieutenant Colonel: October 1, 2013

Colonel: Nov. 1, 2019

Brigadier General July 1, 2025

(Current as of July 2025)





Brigadier General S. Lee Meyer

Director, Expeditionary Warfare

(OPNAV N95)

Brigadier General Meyer assumed the duties of Director, Expeditionary Warfare OPNAV N95 on 02 July 2025.

BGen Meyer graduated from The Basic School and Infantry Officer Course in March 1998; he subsequently became a Naval Aviator in AH-1W attack helicopters.

In 2001, he reported to HMLA-167, MCAS New River, NC; deployed to Iraqi Freedom I, II, and IV, completed Weapons and Tactics Instructor course, and was the 2d Tanks H & S Company Commander and Air Officer.

In 2007, he chopped to HMM-365(REIN) with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) and deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. In 2009, he served as MAG-29 Assistant Operations Officer, followed by duties as the HMLA-167 Aviation Maintenance Officer.

He departed MCAS New River for Marine Corps Command and Staff College in Quantico, VA in 2011 and earned his Master of Military Studies through the Marine Corps University. In 2012, he reported to the White House Military Office where he served as the USMC Military Aide to the President of the United States.

In 2014, he served as the MAG-29 Group Operations Officer, CO of HMLA-167, and 2d Marine Division, Deputy G3 before departing for the Eisenhower School, earning a master's degree in National Resourcing Strategy. Following TLS, he reported to HQMC P&R, Programs Assessment and Evaluations in the Pentagon where he reformed the way the USMC planned, programmed, budgeted, executed, and audited Service funds.

He was subsequently assigned to I MEF in 2020, where he served as the Director for Expeditionary Operations Training Group, the CO of the 13th MEU (completing an ARG/MEU INDOPACOM deployment), and the I MEF Chief of Staff.

Arriving back at II MEF in 2024, he assumed command of 2d Marine Expeditionary Brigade and duties as II MEF Deputy Commanding General. During this tour, he served as Deputy Commanding General Joint Task Force-406, Commanding General Task Force-Amphib, and Commanding General Task Force-61/2 supporting crisis contingencies in Lebanon.

He is married to Dr. Anna Meyer (DVM) and they have a son, Sam.





Maj. Gen. Lawrence "Larry" Muennich

The Adjutant General of Indiana

Major General Lawrence "Larry" Muennich was appointed as the 60th Adjutant General of the Indiana National Guard by Governor Mike Braun on January 13th, 2025. The Adjutant General leads the over 12,000 soldiers and airmen of the Indiana Army and Air National Guard and is a member of the Governor's Cabinet.

Maj. Gen. Muennich has served more than 32 years as an enlisted soldier and commissioned officer. He enlisted in the Army National Guard in January 1993 and attended Infantry One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Moore, GA. He then served three years enlisted as an 11B Infantryman and 19D Cavalry Scout.

Maj. Gen. Muennich received his Officers Commission in May 1996 through Eastern Kentucky University ROTC. He completed the Aviation Officer Basic Course and Initial Entry Rotary Wing Qualification Course at Fort Novosel, Alabama, in 1998. He was assigned platoon leader Company B 1-147th Command Aviation Battalion in Shelbyville, Ind.

In 2001, Maj. Gen. Muennich was assigned as operations officer to Task Force 211, where he was deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Desert Spring. In 2004, he served as the Chief of Current Operations for the 37th Brigade Combat Team, where he was deployed to Kosovo in support of Operation Joint Guardian. Following his tour to Kosovo, he was deployed to Bosnia as the Theatre Security Officer supporting NATO Headquarters Sarajevo. In 2006, Maj. Gen. Muennich completed the Aviation Officer Career Course at Fort Novosel, Alabama, and was assigned as the Company Commander of Company C 1-137th Air Assault Battalion. In 2011, he served as the Brigade Aviation Officer for the 219th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, where he was deployed to Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn. In 2016, Maj. Gen. Muennich took command of the 2-238th General Support Aviation Battalion and deployed to Kosovo as part of NATO Operations in the region. In 2019, Maj. Gen. Muennich was selected to command the 38th Combat Aviation Brigade. Following his command, Brig. Gen. Muennich was chosen to serve as the Executive Officer for the Vice Chief of the National Guard Bureau in Washington, D.C.

Maj. Gen. Muennich's other assignments include S1 and XO for the 2-238th GSAB, Assistant S3, S3, and executive officer for the 38th Combat Aviation Brigade, Indiana Army National Guard State Aviation Officer, Director of Reserve Integration in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington D.C. and most recently as Assistant Adjutant General - Army of the Indiana National Guard.

Maj. Gen. Muennich is a Senior Army Aviator with over 1,700 flight hours. He is qualified to fly the UH-1 Iroquois and UH-60 Blackhawk aircraft. He has five overseas deployments in support of our nation. He is a Graduate with Distinction from the Air War College in residence. His awards include the Bronze Star, two Defense Meritorious Service Medals, four Meritorious Service Medals, and the Honorable Order of Saint Michael.



Rear Admiral Brian T. Mutty

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



Rear Admiral Mutty is a native of Portsmouth, Virginia and a 1992 graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He enlisted in the United States Navy in July 1992. In 1995, he was commissioned following Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Florida.

His first assignment at sea was onboard USS BAINBRIDGE (CGN 25) as a Nuclear-trained Machinists Mate. Subsequent sea duty assignments include USS LABOON (DDG 58), USS AUSTIN (LPD 4), USS COLE (DDG 67) and USS ROSS (DDG 71). He was the first officer to “fleet up” from Executive Officer to Commanding Officer on USS FITZGERALD (DDG 62). During his tour, USS FITZGERALD won the Battle Effectiveness, Anti-Submarine Warfare Bloodhound and Edward F. Ney Awards, was the DESRON 15 flagship in support of Operation TOMODACHI,

hosted Secretary of State Clinton for the signing of the Manila Declaration and conducted the largest live fire ballistic missile defense test to date. As Commanding Officer on USS ESSEX (LHD 2) his team conducted the first ever combat deployment of the F-35B Joint Strike Fighter. He has deployed to the Mediterranean Sea, Arabian Gulf, Red Sea, Black Sea, Caribbean Sea, North and South Atlantic, and Western Pacific.

Ashore, he earned a Master of Arts Degree in National Security Affairs from the Naval Post Graduate School. He served at OPNAV N86 as a Requirements Officer for the Littoral Combat Ship. While at OPNAV, he volunteered for an Individual Augmentation assignment to support Joint CREW Composite Squadron One in Mosul, Iraq. He followed his OPNAV tour with an assignment as the Chief Plans Policy Branch of the Joint Staff’s J7, Operational War Plans Division. Following his Commander Command tour, he reported

to Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense as the Director Joint Maritime Operations and Chief of Staff. He next served as the Deputy Director, Integrated Air and Missile Defense Division for the Naval Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center. After Major Command, he was Deputy Director, Military Personnel, Plans and Policy for OPNAV N1 and Executive Assistant to the Chief of Naval Personnel. His last assignment was the Commanding Officer of Surface Warfare Schools Command.

Rear Admiral Mutty's personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal and various other personal and unit awards



United States Navy Biography

Rear Admiral Erin P. Osborne **Deputy Director, Political-Military Affairs (Middle East/Africa), J-5, Joint Staff**



Rear Admiral Erin P. Osborne graduated from the University of Notre Dame, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in 1995 and received her commission through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps. After successfully completing flight training, Rear Admiral Osborne was designated a Naval Aviator in 1997. She is a 2016 graduate of the National War College and holds a Master's degree in National Security Strategy.

Throughout her service, Rear Admiral Osborne fulfilled various operational tours including: Patrol Squadron NINE (VP-9); USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) serving as the V-2 Division Officer on her maiden deployment to the Arabian Gulf; and Special Projects Patrol Squadron TWO (VPU-2), where she served as the Maintenance Officer and Operations Officer. She has completed 11 deployments to various locations including: Iraq, Afghanistan, Djibouti, Diego Garcia, Japan, Sigonella and the Arabian Gulf in support of Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

Command assignments include Patrol Squadron FIVE (VP-5) where she deployed to Kadena, Japan and transitioned the squadron from the P-3C Orion to the P-8A Poseidon; and Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing TEN (CPRW-10) in Whidbey Island, Wa.

Her shore assignments include Patrol Squadron THIRTY (VP-30) as Pilot NATOPS Evaluator; Joint Chiefs of Staff, as the J65A Branch Chief for the Improvised Explosive Device (IED) - Defeat Branch, and representative to Joint IED Defeat Organization (JIEDDO); Executive Assistant to Commander, Naval Air Forces; OPNAV N802 as the Strategic Communications and Alignment Branch Head; Chief of Staff to Commander U.S. Naval Forces Central Command; Maritime Operations Center Director for FIFTH Fleet; Executive Assistant to Director Air Warfare (N98); and Executive Assistant to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations. She assumed the role of Joint Staff, Strategy Plans, and Policy (J5) Deputy Director for Political Military Affairs (Middle East, Africa) in April 2024.

Rear Admiral Osborne has accumulated over 5,000 flight hours. Her decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Navy Commendation Medal and various campaign, unit and service awards.



LEADER BIOGRAPHY

BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM M. PARKER

COMMANDING GENERAL



Brigadier General William M. Parker was born in Pineville, Kentucky. He commissioned as an Air Defense Artillery Officer from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science in History. He also holds Masters Degrees in History from Clemson University, Management from Webster University, Military Operational Art and Science from Air University, and Strategic Studies from United States Army War College.

BG Parker began his career as a Platoon Leader with 1-2 ADA in Fort Bliss, Texas. He also served with 2-43 ADA in Fort Bliss, Texas and Riyadh, Saudi Arabia as a Fire Center Officer and Tactical Director. Following Infantry Captain's Career Course and a successful battery command in A Battery, 1-44 ADA at Fort Hood, Texas, BG Parker served as an Assistant Professor of Military Science for Clemson University.

BG Parker's command select and troop leading assignments include Commander, 30th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Commander, 5th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Fort Bliss, Texas and Operation ACTIVE FENCE, Turkey; Professor of Military Science, Reserve Officers' Training Corps Program, United States Army Cadet Command, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan; and with the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), he served as a Rear Detachment Commander at Fort Campbell and as the Iraqi Army Brigade Military Transition Team Chief forward deployed in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq.

BG Parker's key joint and staff assignments consist of Theater Access Control Officer, Multi-National Force-Iraq, Strategic Operations, United States Embassy, Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq; Air and Missile Defense Plans and Policy Division Chief, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, Department of the Army Headquarters, Washington, DC; Chief of Staff, 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii; Military Deputy for Joint Counter-Small Unmanned Aerial Systems Office, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, United States Army, Arlington, Virginia; and most recently Director, Air and Missile Defense Cross Functional Team, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

His military education and training include the Air Defense Artillery Officer Basic Course, the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, the Air Command and Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College, and Airborne School.

Awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Meritorious Unit Citation, the Army Superior Unit Award, the Combat Action Badge, and the Parachutist Badge.

BG Parker is married to the former Kerry Bennett of Walton, Indiana. They have three children Pixie, Billie, and Cassie.



The United States Army Security Assistance Command

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BRIGADIER GENERAL ALLEN J. PEPPER **Commanding General** **United States Army Security Assistance Command**

Brig. Gen. Allen J. Pepper is the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Security Assistance Command (USASAC). The Command leads the Army Materiel Command Security Assistance Enterprise; develops and manages security assistance programs and Foreign Military Sales (FMS) cases to build partner capacity; supports Combatant Command (COCOM) engagement strategies; and strengthens U.S. Global Partnerships. As the Commanding General, he oversees FMS cases with more than 150 countries and agencies at a total value exceeding \$250 billion.

Brig. Gen. Pepper previously served as the Senior Defense Official and Defense Attaché, United States Defense Attaché Office, Iraq.



Brig. Gen. Pepper served in various Foreign Area Officer assignments to include Senior Defense Official and Defense Attaché, United States Defense Attaché Office, France; Commander, United States Military Group, Washington, D.C.; Senior Service College Fellow, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Defense College, Italy; Senior Defense Official/Defense Attaché, United States Defense Attaché Office, Democratic Republic of the Congo; International Military Affairs Chief, Security Cooperation Directorate, United States Army Africa, Italy; Branch Chief, Central and Southern Africa, Security Cooperation Division, United States Army Africa, Italy; Chief, Office of Security Cooperation, United States Africa Command Security Assistance Organization, Mali; and Foreign Area Officer, United States Defense Attaché Office, Botswana.

Earlier assignments as a Company Grade Officer included multiple Infantry positions including Commander, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, 7th Army Training Command, United States Army Europe, Germany; Commander, A Company, 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, 7th Army Training Command, United States Army Europe, Germany; and Scout Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, and Rifle Platoon Leader, 2-35 Infantry, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

He was commissioned as an Infantry Officer in 1993 at the U.S. Military Academy, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. He holds a master's degree in Political Science from the University of Strasbourg, France.

His military education includes the Joint and Combined Warfighting School, United States Army War College, and the United States Army Command and General Staff College.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Expert Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab and Army Staff Identification Badge.

Brigadier General David Phillips
Program Executive Office Aviation
Redstone Arsenal, AL



BG David Phillips currently serves as the Program Executive Officer at Program Executive Office Aviation, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. Prior to his most recent assignment, he was the Project Manager for the Future Long Range Assault Aircraft.

BG Phillips' previous assignments include the 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment at both Fort Bragg and Fort Polk as an armed reconnaissance platoon leader and staff officer, and the 82d Airborne Division as a staff officer, headquarters company commander, and attack helicopter company commander in the 82d Combat Aviation Brigade.

After completing the U.S. Navy Test Pilot School, BG Phillips served as an experimental test pilot at the Army's Flight Test Directorate and the Aviation Applied Technology Directorate, and in multiple test and acquisition assignments with USSOCOM. Prior to his assignment at PEO Aviation, BG Phillips served as the Program Executive Officer for Rotary Wing, USSOCOM, Special Operations Forces Acquisition Technology and Logistics at MacDill Air Force Base.

BG Phillips is a graduate of the United States Military Academy where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Physics. He holds Masters Degrees in Aerospace Engineering from North Carolina State University, and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

His military education includes the Army Aviation Officer Basic and Captain's Career Courses, the Cavalry Leader's Course, the Jumpmaster Course, the Command and General Staff College, the Defense Systems Management College Executive Program Managers Course, and the U.S. Army War College. BG Phillips is qualified in several military, experimental, and FAA certified aircraft.



Rear Admiral Matthew T. Pottenburgh

Commander, Naval Service Training Command



Rear Adm. Matt Pottenburgh, of Galena, Ohio, graduated from The Ohio State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Design and received Distinguished Naval Graduate honors from Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps. He holds a Master of Science in Operations Management and Finance from the University of Arkansas and a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University Dwight D. Eisenhower School.

Commissioned an Ensign in March 1996, he went on to earn his Wings of Gold upon completion of Naval Flight Officer training in May 1997. His operational Maritime Patrol tours include VP-40 and VP-47. Command assignments include VP-5 where after a successful

Western Pacific deployment, the squadron transitioned from the P-3C Orion to the P-8A Poseidon and as Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing ELEVEN comprised of 2,600 Sailors and civilians, nine squadrons, and Aviation Support Detachment Jacksonville. Additional operational tours include Flag Aide to Commander, U.S. SIXTH Fleet / Striking Forces NATO aboard the USS LASALLE homeported in Gaeta, Italy; Aide de Camp to Commander, Joint Command Lisbon, Portugal; and as Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Operations Officer embedded with Multi-National Force-Iraq at Camp Slayer in Baghdad, Iraq.

Ashore, his tours include VP-30 Fleet Replacement Squadron; Officer Detailer at Navy Personnel Command; Branch Chief and Chief of Staff in the Joint Chiefs of Staff in both the J6 and J8; Naval Aviation Section Head and Budget Analyst in OPNAV N80; Deputy Director of OPNAV N83 Fleet Readiness Division; Executive Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Integration of Capabilities and Resources N8; Executive Assistant to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations and the Chief of Naval Operations.

Pottenburgh has accumulated over 3,000 flight hours in the P-3C, P-8A, and MQ-4C Triton.



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL TODD E. RANDOLPH

Colonel Todd E. Randolph is the Director of Manpower, Organization and Resources, Deputy Chief for Manpower, Personnel and Services at Headquarters U.S. Air Force, The Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. He leads the management and oversight of the Air Force's manpower enterprise encompassing more than 757,105 Total Force personnel and the programming of more than \$61 billion in annual funding for the manpower portion of the Air Force Program Objective Memorandum. Additionally, he sets standards and policy for strategic manpower sourcing, performance management, organizational structure, and manpower data systems.

Colonel Randolph was a distinguished graduate from Officer Training School in 2000, after serving 11 years enlisted as a Mental Health Technician. He has served in a variety of assignments to include the Assistant Director, Joint Officer Management Policy, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Deputy Chief Borders Division, Joint Operations, U.S. Forces-Iraq, and at the air staff level working Air Force Development and Services policy including associated budgets. Most recently, Colonel Randolph served as the CSAF Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, David Rockefeller Studies Program, CFR's Think Tank covering the world's most significant foreign policy issues in New York City.



Prior to this fellowship, he served as the Commander of the 316th Wing and Installation Commander for Joint Base Andrews-Naval Air Facility Washington, Maryland. As the host wing for Joint Base Andrews, he was responsible for providing installation security, personnel, contracting, finance, medical and infrastructure support for five wings, three headquarters, and over 80 tenant organizations, as well as 60,000 Airmen. He has served as Executive Officer for the Air Force Air Demonstration Team, the "Thunderbirds", Legislative Fellow, and commanded at the squadron, group, and wing levels.

EDUCATION

- 1998 Associate of Applied Science, Allied Health, Community College of the Air Force
- 1998 Associate of Arts, Mental Health, Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, TX
- 1999 Bachelor of Science and Occupational Education, Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, TX
- 2002 Master of Science, Quality Systems Management, The National Graduate School, Falmouth, MA
- 2004 Squadron Officer School by Correspondence
- 2007 Squadron Officer School In Residence, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2009 Air Command and Staff College by correspondence
- 2012 Government Affairs Institute, Georgetown University, Legislative Studies Certificate, Washington, D.C.
- 2012 Air Force Legislative Fellowship, Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C.
- 2017 Master of Science, National Security Strategy, National War College, Ft Lesley McNair, Washington D.C.
- 2022 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Kenan-Flagler School of Business, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- 2024 Military Fellowship, The Council on Foreign Relations, New York City, NY





BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 2000 – October 2002, Squadron Section Commander, 89th Security Forces Squadron, Andrews Air Force Base, MD
2. May 2002 – July 2003, Chief, Relocation & Employments, 89th Mission Support Squadron, Andrews Air Force Base, MD
3. July 2003 – October 2004, Section Commander, Headquarters Eighth Air Force, Barksdale Air Force Base, LA
4. November 2004 – November 2006, Executive Officer, U.S. Air Force “Thunderbirds”, Nellis Air Force Base, NV
5. December 2006 – June 2007, Executive Officer to the Vice Commander & Deputy Director of Personnel, Air Warfare Center, Nellis Air Force Base, NV
6. June 2007 – June 2009, Commander, Manpower and Personnel Flight, Yokota Air Base, Japan
7. June 2009 – July 2011, Chief, MAJCOM Investigations, Secretary of the Air Force, Office of the Inspector General, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. (July 2010 – May 2011, Deputy Chief, J35 ISF-Borders, United States Forces-Iraq, Baghdad, Iraq)
8. June 2011 – December 2012, In-Residence Intermediate Developmental Education Student, Air Force Legislative Fellow, Senator Ben Nelson (NE), Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C.
9. January 2013 – July 2013, Chief of Congressional Operations Branch, Congressional Actions Division, Secretary of the Air Force, Office of the Director, Legislative Liaison, Washington, D.C.
10. July 2013 – July 2015, Commander, 87th Force Support Squadron, Joint Base McGuire-Dix- Lakehurst, N.J.
11. July 2015 – July 2016, Deputy Chief, Air Force Learning Division, Headquarters Air Force, Manpower, Personnel & Services, Directorate of Airman Force Development, Washington D.C.
12. July 2016 – June 2017, In-Residence Senior Developmental Education Student, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington D.C.
13. July 2017 – July 2018, Deputy Chief, Airman and Family Care Division, Headquarters Air Force, Manpower, Personnel and Services, Directorate of Services, Washington D.C.
14. July 2018 – November 2019, Assistant Director, Joint Officer Management Policy, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
15. December 2019 – June 2020, Acting Deputy Director, Force Management Policy, Officer and Enlisted Personnel Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
16. July 2020 – June 2022, Commander, 27th Special Operations Mission Support Group, Cannon Air Force Base, NM
17. July 2022 – July 2024, Commander, 316th Wing, Joint Base Andrews-Naval Air Facility, Washington, MD
18. July 2024 – July 2025, CSAF Fellow, The Council on Foreign Relations, New York City, NY
19. July 2025 – Present, Director of Manpower, Organization and Resources, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, VA

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one “R” device and two oak leaf clusters
Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Joint Service Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant March 3, 2000
First Lieutenant March 3, 2002
Captain March 3, 2004
Major October 1, 2009
Lieutenant Colonel December 1, 2013
Colonel January 1, 2020

(Current as of [July 2025])





Brigadier General Ralph J. Rizzo, Jr.

Commanding General, Marine Corps Installations East – Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune

Brigadier General Rizzo was born in Charlestown, Massachusetts. He graduated from Western New England College in 1989 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a minor in Criminal Justice.

After working in local law enforcement, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, and graduated from MCRD Parris Island in 1990. After completing Recruit Training, he reported to the School of Infantry where he attained the MOS of 0341 Mortarman.

In January 1991 he received orders to MarBks Ground Defense Force, Subic Bay, Philippines where he participated in Operation Fiery Vigil in June 1991. Upon the deactivation of MarBks, Subic Bay he received orders to 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines, 1st Marine Division as an 81 MM Mortar Platoon Section Leader and promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

In August 1994 he was accepted for the Enlisted Commissioning Program and attended Officer Candidate School, The Basic School (with Honors), and Infantry Officer Course, obtaining the MOS 0302. Brigadier General Rizzo accepted augmentation in November 1998 in conjunction with the supplementary MOS program and reported to Logistics Officer School where he received the MOS of 0402.



Brigadier General Rizzo's operational assignments include: Platoon Commander, 81MM Mortar Platoon Commander, and Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines; Weapons Company Commander, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines; Company Commander, 2nd Maintenance Battalion, 2nd Force Service Support Group (Operation IRAQI FREEDOM); Battle Major/Senior Watch Officer, CJTF-76 (Operation ENDURING FREEDOM); Commanding Officer, Combat Logistics Battalion-6 (Operation ENDURING FREEDOM); and CJ4, CJTF-HOA.

His staff and joint assignments include: S-4 Officer, Camp Johnson Area/MCCSSS; Recruit Station Commanding Officer, Recruiting Station Detroit, MI; Program Analyst, Joint Fires Div., J6, CJCS; Global Force Management Future Operations Officer, Current and Future Operations Branch, PP&O; Commanding Officer, MARCOR Det. Fort Leonard Wood, MO; AC/S G4, III MEF; Chief of Staff, III MEF; Deputy Commander, Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, NC; and Commanding General, Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, NC.

Brigadier General Rizzo is a graduate of The Basic School (with Honors), Infantry Officers Course, Logistics Officers Course, U.S. Naval War College (with Honors), Marine Corps War College, and High Command and Staff Course at the United Kingdom Defence Academy.

RDML FRANK G. SCHLERETH
Director of Intelligence, U.S. Central Command



RDML Frank Schlereth, a native of Haddon Township, New Jersey, graduated from Villanova University and was commissioned via Naval Reserve Officer Training in 1995. He is a 2006 graduate of the Naval War College and an Office of the Director National Intelligence 2018-2019 Fellow.

Operational assignments include VFA-22 intelligence officer within Carrier Air Wing Eleven embarked on USS Carl Vinson; U.S. Sixth Fleet Intelligence officer responsible for collections and current intelligence embarked onboard USS LaSalle and USS Mount Whitney. He has participated in Operations Southern Watch, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and numerous 5th and 6th Fleet actions.

Shore assignments include: Defense Intelligence Agency Enabling Officer; Defense Attaché Tel Aviv, Israel; OPNAV N2/N6 representative to OPNAV N3/N5; OPNAV N2X; Defense Attaché Athens, Greece; Defense Intelligence Agency Directorate of Operations – East Asia Division; Defense Attaché Service – Chief of Operations; Executive Officer to Director of Defense Intelligence Agency; Senior Defense Official Israel.

Schlereth's personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat "V"; Joint Achievement Medal, and the Navy Achievement Medal.



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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL JOSEPH L. SHEFFIELD

Brig. Gen. Joseph Sheffield is the Commander of the Jeanne M. Holm Center for Officer Accessions and Citizen Development, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. As the Air Force and Space Force's largest officer accession source, Brig. Gen. Sheffield leads 3,000 personnel, training 101,000 cadets at 995 global locations. The command includes more than 13,000 cadets at 145 host universities nationwide for Air Force ROTC, 3,500 candidates in Officer Training School at Maxwell AFB, 150 trainees in Warrant Officer Training School at Maxwell AFB, and 85,000 cadets in 830 high schools globally supporting Air and Space Force Junior ROTC. The Holm Center commissions 85 percent of the Air Force and Space Force's officers.

Brig. Gen. Sheffield received his commission from the United States Air Force Academy. He served in a variety of operational flying assignments in the B-1 and flew combat missions in Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Freedom's Sentinel and Inherent Resolve. His command assignments include 37th Bomb Squadron Commander, 36th Operations Group Commander, and 28th Bomb Wing Commander. He has also held a number of Joint and Air Force staff positions. Prior to his current position, he served as the Chief, House Liaison Office, Legislative Affairs for the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Virginia.

Brig. Gen. Sheffield is a weapons officer and command pilot with over 3,600 flying hours and 1,125 combat hours.

EDUCATION

1997 Bachelor of Science, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
2003 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2004 U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
2008 Masters in Business Administration, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.
2009 Masters in Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2010 Masters in Military Strategy, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2017 Masters in National Security and Resource Strategy, Dwight D. Eisenhower School, Washington D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 1997–December 1998, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas
2. January 1999–September 1999, Student, B-1 Initial Qualification, 7th Bomb Wing, Dyess AFB, Texas
3. October 1999–December 2003, B-1 Instructor Pilot, B-1 Evaluator Pilot, Flight Commander 7th Bomb Wing, Dyess AFB, Texas
4. January 2004–June 2004, Student, USAF Weapons Instructor Course, 7th Bomb Wing, Dyess AFB, Texas
5. July 2004–June 2008, Squadron & Wing Weapons Officer, 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
6. July 2008–July 2009, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
7. July 2009–July 2010, Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
8. July 2010–July 2012, Chief of Future Operations & Executive Officer, 17th AF, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
9. August 2012–March 2014, Director of Operations, 34th Bomb Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
10. April 2014–March 2016, Commander, 37th Bomb Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
11. March 2016–August 2016, Deputy Commander, 28th Operations Group, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
12. August 2016–June 2017, Student, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington D.C.
13. June 2017–June 2018, Branch Chief, Global Force Management, Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington Va.
14. June 2018–June 2019, Division Chief, National Military Command System, Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington Va.
15. July 2019–June 2021, Commander, 36th Operations Group, Andersen AFB, Guam
16. June 2021–June 2023, Commander, 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
17. July 2023–July 2024, Chief, House Liaison Office, Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington Va.
18. July 2024–present, Commander, Jeanne M. Holm Center for Officer Accession and Citizen Development, Maxwell, Ala.



EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant
May 28, 1997



First Lieutenant
May 28, 1999



Captain
May 28, 2001



Major
December 01, 2006



Lieutenant Colonel
March 01, 2012



Colonel
August 01, 2018



Brigadier General
June 03, 2025



SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2017-June 2018, Branch Chief, Global Force Management, Operations Directorate (J-3), Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a lieutenant colonel
2. June 2018-June 2019, Division Chief, National Military Command System Operations (J-3), Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, of Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 3,600 hours including more than 1,125 combat hours

Aircraft: B-1, B-52 and T-38

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters

Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air and Space Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Joint Service Achievement Medal

(Current as of June 2025)





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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL LAWRENCE T. SULLIVAN

Brig. Gen. Lawrence T. Sullivan is the Commander, 57th Wing, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. He is responsible for 36 squadrons at 12 installations constituting the Air Force's most diverse flying wing. The Wing flies and maintains more than 182 aircraft of the following types: A-10, F-15E, F-16, F-22A, F-35A, and HH-60W. The wing also utilizes AC-130J, B-1, B-2, B-52, C-130, CV-22, E-3, C-17, E-11, EC-37, EC-130, HC-130, KC-46, KC-135, MC-130, MQ-9, RQ-4, RQ-170, RC-135, U-2, U-28 aircraft along with cyber, space, and command and control platforms at 12 stateside bases to execute the U.S. Air Force Weapons School syllabus. Brig. Gen. Sullivan is responsible for three groups: the 57th Operations Group, the 57th Maintenance Group and the U.S. Air Force Weapons School. In addition, he oversees the U.S. Air Force Advanced Maintenance and Munitions Operations School; Red Flag and Green Flag exercises; and the U.S. Air Force Aggressors, comprised of 4th and 5th generation fighters, air defense aggressors, and cyber aggressors. The 57th Wing is also home to the U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron—the Thunderbirds.



Brig. Gen. Sullivan graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1999. He has served as an F-16 Weapons Officer, Director of Operations, Squadron Commander, Deputy Wing and Wing Commander during flying assignments at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea; Eielson AFB, Alaska; Misawa AB, Japan; Nellis AFB, Nev.; Kunsan AB, ROK; and Shaw AFB, S.C, respectively. While at Nellis in 2006, he was selected as the top F-16 Weapons School Graduate, was named Outstanding F-16 Weapons School Instructor, and later conducted a strike mission in Afghanistan that received the Clarence H. Mackay Trophy on display at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, in Washington, D.C.

Prior to his current position, he served for two years as the Principal Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

EDUCATION

1999 Bachelor of Science, Biochemistry, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

2004 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2004 Forward Air Controller Airborne Course, Luke AFB, Ariz.

2006 Weapons Instructor Course, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.

2008 Master of Science, International Relations, Troy University, Troy, Ala.

2012 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2012 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2012 Master of Science, National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

2013 Master of Philosophy, Military Strategy, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2017 Master of Science, Natural Resource Strategy, National Defense University, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.

2020 Doctor of Philosophy, Military Strategy, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.





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ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 1999 - October 2000, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.
2. October 2000 - March 2001, Student Pilot, Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, Randolph AFB, Texas
3. April 2001 - October 2001, F-16 Student Pilot, 149th Fighter Squadron, Kelly AFB, Texas
4. December 2001 - December 2002, F-16 Pilot, 36th Fighter Squadron, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea
5. December 2002 - December 2005, Flight Commander, IP and SEFE, 18th Fighter Squadron, Eielson AFB, Alaska
6. December 2005 - July 2008, Flight Commander, IP and SEFE, 13th Fighter Squadron, Misawa AB, Japan
7. July 2006 - December 2006, Student, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
8. January 2007 - December 2008, Squadron and Wing Weapons Officer, 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa AB, Japan
9. December 2008 - July 2011, F-16 Instructor, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
10. July 2011 - June 2012, Student, College of Naval Command and Staff, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.
11. July 2012 - June 2013, Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
12. October 2013 - May 2014, Director of Operations, 14th Fighter Squadron, Misawa AB, Japan
13. May 2014 - April 2016, Commander, 35th Operations Support Squadron, Misawa AB, Japan
14. April 2016 - July 2016, Fellow, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, Arlington, Va.
15. July 2016 - June 2017, Student, Eisenhower School, National Defense University, Ft. McNair Washington, D.C.
16. June 2017 - May 2018, Program Manager, Global Operations (J39), Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
17. May 2018 - May 2019, Chief, Special Projects Division, Global Operations (J39), Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
18. May 2019 - April 2020, Deputy Commander, 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea
19. May 2020 - May 2022, Commander, 20th Fighter Wing, Shaw AFB, S.C.
20. June 2022 - June 2024, Principal Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
21. July 2024 - Present: Commander, 57th Wing, Nellis AFB, Nev.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2017 - May 2018, Program Manager, Global Operations (J39), Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a colonel
2. May 2018 - May 2019, Chief of Special Projects Division, Global Operations (J39), Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a colonel
3. June 2022 - June 2024, Principal Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: More than 2,400

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, AT-38, AC-130J, AH-1Z, B-1, B-2, B-52H, C-17, C-32, C-40, C-130, E-3, E-4B, EA-6B, E-7, E-8, F-15B, F-15E, HH-60W, HC-130J, KC-10, KC-46, KC-135, MC-130J, MQ-1, MQ-9, RC-135, RQ-4, RQ-170, U-28 and F-16 Block 15/25/30/32/40/42/50/52

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Distinguished Service Medal

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 2, 1999

First Lieutenant June 2, 2001





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Captain June 2, 2003

Major December 1, 2008

Lieutenant Colonel November 1, 2012

Colonel February 1, 2019

Brigadier General September 30, 2024

(Current as of December 2025)





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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL LUCAS “SHACK” TEEL

Brig. Gen. Luke “Shack” Teel is the senior U.S. military officer in Canada and serves as Deputy Commander, Canadian North American Aerospace Defense Region, and Deputy Joint Force Air Component Commander for 1 Canadian Air Division, Winnipeg, Manitoba. He assumes command of coalition forces assigned to Canadian North American Aerospace Defense Command Region in the Canadian Commander’s absence. Brig. Gen. Teel leads force employment of airpower, while ensuring the region’s battle staff, air operations center, flying units, radar sensors, intelligence and joint, all-domain command-and-control assets provide joint air, space and maritime warning and control.

Brig. Gen. Teel commissioned in 2001 from the U.S. Air Force Academy, graduating with a bachelor’s degree in economics. After completing a master’s degree in public policy from Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government, he attended the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot training at Sheppard AFB, Texas. He has served as an evaluator pilot and wing weapons officer. He commanded at the squadron and wing level and has served in the Pentagon as an Aide-de-Camp to the Secretary of the Air Force and a Senior Plans Advisor to the Secretary of Defense.

Brig. Gen. Teel is a Command Pilot with over 3,000 hours. He has 650 combat hours over Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Libya, and the Horn of Africa. Prior to assuming his current position, Brig. Gen. Teel was the Commander of the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing in Southwest Asia.



EDUCATION

- 2001 Bachelor of Science, Economics, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 2003 Master of Public Policy, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
- 2006 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2010 Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence)
- 2014 Master of Operational Studies, Marine Corps Univ. School of Advanced Warfighting, Quantico, Va.
- 2018 Master of National Security Strategy, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.
- 2023 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.

ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. June 2001 - June 2003, Graduate Student, JFK School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
2. July 2003 - January 2005, Student, Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training, Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, Sheppard AFB, Texas
3. February 2005 - November 2005, F-15E Student Pilot, 334th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, Goldsboro, N.C.
4. November 2005 - June 2009, F-15E Evaluator Pilot/ Training Officer, Weapons Officer and Flight Commander, 335th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
5. July 2009 - December 2009, Student, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
6. January 2010 - April 2011, Weapons and Tactics Flight Commander, 492nd Fighter Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom





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7. May 2011 - December 2011, Wing Weapons Officer, 48th Operation Support Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom
8. January 2012 - June 2013, Aide-de-Camp to the Secretary of the Air Force, Pentagon, Va.
9. July 2013 - June 2014, Student, School of Advanced Warfighting, Marine Corps University, Quantico, Va.
10. August 2014 - June 2015, Director of Operations/ F-15E Evaluator Pilot, 335th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, Goldsboro, N.C.
11. June 2015 - June 2017, Commander/ F-15E Evaluator Pilot, 336th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, Goldsboro, N.C.
12. July 2017 - May 2018, Student, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.
13. June 2018 - June 2020, Senior Plans Advisor to the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, Va.
14. July 2020 - March 2022, Deputy Commander for Operations, 366th Fighter Wing, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho
15. March 2022 - May 2022, Vice Commander, 366th Fighter Wing, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
16. May 2022 - March 2024, Commander, 4th Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson AFB, Goldsboro, N.C.
17. April 2024 – October 2024, Commander, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing, Southwest Asia
18. October 2024 – July 2025, Director of Operations, Ninth Air Force (Air Forces Central), Shaw AFB, S.C.
19. August 2025 – Present, Deputy Commander, Canadian North American Aerospace Defense Region, and Deputy Joint Forces Air Component Commander, 1 Canadian Air Division, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2018 – June 2020, Senior Plans Advisor to the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, Va., as a Colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: more than 3,000

Aircraft flown: F-15E

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster

Defense Superior Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters

Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster

Air Force Combat Action Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 30, 2001

First Lieutenant May 30, 2003

Captain May 30, 2005

Major January 1, 20011

Lieutenant Colonel February 1, 2015

Colonel March 1, 2019

Brigadier General June 11, 2025

(Current as of October 2025)



CAPSTONE 26-2

Rear Admiral Vincent S. Tionquiao, USN



Current Assignment: Joint Staff

Current Position: Deputy Director C4 / Cyber, Joint Staff J6

Social information:

- Go-by name: Vince Tionquiao (pronounced: chun-kee-ow)
- Spouse: Debbie Tionquiao (USNA '96)
- Children: 3 sons
- Hometown: Bremerton, WA
- Current residence: Laurel, MD

Qualifications:

- Information Warfare Officer
- Surface Warfare Officer
- Joint Specialty Officer

Education:

- US Naval Academy (1996): Bachelor of Science, Marine Engineering
- Naval Postgraduate School (2002): Master of Science, Systems Engineering and Analysis
- Naval War College: JPME Ph 1
- Joint Staff College: JPME Ph 2
- Surface Warfare Officer School: Division Officer Course

Assignments:

- USS COMSTOCK (LSD 45) San Diego, CA: Weapons Officer, Combat Information Center Officer
- Amphibious Squadron Five, San Diego, CA: Assistant Operations Officer
- Expeditionary Warfare Training Group Pacific, Coronado, CA: Instructor
- Navy Information Operations Command, Maryland, Ft Meade, MD: Department Head
- National Security Agency, Information Assurance Directorate Ft Meade, MD: Division Chief
- Carrier Strike Group FOUR, Norfolk, VA: Flag Communications Officer
- Combined Security Transition Command Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan: Comms OIC
- Joint Interagency Task Force – South, Key West, FL: Deputy J6
- Fleet Cyber Command; TENTH Fleet, Ft Meade, MD: Deputy N6
- Vice Chief of Naval Operations Staff: Special Assistant
- Carrier Strike Group ELEVEN, NIMITZ Strike Group, Everett, WA: Information Warfare Commander
- US Pacific Fleet: Deputy N6
- Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific: Commanding Officer
- Fleet Cyber Command; Navy Space Command; TENTH Fleet: Maritime Operations Center Director