

BIOGRAPHICAL INFO BOOK



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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

CONUS and Week 5 Senior Fellow

Gary Thomas

Gen, USMC (Ret)



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

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

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



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.

WHEM Field Study Senior Fellow

Tidd, Kurt

ADM, USN (Ret)



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.

INDO-PACIFIC Field Study Senior Fellow

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

CAPSTONE STAFF

Bonnie J. Swanson
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.

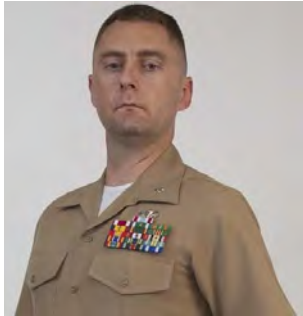
In January of 2001, Bonnie was hired by the National Defense University as the Executive Officer of Capstone. Over the years her position has evolved into the Deputy Director of Pinnacle (3 star course), Capstone, and Keystone (Command Senior Enlisted course). In March of 2026 she was promoted to course Director.

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.

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.



Sarkis J. Zoubian
National Defense University Capstone
Deputy Director for Operations

Sarkis Zoubian is a native of Charlotte, North Carolina. He graduated from the University of South Carolina – Columbia with one major in Anthropology and another in English Writing. While there, he worked at the South Carolina Institute for Anthropology and Archaeology and was the head of the University Writers' Club. Upon graduation, he received a certificate in teaching and worked as a schoolteacher in the Russian Federation for two years.

In 2020 he returned to the United States to complete a Masters degree in International Peace and Conflict Resolution at American University's (AU) School of International Service in Washington, D.C. While there, he specialized in International Peacebuilding and Negotiation – conducting negotiation and statecraft simulations and leading a team to complete a long-form research project on child labor in the Great Lakes region of Africa for the U.S. Department of Labor. While at AU, Sarkis was granted a Boren Fellowship to study Russian language at Taras Shevchenko University in Kyiv, Ukraine. However, the Russian attack on Ukraine in February 2022 required his Boren Fellowship to be carried out in Almaty, Kazakhstan instead, where he lived for approximately ten months.

Upon returning to the U.S. Sarkis was hired by the National Defense University's (NDU) International Student Management Office. While there, he assisted in organizing two worldwide Alumni conferences and planned field studies for U.S. partner and allied military officers attending NDU. He later transferred to the Capstone program at NDU where he is currently working as the Deputy Director of Operations. There, he works alongside a small team to provide meaningful experiential learning for the senior leaders of tomorrow.

Sarkis is a Presidential Management Fellow and recent graduate of the Department of Defense's Defense Civilian Emerging Leader Program - and continues to keep his Boren language, Russian, sharp at work and in his spare time. He is currently studying Turkish and Turkic languages, and enjoys photography, the outdoors, and art.



**ALLIED FELLOWS
ATTENDING
13 - 24 JULY**



JOINT FORCE COMMAND NORFOLK

Commodore Stephen Anderson OBE, Royal Navy
ACOS J3, Joint Force Command Norfolk



After 10 years in Industry, Stephen Anderson joined the Royal Navy in 1998 as an aviator, subsequently qualifying on Lynx Helicopters in 2000, and as a Principal Warfare Officer (Underwater) in 2006. He was awarded an MLitt in Terrorism Studies from St Andrews University in 2016 whilst sponsored by the Royal Navy.

Most of his early career has been spent at sea in Type 23 Duke Class Frigates, and Type 42 and Type 45 Destroyers. Initially flying Mk3 Lynx Helicopters on back-to-back operational deployments followed with counter-narcotic and disaster relief tasking in the Caribbean, he also flew in support of the commencement of Op Enduring Freedom in 2001, and the invasion of Iraq from HMS EDINBURGH in 2003. Converting to Mk8 Lynx Helicopters in 2004 he conducted further periods of sustained counternarcotics operations in the Caribbean followed by support to NATO maritime operations in the Mediterranean.

Leaving the cockpit in 2006, further periods at sea ensued, as Operations Officer in the South Atlantic with HMS SOUTHAMPTON, with HMS DAUNTLESS as second-in-command for her inaugural operational deployment in 2012, before commanding the Type 23 Frigate HMS SUTHERLAND on sustained Towed Array Patrols in the North Atlantic during periods of resurgence in underwater activity by Russia.

He has served with multiple headquarters at the tactical, operational and strategic level including the UK Maritime Battlestaff, and the UK Permanent Joint Headquarters as the lead UK planner with the US on Iran where he awarded with becoming an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE) as granted by His Majesty the King. He has also served with Flag Officer Sea Training, Navy Command HQ responsible for future maritime aviation, and the Ministry of Defence as the maritime lead in Crisis and Commitments.

He assumed the role of ACOS J3 Joint Force Command Norfolk in May 2024 and will leave in June 2026 to return to US SOUTHCOM, where he previously served for 4 years from July 2020 and was awarded a Legion of Merit. He is returning into the role of Deputy Director J5. He is accompanied in the US with his wife Kelly, and their 5-year-old Boxer dog Piper (a Florida native).

BRIG Jason Groat, CSC, DSM

Brigadier Groat completed a Bachelor of Arts at the Australian Defence Force Academy before graduating from the Royal Military College in 1998 into the Royal Australian Infantry Corps. He assumed his current appointment as Director General Career Management – Army in January 2025.

Brigadier Groat's regimental experience was with the 1st and 6th Battalions, Royal Australian Regiment, culminating with command of the 1st Battalion from 2014-16.



Brigadier Groat has commanded on operations at the Training Team, Platoon, Company and Task Group level in East Timor, Afghanistan and Iraq. His early career has seen him gain significant training experience across a variety of roles with the Australian Army Reserve, Royal Military College – Duntroon and the Infantry Battle School – Wales culminating as the inaugural Commandant Land Combat College. Brigadier Groat's staff appointments have largely been within Defence Force Recruiting, the Directorate of Officer Career Management – Army and Special Operations Command.

Brigadier Groat's honours and awards include the Conspicuous Service Cross as the Senior Career Advisor, Directorate of Officer Career Management – Army, the Distinguished Service Medal for leadership in action as a Mentoring Team Commander in Afghanistan and the Commendation for Distinguished Service as Commander Task Group – Taji, Iraq.

Brigadier Groat is a graduate of the Australian Command and Staff College, the Asia Pacific Centre for Security Studies, the Australian Institute of Company Directors and the Cranlana Colloquium Leadership Program. In addition to his Bachelor degree, Brigadier Groat holds a Master of Arts in Strategy and Policy (University of New South Wales) and a Master of International Security Studies (Deakin University). Brigadier Groat has recently returned from the United States Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where he was a Distinguished Graduate, achieving a Master of Strategic Studies.

Brigadier Groat is married with three sons. He has travelled extensively and enjoys most fitness-orientated activities and outdoor pursuits such as camping, mountain bike riding and running.

MAJOR-GENERAL MARTIN M. GROS-JEAN, CD

DEPUTY COMMANDER OF MILITARY PERSONNEL COMMAND

Major-General Martin Gros-Jean enrolled in the Canadian Forces in January 1997. After obtaining a degree in electrical engineering from Laval University and holding a number of civilian jobs, he decided to join the Forces as a military engineer.

During his career, Major-General Gros-Jean has worked in a variety of capacities in the Canadian Armed Forces, in combat engineering, construction engineering and in others. To name a few, he has been Commanding Officer of Engineering Services, Senior Staff Officer for Force Posture and Readiness, Chief of Staff of 1 Canadian Air Division, Commander of the CF Real Property Operations Group, Chief of Staff for the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command and Chief of Staff for ADM(IE) as well he was the CAF Chief Military Engineer.



His postings have taken him to Gagetown, Valcartier, Edmonton, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Winnipeg. In Canada, he participated in humanitarian operations during the Red River flood in Manitoba in 1997 and the ice storm in Quebec the following year. He has taken part in two operations abroad: one in Bosnia-Herzegovina in 1999–2000 and another in 2008–2009, when he spent over 11 months as Chief liaison officer to the Armed Forces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Major-General Gros-Jean is a Professional Engineer since 2002. He graduated from the Joint Command and Staff Program and has a Master's degree in Defence Studies from the Royal Military College of Canada (RMC) Kingston. He is also a graduate of the National Security Program from the Canadian Forces College in Toronto.

Major-General Gros-Jean is currently occupying the position of Deputy Commander of Military Personnel Command. He lives with his wife of 30 years and their two sons, aged 19 and 21.

FELLOWS



BRIGADIER GENERAL CASEY M. "SHAGGY" BEARD

Brig. Gen. Casey M. "Shaggy" Beard is the Deputy Commander, U.S. Space Force Combat Forces Command, Peterson Space Force Base, Colorado. As Deputy Commander, he is responsible for the generation, presentation and sustainment of U.S. Space Force combat-ready space, cyberspace, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance and combat support forces. Moreover, as the USSF service force provider, he is responsible to the Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Space Operations for sourcing, training, certifying and assessing the readiness of America's Space Forces to execute service and combatant commander-assigned missions.

Brig. Gen. Beard earned his commission through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps at Clemson University in 2001. He recently served as the Senior Executive Officer to the Chief of Space Operations, Pentagon, supporting the Service Chief on combat readiness, strategy and doctrine, talent management, organizational structure, training, education, force design, programming and budgets, and leadership development. He coordinated across the Department of Defense, Combatant Commands, Military Services, and other partners at all levels to enable implementation of the Service Chief's vision, strategy, objectives and priorities. He has extensive operational experience in nuclear operations, space domain awareness, orbital warfare, and operational level command and control. Beard has served as a delta commander, squadron commander, division chief, branch chief, executive officer, flight commander, evaluator, and instructor.



EDUCATION

- 2001 Bachelor of Science, Chemistry, Clemson University, S. C.
- 2006 Squadron Officer School, Top Third Graduate, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2009 Master of Science, Space Studies, American Military University
- 2009 U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Distinguished Graduate and Mission Award, Nellis AFB, Nev.
- 2014 Air Command and Staff College, Distinguished Graduate, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2015 U.S. Air Force School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2018 National War College, Distinguished Graduate, Fort McNair, Washington D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2001 – February 2002, Student, Officer Space Prerequisite Training; Student, Peacekeeper Initial Qualification Training, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
2. February 2002 – September 2002, Deputy Missile Combat Crew Commander, 400th Missile Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
3. September 2002 – June 2003, Deputy Missile Combat Crew Commander Instructor, 90th Operational Support Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
4. July 2003 – November 2004, Missile Combat Crew Commander; Flight Commander, 400th Missile Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
5. November 2004 – April 2006, Missile Combat Crew Commander Evaluator; Deputy Chief, Standardization and Evaluation Division, 90th Operations Group, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
6. April 2006 – May 2006 Student, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
7. May 2006 – September 2006, Student, Milstar Initial Qualification Training, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
8. October 2006 – June 2008, Lead Instructor, 4th Space Operations Squadron, Schriever AFB, Colo.
9. July 2008 – June 2009, Executive Officer, Space Innovation and Development Center, Schriever AFB, Colo.
10. June 2009 – December 2009, Student, USAF Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nev.
11. January 2010 – June 2013, Deputy Chief, Space Situational Awareness Branch; Chief, Defensive Operations Branch, 614th Air and Space Operations Center, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
12. August 2013 – June 2014, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
13. July 2014 – June 2015, Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
14. July 2015 – July 2017, Commander, 1st Space Operations Squadron, Schriever AFB, Colo.
15. August 2017 – June 2018, Student, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington D.C.
16. June 2018 – June 2020, Deputy Director, Space Strategy and Plans Directorate, Office of the Secretary of Defense for Policy, Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
17. June 2020 – July 2020, Commander, 750th Operations Group, Schriever AFB, Colo.
18. July 2020 – June 2022, Commander, Space Delta 9, Schriever SFB, Colo.
19. July 2022 – June 2023, Director, Commander's Action Group, USSPACECOM, Peterson SFB, Colo.
20. June 2023 – June 2025, Senior Executive Officer to the Chief of Space Operations, Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

21. June 2025 – November 2025, Deputy Commander, Headquarters Space Operations Command, Peterson SFB, Colo.
22. November 2025 – present, Deputy Commander, Headquarters Combat Forces Command, U.S. Space Force, Peterson SFB, Colo.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2018 – June 2020, Deputy Director, Space Strategy and Plans Directorate, Office of the Secretary of Defense for Policy, Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
2. July 2022 – June 2023, Director, Commander's Action Group, USSPACECOM, Peterson SFB, Colo.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Joint Service Achievement Medal
Joint Meritorious Unit Award
Meritorious Unit Award
AF Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters
AF Organizational Excellence Award
Combat Readiness Medal
Air and Space Campaign Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Distinguished Graduate, Peacekeeper Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Initial Qualification Training
Distinguished Graduate, Milstar Initial Qualification Training
2012 14th Air Force Tiger Award

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 10, 2001
First Lieutenant May 30, 2003
Captain May 30, 2005
Major June 1, 2011
Lieutenant Colonel February 1, 2015
Colonel March 1, 2019
Brigadier General June 30, 2025

(Current as of April 2026)





Brigadier General W Bochat **Commanding General** **20th CBRNE Command**

Brigadier General W Bochat assumed command of the 20th Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives (CBRNE) Command on 6 August 2024 at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. She is the tenth commander of the Army's only integrated command with CBRN, EOD, and laboratory capabilities. Prior to his position BG Bochat was the Chief of Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) and the 33rd Commandant of the US Army CBRN School.

BG Bochat's tactical command and leadership positions include Chief of Staff for ROK-US Combined 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Humphreys, Korea; Commander, 48th Chemical (CBRN) Brigade, Fort Cavazos, TX; Commander, 2nd Chemical Battalion (CBRN), Fort Cavazos, TX; and Commander, 68th Chemical Company (Heavy Divisional Chemical Company, 1-21 MLRS, DIVARTY, 1st Cavalry Division).

Her strategic assignments include Senior Military Advisor for the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense of CWMD OSD Policy and deputy CJ5 and lead CIV-MIL Planner for Combined Joint Interagency Task Force (CJTIAF).

Her deployments include Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Desert Shield, Operations Desert Storm and Operation Provide Comfort.

BG Bochat holds a Master's degree in National Security and Resource Strategy with an emphasis on Long Term Strategy from National Defense University - Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy; Master's in Military Arts & Science (MMAS) from the School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS) and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a minor in English from Jacksonville State University. She recently graduated from The British Higher Command and Staff College and speaks Japanese.

BG Bochat's is happily married to a retired Army JAG Officer for more than 31 years. Team Bochat are proud parents of two children.



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Brigadier General Kirk Brinker Deputy Commanding General

Brigadier General Kirk Brinker assumed duties as the Deputy Commanding General, United States Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, N.C., July 22, 2024. He most recently served as the 1st Special Forces Command (1SFC) Deputy Commanding Officer for Maneuver (2023-2024), and the Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC) Chief of Staff (2022-2023).

Brinker commissioned from the United States Military Academy in 1998 as an Infantry officer. He served as a rifle platoon leader and company executive officer in the 25th Infantry Division at Joint Base Lewis-McChord before transitioning to Special Forces in 2002.

Brinker has commanded at every level from Captain to Colonel within U.S. Army Special Operations Command. His key staff positions include current operations officer for 1st Bn, 1st Special Forces Group (2004), aide de camp and operations officer at Special Operations Command Pacific (2006-2008), battalion executive officer and operations officer at 2nd Bn, 3rd Special Forces Group (2009-2012), Special Operations Joint Task Force/NATO Special Operations Component Command-Afghanistan operations officer (2013-2014), and 3rd Special Forces Group executive officer (2014-2015).

Brinker's operational assignments include Operation IRAQI FREEDOM (2004-2005), ENDURING FREEDOM-Philippines (2006), ENDURING FREEDOM-Afghanistan (2011-2012 & 2013-2014), and INHERENT RESOLVE (2017-2018 & 2019).

Brinker holds master's degrees from the Naval Postgraduate School and the Marine Corps War College.

Brinker is an Army Brat with no "real" hometown. He and his wife Toni have four children, Ben, Lily, Andi, and Lucy.





Rear Admiral Kertreck V. Brooks

Commander, MyNavy Career Center



Rear Admiral Kertreck V. Brooks is a native of Mount Pleasant, Texas and he earned a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautics from Saint Louis University in 1995 and a Master of Science in Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in 2004. He entered the Navy through the Baccalaureate Degree Completion Program in October 1994 and was commissioned as a Navy Officer in December 1995 upon completion of Officer Candidate School. He was designated as a Naval Flight Officer (NFO) in May 1997 and later as a Navy Human Resources Officer in May 2008.

His operational assignments include duty with the "Ironmen" of Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron Three (VQ-3) where he completed numerous strategic alert

detachments throughout the Western U.S. and Indo-Pacific region. Additionally, he completed a tour aboard USS Nimitz (CVN 68) as a Catapult and Arresting Gear Officer deploying in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, and aboard USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) as the Training Officer during a Western Pacific deployment.

Assignments to shore and staff billets include two tours at the 562nd Flying Training Squadron as an Instructor Navigator, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command as the Assistant Officer in Charge of the Manpower and Personnel (N1) Individual Augmentation Cell, U.S. Transportation Command as a Division Chief in the Manpower and Personnel Directorate (J1), Recruit Training Command as the Executive Officer, Navy Personnel Command as Deputy Director of the Distribution Management Division (PERS-45), Naval Service Training Command as Director of Operations and Chief of Staff, and the Deputy Chief of Naval

Operations for Personnel, Manpower, and Training staff as the Transformation Integration Branch Head (OPNAV N16).

His previous command assignments include Naval Education and Training Professional Development Center and Recruit Training Command, the Navy's only boot camp. He also completed a career broadening assignment at LinkedIn serving in the Global Talent Organization as a Secretary of the Navy Tours with Industry Fellow.

Rear Admiral Brooks became the second Commander of MyNavy Career Center in August 2025 where he leads a team of Human Resources professionals in delivering modern HR services to Sailors, veterans, and their families. He also serves as Community Leader of the Navy's Human Resources Officer active-duty component.

Rear Admiral Brooks accumulated over 2,600 flight hours as a NFO in the T-34C, T-43A, E-6A, and E-6B and was recognized as the 562nd Flying Training Squadron Company Grade Officer of the Year in 2001 and Flight Commander of the Year in 2002. He was certified as a Professional in Human Resources by the HR Certification Institute in 2011. His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit (three awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two awards), Air and Space Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and Air and Space Achievement Medal.



Rear Admiral Timothy A. Brown

Director, Logistics Division, OPNAV N4L



Rear Adm. Tim Brown is a native of McPherson, KS. He is a 1997 graduate of the United States Naval Academy receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry. He also earned a Master's in Business Administration from the Harvard Business School in 2006. He completed the Basic Qualification Course and Supply Officer Department Head Course at Navy Supply Corps School in Athens, GA in 1998.

His afloat tours include Supply Officer, Mine Countermeasures Rotational Crew Delta onboard USS Warrior (MCM 10) and USS DEXTROUS (MCM 13); Material Officer, Aviation Support Officer and 3M Officer onboard USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63); and Supply Officer onboard USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71). During those tours, he

deployed to the Arabian Gulf in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom, Inherent Resolve and Freedom's Sentinel.

Ashore tours include a dual Naval Acquisition Contracting Officer and Business, Financial Management Internship at Naval Air Systems Command Headquarters in Patuxent River, Maryland; Director of Fixed-Wing Contracts, Fleet Readiness Center Officer and Organic and Interservice Repair Division Head at Naval Inventory Control Point Philadelphia; Section Head, Program Objectives Memorandum (POM) Development Mechanic/Working Capital Fund (OPNAV N80 – The Bullpen) on the Staff of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C.; Defense Resource Manager in the Programming and Budget Analysis Division – Contingency Operations Branch (J8) on the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Deputy Force Supply Officer (N41) Commander, Naval Air Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Comptroller (N8), Naval Supply Systems

Command, Weapons Systems Support; Commanding Officer, NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center, San Diego; and Force Supply Officer, Commander Naval Air Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

His awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and various campaign and unit awards. He is a qualified Naval Aviation Supply Officer and Surface Warfare Officer and is a member of the Navy Acquisition Professional Community and a Joint Qualified Officer.



Rear Admiral Richard G. Burgess

Commander, Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center



Rear Adm. Rick Burgess, a native of Bellevue, Washington, graduated from the United States Naval Academy and commissioned in 1996. He is the son of an Army Field Artillery Officer and grandson of a World War II Surface Warfare Officer. As an aviator, he was a TOPGUN Instructor and Forward Air Controller (Airborne), flying more than 4,000 hours in the F-14, F-15, F-16, and F/A-18. As a ship's Captain, he commanded two first-in-class big decks, sailing more than 200,000 nautical miles during three combat deployments. He holds a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from Naval War College and a graduate certificate in Nuclear Engineering from Naval Postgraduate School.

Operational command tours include Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 103, the Jolly Rogers; our nation's first Expeditionary Sea Base, USS Lewis B. Puller (ESB 3), forward deployed to Bahrain; and USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78), where his crew earned consecutive Atlantic Fleet Battle "E" and CNO Afloat Safety "S" awards, the RADM James "Jig Dog" Ramage award with CVW-8, and the 2023 Battenberg Cup. Other operational assignments at sea include tours with Fighter Squadron (VF) 31, USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72); VFA-102, USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63); an earlier tour with VFA-103, USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) and USS George Washington (CVN 73); and he served as Executive Officer aboard USS George H. W. Bush (CVN 77).

Shore assignments include Action Officer in the House Liaison Office, Office of Legislative Affairs (OLA); TOPGUN Instructor with Navy Fighter Weapons School; Strike Fighter Placement Officer (PERS-433B) with Navy Personnel Command (NPC); Branch Chief, Global Missile Defense Requirements at Joint Integrated

Air and Missile Defense Organization (JIAMDO), the Joint Staff (J8); and Homeland Defense Technologies Project Lead with The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory (APL).

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



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL SEAN M. CARPENTER

Brig Gen Sean M. Carpenter is the Mobilization Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff (DCS) for Plans and Programs (AF/A8), Pentagon, Washington D.C. where he assists in developing, integrating, and recommending strategic planning and programming options to the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, to meet worldwide air, space, and cyber requirements and support the national military strategy.

Brig Gen Carpenter received his commission in June 1996 from the Reserve Officer Training Corps at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He completed pilot training at Laughlin AFB, Texas, in 1998, and was assigned as an F-16C pilot. He is a veteran of Operations Southern Watch, Northern Watch, Noble Eagle, and Iraqi Freedom. He commanded at the wing, group and squadron level, graduated from the Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy as a Distinguished Graduate at Fort McNair in Washington D.C. and served as the Director, Commander's Action Group, for the Chief of the Air Force Reserve.



His education includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Master of Science in Aerospace Engineering from Stanford University. Brig Gen Carpenter's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal and Aerial Achievement Medal. Brig Gen Carpenter is a command pilot with more than 3,000 flying hours, including 325 combat hours, flying the F-16C and F-35A.

In his civilian capacity, he is a First Officer and Lead Line Validation Pilot with a major airline. He and his wife, Christine, have three children and currently reside in Yorktown, Virginia.

Brigadier General Stephen P. Case
United States Army Reserve
Commanding General, 95th Training Division
Fort Sill, Oklahoma



Brig. Gen. Stephen P. Case assumed duty as the Commanding General of the 95th Training Division (Initial Entry Training), Fort Sill, Oklahoma, on Feb. 22, 2025.

He commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Armor Branch following graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Management. Spending the first third of his career on Active Duty, he served in various company grade assignments at Fort Drum, Fort Benning, and in the Republic of Korea.

He led Anti-tank and Scout Platoons and served as a Company Executive Officer in 3-17 Cavalry, 10th Mountain Division. After volunteering for a tour in Korea, he served as an Armor Battalion Logistics Officer and Heavy Mortar Platoon Leader in 2-72 Armor Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. Returning Stateside, he attended the Infantry Officer Advanced Course and the Combined Arms Services Staff School before taking assignment as the Operations Officer for 1-29 Infantry Regiment at Fort Benning, GA.

Transferring to the Alabama National Guard, he became the Assistant Operations Officer to 20th Special Forces Group. From that assignment, he activated and deployed to the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan where he chiefly served as the J35 planner. In 2004, Brigadier General Case entered the Army Reserve to help train Joint Special Operations integration to mobilizing conventional Reserve and National Guard units. In 2006, he was reassigned to Special Operations Command (SOCOM) to establish a special intelligence program. Later, he worked for the United States Army Corps of Engineers as a military engineering specialist, strategic planner, and operations officer. In 2013, he became the Deputy Brigade Commander for the Army Materiel Command - Army Reserve Element followed by his selection for Battalion Command of 4-323 Infantry Regiment. After Battalion Command, he was promoted to Colonel and served as the Officer-in-Charge of the Reserve Element supporting the Joint Munitions Command.

After selection for Brigade Command, he facilitated multinational interoperability in all war fighting functions for United States Army Europe as the Commander of the 209th Digital Liaison Detachment. After command, he served as the Chief of Staff of the 335th Signal Command (Theater), overseeing the readiness and deployment of Army Reserve signal, cyber, and information operations capabilities. In 2022, he was promoted to Brigadier General and served as the Deputy Commanding General for the Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa in Djibouti. In 2023, he assumed duty as the Deputy Commanding General - Operations of the 88th Readiness Division where he worked a multitude of Large Scale Mobilization Operations and Homeland Defense issues.

Brigadier General Case has received several Service and Joint awards and decorations. His military schooling includes Airborne, Air Assault, Sapper Leader, Scout Leader, Mortar Leader, and Advanced Joint Professional Military Education among other schools. He also holds a Master of Arts in Management and Leadership from Webster University and is a Fellow from the Defense Acquisition University. He also attended Senior Leader Seminar after graduating from Senior Service College.



MG Richard W. Corner II

**Commander, United States Army Reserve Support Command,
First Army Deputy Commanding General
First Army Headquarters
Rock Island, Illinois 61299
Since: August 2025**

Major General Richard W. Corner II is a native of Quincy, Massachusetts. He currently serves as the Commander, United States Army Reserve Support Command, First Army and Deputy Commanding General (Support), First Army Headquarters, Rock Island, Illinois. In this capacity he enables Reserve Component readiness.

MG Corner has served in a variety of command, staff, and nominative positions to include, Battalion Commander, 1st Battalion, Army Reserve Careers Division; Reserve Affairs Officer, United States Army Special Operations Command (Airborne); Integration Policy Branch Chief, Military Personnel Management Directorate, Military Personnel Enlisted Division, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1; General Officer Management Office, Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army; Deputy G-1, Office of the Chief of Army Reserve (OCAR); Army Reserve G-1, U.S. Army Reserve Command; Assistant Chief of Staff, OCAR; Commanding General, 85th U.S. Army Reserve Support Command, Arlington Heights, Illinois, and Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower & Reserve Affairs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower & Reserve Affairs), Washington, DC.

MG Corner's other assignments include Platoon Fire Direction Officer Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 6th Field Artillery and as Brigade S-4 for the 75th Field Artillery Brigade.

MG Corner holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from Boston College, a Master of Arts in Management from Webster University, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (2 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal (Silver Oak Leaf Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Combat Action Badge, Basic Parachutist Badge, and Army Staff Identification Badge.

MG Corner is married to the former Nicolle Kramer of Andover, Massachusetts and they have four children.



United States Navy Biography

Rear Admiral Jorge R. Cuadros

Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Atlantic/Director, Fleet Installations and Environmental Division (N46), U.S. Fleet Forces Command/Fleet Civil Engineer (N01CE), U.S. Fleet Forces Command



Rear Adm. Jorge Cuadros is a native of Bogota, Colombia. He enlisted in the Navy in 1991 and was commissioned as a Naval Officer in 1996 through Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, FL. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Pontificia Universidad Javeriana and a Master of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Stanford University.

Cuadros' operational tours include commanding officer, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11; operations officer 22nd/25th Naval Construction Regiments and Naval Construction Group 2; operations officer for NMCB 7; and Air Detachment officer in charge of NMCB 7, Gulfport, Mississippi.

His shore assignments include chief of staff for Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) Headquarters; commanding officer, NAVFAC Southeast and regional engineer for Navy Region Southeast; executive officer, NAVFAC Europe, Africa, Central; staff civil engineer and legislative liaison for the

Department of the Navy Office of Legislative Affairs, Washington, DC; director of Facilities Engineering and Acquisition Division for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam; Resident Officer in Charge of Construction for Naval Station Mayport, Florida; aide to Commander Naval Forces, Marianas and IndoPacific Command Representative Guam Area; and assistant site team leader at Public Works Center, San Diego, California.

As an enlisted member, he served with Construction Battalion Unit 414 in Groton, Connecticut and NMCB 7.

Cuadros is currently serving as commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command, Atlantic as well as Fleet Civil Engineer and director, Fleet Installations and Environment, U.S. Fleet Forces Command.

Cuadros is a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Florida, a member of the Acquisition Professional Community, and qualified as a Seabee Combat Warfare officer.

His decorations include personal, service and unit awards including the Facilities Engineering Command Best-of-Type, two Joint Meritorious Unit Awards, the Navy Unit Commendation, two Meritorious Unit Commendations, three Battle Efficiencies and a Peltier Award.

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BG JOHN L. DAWBER

Brigadier General John L. Dawber currently serves as the Commanding General of the 32d Army Air and Missile Defense Command at Ft. Bliss, TX.

BG Dawber is a ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas. After earning a bachelor's degree in business administration, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army, Air Defense Artillery Branch.

Following the ADA Officer Basic Course, BG Dawber was assigned as a Platoon Leader in C Battery, 4-43rd ADA, Fort Hood, TX and Fort Bliss, TX. He was later assigned to B Battery, 1-1st ADA, Fort Bliss, TX as an Executive Officer. Afterwards, he attended the ADA Officer Advanced Course at Fort Bliss, TX and the Combined Arms Services Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, KS.

BG Dawber returned to Fort Bliss, TX to serve as the Brigade Fire Direction Center Officer-in-Charge and Deputy Brigade S3 of the 11th ADA Brigade. He then took command of A Battery, 5-52nd ADA BN, Fort Bliss, TX. Following command, he was reassigned to the 11th ADA Brigade as the Deputy Brigade S3, serving in this capacity for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

BG Dawber was selected for the Office of Secretary Defense/Joint Chiefs of Staff intern program and was subsequently assigned to the Pentagon. He was assigned to the Joint Staff J5 Political-Military Directorate, where his portfolio included training and equipping of Iraq Security Forces coupled with Coalition Operations for both Iraq and Afghanistan. Subsequently, he served on the Army G8 Staff as the System Synchronization Officer for the Patriot and MEADS weapon system programs.

In 2006, BG Dawber earned his master's degree in policy management from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. He then attended the resident Command and General Staff College (CGSC) at Fort Leavenworth, KS. He was subsequently assigned to 5-7th ADA BN in Hanau and Kaiserslautern, GE, as the Operations Officer (S3) and then Executive Officer. He next served as Brigade S3 for the 357th Army Air and Missile Defense, Kaiserslautern, GE.

He was then assigned to Fort Knox, KY with the U.S. Army Human Resources Command Officer Personnel Management Division (OPMD), where he served as the Lieutenant Colonel Assignments Officer, Executive Officer, and Interim Branch Chief for the ADA Branch. He was then selected to serve as

Chief, Operations Branch, OPMD. BG Dawber moved on to command 3-2nd ADA BN at Fort Sill, OK.

After earning his master's degree in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, PA, he served as the G3 for 94th AAMDC at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, HI. He then served as the Deputy Commanding Officer, 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command, Fort Bliss, TX, before assuming command of the 11th Air Defense Artillery "Imperial" Brigade.

He next served as Division Chief, Joint Staff J36 Homeland Defense at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., where he also held simultaneous duty as an alternate Deputy Director for Operations (DDO) in the National Military Command Center. BG Dawber then served as Deputy Director, DAMO-Fires, HQDA DCS G-3/5/7, in Arlington, Virginia until his arrival to the U.S. Space and Missile Defense Command in June 2023. During this time, he also completed the U.S. Army Space Cadre Basic Course.

BG Dawber most recently served as the Deputy Commanding General for Operations of the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command (USASMDC) at Peterson Space Force Base, Colorado.

BG Dawber has deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Al Udeid Airbase, Qatar; Operation Active Fence, Gaziantep, Turkey; Joint Task Force-East, Bulgaria; Operation Iraqi Freedom; and Operation Southern Watch, Saudi Arabia.

BG Dawber's most recent combat experience includes the 12 Day War in June of 2025 and Operation Epic Fury in 2026.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (6th award), Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (5th award), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (7th award), Army Achievement Medal (4th award) Joint Meritorious Unit Award (2nd award), Meritorious Unit Citation (2nd award), Army Superior Unit Award, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, Global War Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (2 Bronze Service Stars), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (numeral 2), Combat Action Badge, Master Space Badge, Basic Parachute Badge, Joint Staff Identification Badge, and Army Staff Identification Badge.

BRIGADIER GENERAL DAVID P. ELSEN

United States Army

Director for Intelligence (J2)

U.S. Indo-Pacific Command



BG David P. Elsen is a native of Illinois and graduate of Wheaton College (IL), where he commissioned as an Army ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate in December 1995.

Initially assigned to Ft. Campbell, KY as an artillery officer, he served within the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) as an Infantry Company Fire Support Officer, Firing Battery Fire Direction Officer, Firing Battery XO, and Battalion S4.

Transitioning to Military Intelligence, he served at Ft. Bragg, NC as a G2 Operations Officer in 18th Airborne Corps Headquarters.

Subsequently assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, he served as an Airborne Infantry Battalion S2 during the initial invasion of Iraq, and Company Commander of the MI Company supporting 2nd Brigade. Selected as an Army Olmsted Scholar, he attended one year of Chinese Mandarin language instruction at Defense Language Institute-Washington followed by two years of graduate study at Peking University in Beijing, China.

As a Major, he served in the Republic of Korea as the 532nd MI Battalion Executive Officer and the Theater Analysis and Control Element Chief within 501st MI Brigade. Subsequently, he completed a joint tour at the National Security Agency (NSA), including service as the Deputy Chief for NSA's Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) Task Force, the Cryptologic Services Group – Bagram OIC (Afghanistan), and finally the Meade Operations Center J3 where he coordinated SIGINT operations, training, and deployments in support of expeditionary military forces.

Returning to Korea, he commanded the 532nd MI Battalion, providing direct intelligence support to U.S. Forces Korea and Eighth U.S. Army. He then served on the Joint Staff as Deputy Chief, J39 Cyber and Electronic Warfare Operations Division before moving to Hawaii to command 500th MI Brigade. BG Elsen served in Kabul, Afghanistan as the Deputy J-2, U.S. Forces-Afghanistan/Resolute Support Mission (NATO). From 2021-2024, he served as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G2, U.S. Army Pacific.

BG Elsen currently serves as Director for Intelligence, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii.

BG Elsen's education includes a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Wheaton College (IL) and Master's Degrees from Fordham University, NY, and the Eisenhower School, National Defense University. His military education includes the Field Artillery Officer's Basic Course, Military Intelligence Captain's Career Course, Army Intermediate Level Education, and Senior Service College at the Eisenhower School, National Defense University.

BG Elsen's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Army Ranger Tab, and the Senior Parachutist, Air Assault, and Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification badges.

BG Elsen is married to the former Heather Martindale of Wheaton, IL and they have four children: Joshua, Claire, Jonathan, and Jackson.

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REAR ADMIRAL REGINALD (REG) S. EWING III

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Rear Admiral (lower half) Ewing, a native of Churchville, New York, began his military career in 1993 upon entering the University of Rochester School of Medicine as a recipient of the United States Navy Health Professions Scholarship Program. He graduated in 1997 and transferred to Naval Medical Center San Diego where he completed a Pediatric internship. Thereafter, he was assigned as the Medical Officer onboard USS GERMANTOWN (LSD-42), stationed in Sasebo, Japan. Upon return, he completed his Pediatric residency at Naval Medical Center San Diego in 2003 and continued his medical education, completing an Adolescent Medicine fellowship at Cincinnati Children's Medical Center in 2006. Following fellowship, he was assigned to the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis MD, where he served as Brigade Medical Officer; Director, Health Services; Medical Advisor to U.S. Naval Academy Admission Board; and team physician for numerous athletic teams.

In June 2010, he served as the Executive Assistant for RADM Alton Stocks, Commander, Navy Medicine East and Naval Medical Center Portsmouth. In 2011, RDML Ewing reported to U.S. Naval Hospital, Naples, Italy, serving as the Director, Medical Services and Director, Educational and Developmental Intervention Services. In 2014, RDML Ewing returned to Naval Medical Center Portsmouth where his duties included membership on the Command Executive Board while serving as Director, Medical Services for three years. In 2017, he was assigned as Executive Officer, Naval Health Clinic Cherry Point. RDML Ewing served as Fleet Surgeon, U.S. Second Fleet from 2019-2020 and completed his Command tour at Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune in July 2022. He completed a tour of duty as Fleet Surgeon, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, in June 2025 and was subsequently assigned as Director, Defense Health Network, National Capital Region, Bethesda MD.

RDML Ewing is board certified in both Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. He is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics for the School of Medicine at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences and holds a Master of Business Administration from Xavier University.

RDML Ewing is a Surface Warfare Medical Officer. His awards and personal decorations include Legion of Merit (three awards), Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and other unit and personal ribbons.



U.S. ARMY FUTURES AND CONCEPTS COMMAND



BG Alric (Ric) L. Francis

Director, Fires Future Capability Directorate

Brigadier General Alric Francis is a native of Brooklyn, New York, and commissioned as a Field Artillery officer in 1995 through ROTC at Appalachian State University.

As a company grade officer, BG Francis served in a variety of fire support and leadership positions with the 1st Cavalry Division and 3rd Infantry Division, including deployments to Bosnia in support of SFOR missions and multiple tours to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. His company command experience includes leading batteries in both 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery Regiment and 1st Battalion, 76th Field Artillery Regiment.

As a field grade officer, BG Francis served as an assignments officer at Human Resources Command, completed a USAID fellowship, and held key leadership roles with 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, deploying again to Iraq during the transition to Operation New Dawn. He later commanded the Field Artillery Squadron in the 3d Cavalry Regiment and deployed to Afghanistan.

Following strategic-level assignments at the Pentagon and the National Security Council, BG Francis assumed command of 3rd Infantry Division Artillery. He subsequently served as the Deputy Commanding General (Support) and Deputy Commanding General (Operations) for the 1st Armored Division.

Prior to his current position, BG Francis served as the Commandant of the United States Army Field Artillery School and Chief of the Field Artillery at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

His civilian education includes a B.A. in English and a Master of Arts from the United States Army War College.

Rear Admiral Kyle Gantt
Deputy Commander
U.S. SEVENTH FLEET



RDML Kyle Gantt is a career Surface Warfare Officer. Prior to assignment to SEVENTH FLEET, Admiral Gantt served as the Senate Director in Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs. He commanded at sea at every level, most recently commanding the Navy's forward deployed surface combatants in Europe as Commodore, Destroyer Squadron 60 and Commander, Task Force 65 stationed in Rota, Spain. His previous commanding officer tours include USS GONZALEZ (DDG 66) stationed in Norfolk, VA, USS HURRICANE (PC 3) stationed in Little Creek, VA, and USS SIROCCO (PC 6) stationed in Manama, Bahrain.

At sea, RDML Gantt spent his career in Cruisers and Destroyers serving as Communications Officer in USS TAYLOR (FFG 50), Main Propulsion Assistant in USS VICKSBURG (CG 69), Chief Engineer in USS DONALD COOK, Executive Officer in USS GONZALEZ (DDG 66), and Deputy Commodore DESRON 60 / Deputy Commander Task Force 65.

Ashore, RDML Gantt served as Flag Lieutenant for Commander, Naval Surface Forces, Atlantic, Branch Chief for Maritime Operations in the Joint Irregular Warfare Center, Aide de Camp for Commander, U.S. Joint Forces Command, Branch Head for Destroyers and Future Ship Requirements on the OPNAV staff (N96), Deputy Chief of Legislative Affairs, and House Director, Office of Legislative Affairs.

Admiral Gantt earned a B.S. in History from the U.S. Naval Academy, and an M.B.A. with concentration in Financial Management from the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS). While at NPS, he was selected as a Conrad Scholar for excellence in Financial Management. He is a graduate of the Joint Forces Staff College.

Admiral Gantt's personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various service, campaign and unit decorations.

Brigadier General Matt Gebhard
Deputy Commanding General for Operations
63rd Readiness Division

Brigadier General Matt Gebhard enlisted in the Army Reserve in 1988 and later Commissioned on Active Duty in 1993. During a career in both Active and Reserve components, his prior duties have included Infantry and Psychological Operations Company-Grade assignments and Commands, Field-Grade Joint Operations assignments, Group Command, and Instructor at the U.S. Army War College. His previous General Officer assignment was Deputy Commanding General at the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, Special Operations Center of Excellence.



Operational deployments have included the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, OPERATION JOINT ENDEAVOR NATO Implementation Force in Bosnia, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM attached to the 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, and OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM- PHILIPPINES with the Joint Special Operations Task Force-Philippines. Other overseas experience has included an assignment in Germany, and over 20 years in the Indo-Pacific Theater.

Brigadier General Gebhard is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic and Career Courses, Psychological Operations Officer Course, Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College. He received a Bachelor's degree from Western Maryland College, Master's degrees from Duquesne University with study in China, and the U.S. Army War College, as well as post-graduate study at the University of Pittsburgh. Awards and decorations include the Presidential Unit Citation, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Master Combat Action Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, and Ranger Tab.

Brigadier General Gebhard is married to Dr. Amy Smith Gebhard, founder and owner of a center specializing in the treatment of Autism. The couple reside in Kaneohe, HI.



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL NICK HAGUE

Brig. Gen. Nick Hague serves as an active Astronaut at the NASA Johnson Space Center, Houston, Texas. He served as the NASA SpaceX Crew-9 Commander which launched on Sept. 28, 2024, and returned on March 18, 2025, for 171 days. During Expedition 72, Hague and fellow American crew members conducted more than 150 unique experiments and logged over 900 hours of research aboard the orbiting laboratory. Hague completed a spacewalk (his fourth) with NASA astronaut Suni Williams replacing a rate gyro assembly, patching damaged areas on the Neutron star Interior Composition Explorer X-ray telescope, and evaluating procedures for future Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer repairs.

Brig. Gen. Hague was commissioned from the U.S. Air Force Academy and has served on active duty for over 25 years in a variety of educational, research, developmental test, program management and operational positions. After earning his Master of Science degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he served as an Air Force Research Laboratory Program Manager developing advanced spacecraft technologies. He is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School and served as Chief Flight Test Engineer including deployed experience in Operation Iraqi Freedom conducting experimental airborne reconnaissance. Brig. Gen. Hague then instructed Astronautics at the Air Force Academy. Following his legislative fellowship program, he served as the Congressional Appropriations Liaison for United States Central Command. At the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, Brig. Gen. Hague served as the Deputy Division Chief for research and development. After completing astronaut candidate training, he joined NASA's Active Astronaut Corps.

Brig. Gen. Hague has accumulated more than 10,000 flying hours in more than 35 spacecraft and aircraft as both a Flight Test Engineer and Astronaut. He completed three spaceflights, amassing 374 days in space performing operations aboard the International Space Station including four spacewalks. Prior to his current position, Brig. Gen. Hague was the Director of Test and Evaluation, Headquarters U.S. Space Force, responsible for the test workforce, infrastructure and related policy.

EDUCATION

1998 Distinguished Graduate, Bachelor of Science, Aeronautical Engineering, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.

2000 Master of Science, Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge

2002 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2003 Distinguished Graduate, Flight Test Course, Air Force Test Pilot School, Edwards AFB, Calif.

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

2010 Master of Legislative Studies, Georgetown University, Government Affairs Institute, Washington, D.C.

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

2013 Astronaut Candidate Training, NASA Johnson Space Center, Texas

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1998–June 2000, Draper Fellow/Student, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.
2. June 2000–December 2002, Program Manager, U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.
3. January 2003–December 2003, Student, U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School, Edwards AFB, Calif.
4. December 2003–November 2004, Flight Test Engineer, 416th Flight Test Squadron, Edwards AFB, Calif.
5. November 2004–March 2005, Director of Operations, 4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Flight, Balad Air Base, Iraq
6. March 2005–June 2006, Flight Commander, Chief Flight Test Engineer, 416th Flight Test Squadron, Edwards AFB, Calif.
7. June 2006–July 2009, Assistant Professor of Astronautics, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.
8. July 2009–December 2010, U.S. Air Force Fellow, United States Senate, Washington, D.C.
9. January 2011–May 2012, U.S. Central Command, Congressional Appropriations Liaison, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
10. May 2012–August 2013, Deputy Division Chief, Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, Crystal City, Va.
11. August 2013–July 2015, Astronaut Candidate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, NASA Houston, Texas
12. July 2015–June 2020, Astronaut, International Space Station Expedition 59/60, NASA Johnson Space Center, Houston, Texas



Second Lieutenant
May 27, 1998



First Lieutenant
May 27, 2000



Captain
May 27, 2002



Major
September 01, 2007



Lieutenant Colonel
December 01, 2011



Colonel
June 01, 2016



Brigadier General
June 27, 2025



- 13. June 2020–June 2022, Director of Test and Evaluation, Headquarters U.S. Space Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
- 14. July 2022–March 2023, Astronaut, Crew Operations and Test Technical Authority, NASA Commercial Crew Program, NASA JSC, Houston, Texas
- 15. July 2022–present, Astronaut, Commander Crew-9, International Space Station Expedition 72, NASA JSC, Houston, Texas

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

- 1. January 2011–May 2012, U.S. Central Command, Congressional Appropriations Liaison, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a lieutenant colonel
- 2. May 2012–August 2013, Deputy Division Chief, Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, Crystal City, Va., as a lieutenant colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: astronaut senior observer
Flight hours: more than 10,000 including more than 265 combat hours
Aircraft/Spacecraft flown: T-38, F-16, C-12, Crew Dragon Freedom, Soyuz MC-12 and International Space Station

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal
Legion of Merit Medal with oak leaf cluster
Distinguished Flying Cross
Air Medal with silver oak leaf cluster
Air Force Combat Action Medal
NASA Spaceflight Medal with oak leaf cluster
2019 NASA Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Russian Federation Order of Courage
2019 Jabara Award for Airmanship
NASA Exceptional Bravery Medal

(Current as of July 2025)





MAJOR GENERAL TROY D. HAVENER

Maj. Gen. Troy D. Havener is the Commander, Air National Guard Readiness Center, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. He leads an Air Directorate staff of over 1,700 Airmen and civilians to formulate plans, policies, programs and execution of the Air National Guard's \$13.7 billion annual appropriation, enabling mission readiness of 123,000 military and civilian personnel in 90 Wings and 152 geographically separated units throughout the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands. Maj. Gen. Havener is the principal advisor to the Director, Air National Guard, for field level resourcing, planning and execution.

Maj. Gen. Havener was commissioned in 1993 through the United States Air Force Academy. He served over nine years in the active-duty Air Force and then joined the Air National Guard. He has served with the Iowa, Minnesota, California, Nevada, South Dakota ANG and the National Guard Bureau Staff. He commanded the Air National Guard Distributed Training Operations Center, and he served as the 144th Fighter Wing Commander. Prior to his current position, the general served as the Air National Guard Assistant to the Commander, United States Air Forces in Europe - Air Forces Africa.

Maj. Gen. Havener is a command pilot with more than 3,600 flying hours in the F-16C/D, F-15C/D, AT-38B, T-38 and T-37, including more than 350 combat hours.

EDUCATION

- 1993 Bachelor of Science, General Engineering, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 1999 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2001 Master of Public Administration, Midwestern State University, Texas
- 2004 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2012 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2012 ANG Intermediate Development Course, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
- 2013 Advanced Joint PME, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va., by correspondence
- 2015 ANG Commander Development Course, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
- 2018 USAF Wing Commander Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2019 Reserve Component National Security Course, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
- 2022 Executive Leadership in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif.
- 2023 USAF Senior Leader Orientation Course, Washington, D.C.
- 2024 National Strategic Studies Management Course, Syracuse Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse, N.Y.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1994–May 1995, Student, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas, then Student, Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals Course, Columbus AFB, Miss.
2. June 1995–December 1995, F-15C Student Pilot, 1st Fighter Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
3. January 1996–October 1998, F-15C Pilot, 12th Fighter Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan
4. November 1998–August 2002, AT-38B Instructor Pilot, 88th Flying Training Squadron, Sheppard AFB, Texas
5. August 2002–June 2013, F-16 Instructor Pilot, 124th Fighter Squadron, Iowa Air National Guard, Des Moines, Iowa
6. July 2013–May 2015, Commander, ANG Distributed Training Operations Center, Des Moines, Iowa
7. May 2015–January 2018, Operational Training Infrastructure Lead, NGB A2/3/6/10, Joint Base Andrews, Md., remote
8. February 2018–September 2019, Vice Wing Commander, 148th Fighter Wing, Duluth, Minn.
9. October 2019–December 2020, ANG Advisor, USAF Warfare Center, Nellis AFB, Nev.
10. January 2021–March 2022, Commander, 144th Fighter Wing, Fresno, Calif.
11. March 2022–May 2022, Special Assistant to the Adjutant General, JFHQ-NV, detailed to Nellis AFB, Nev.
12. May 2022–November 2023, Assistant Adjutant General, Nevada ANG, detailed to Nellis AFB, Nev., and ANG Assistant to the USAF Warfare Center Commander, Nellis AFB, Nev.
13. November 2023–May 2024, Assistant Adjutant General, South Dakota ANG, Sioux Falls, S.D. and ANG Assistant to the USAF Warfare Center Commander, Nellis AFB, Nev.
14. June 2024–June 2025, Chief of Staff, South Dakota ANG, Sioux Falls, S.D., and ANG Assistant to the USAF Warfare Center Commander, Nellis AFB, Nev., and Director, ANG Commander Leadership Course, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Va.
15. June 2025–March 2026, ANG Assistant to the Commander, U.S. Air Forces Europe - Air Forces Africa, Ramstein AB, Germany
- March 2026–present, Commander, Air National Guard Readiness Center, Joint Base Andrews, Md.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot
Flight hours: more than 3,600, including more than 350 combat hours
Aircraft flown: F-16C/D, F-15C/D, AT-38B, T-37, T-38

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster
- Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
- Air Medal with oak leaf cluster
- Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster
- Air and Space Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters
- Air and Space Achievement Medal

(Current as of May 2026)



EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 02, 1993	
First Lieutenant June 02, 1995	
Captain June 02, 1997	
Major December 26, 2002	
Lieutenant Colonel July 02, 2009	
Colonel February 08, 2018	
Brigadier General May 11, 2022	
Major General September 22, 2025	





BRIGADIER GENERAL KEVIN M. JAMIESON

Brig. Gen. Kevin M. Jamieson is the Deputy Chief of Staff Operations at NATO’s Headquarters Allied Air Command, Ramstein Air Base Germany. In this capacity, Brig. Gen. Jamieson is responsible for all operational related matters, including Air Policing, Ballistic Missile Defense, Article 5, and Crisis Response Operations. In addition, Brig. Gen. Jamieson is the Joint Forces Air Component director who is responsible for establishing suitable Command & Control, to operate as a Joint Task Force if so, directed by SACEUR and is the Air C2 competency organization for the Alliance.

Brig. Gen. Jamieson was commissioned in 2000 through the U. S. Air Force Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Operations Research. After completing pilot training as a distinguished graduate, he flew in operational fighter assignments in Air Combat Command and Pacific Air Forces. He has served as an instructor pilot, flight evaluator, weapons officer, weapons school instructor, squadron commander, wing commander, and member of the Joint Staff and the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Brig. Gen. Jamieson has flown multiple combat missions and has participated in Operations IRAQI FREEDOM, NOBLE EAGLE, and Alaska NORAD Region Air Sovereignty Operations. He is a command pilot with more than 2600 flying hours and is a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Air Force Weapons School. Prior to his current position, Brig. Gen. Jamieson was the Deputy Director of Operations, Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, US Air Forces in Europe and Africa, Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

EDUCATION

- 2000 Bachelor of Science, Operations Research, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.
- 2006 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2007 USAF Weapons School, F-15C Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nev
- 2008 USAF Flight Safety Officer Course, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico
- 2011 Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2011 Master of Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Fla.
- 2012 Master of Arts, Counseling and Leadership, University of Colorado - Colorado Springs
- 2018 Master of Science, National Resource Strategy, The Eisenhower School, National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 2000 - January 2002, Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance AFB, Okla.
2. February 2002 - September 2002, F-15C Formal Training Unit Student, Kingsley Field, Ore.
3. October 2002 - September 2003, Maintenance Liaison Officer, F-15C Flight Lead, 58th Fighter Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
4. September 2003 - July 2005, Wing Dissimilar Air Combat Training Officer, F-15C Instructor Pilot, 33rd Operations Support Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
5. July 2005 - July 2008, Flight Commander, F-15C Flight Examiner, later, Chief of Weapons and Tactics, 19th Fighter Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
6. July 2008 - September 2009, Assistant Chief of Flight Safety, F-15C Weapons School Instructor, 57th Wing, Nellis AFB, Nev.
7. October 2009 - December 2010, Academic Flight Commander, later, Assistant Director of Operations, F-15C Weapons School Instructor, 433rd Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
8. January 2011 - May 2011, Weapons School Chief of Integration, F-15C WIC Instructor Pilot, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
9. May 2011 - May 2012, Student, University of Colorado - Colorado Springs
10. June 2012 - June 2013, Air Officer Commanding, Cadet Squadron 21, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
11. June 2013 - June 2014, Deputy Director of Training and Education, later, Chief of Current Operations, Commandant of Cadets, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
12. June 2014 - June 2015, Director of Operations, 67th Fighter Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan
13. June 2015 - June 2017, Commander, 44th Fighter Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan
14. July 2017 - June 2018, Student, Eisenhower school, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.



EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 31, 2000	
First Lieutenant May 31, 2002	
Captain May 31, 2004	
Major March 01, 2010	
Lieutenant Colonel December 01, 2013	
Colonel February 01, 2020	
Brigadier General April 30, 2026	

15. July 2018 - June 2019, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Director, Chief of Integrated Operations, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
16. June 2019 - June 2020, Operations Research System Analyst, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Arlington
17. July 2020 - July 2022, Vice Commander, 57th Wing, Nellis AFB, Nev.
18. July 2022 - July 2024, Commander, 3rd Wing, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
19. August 2024 - July 2025, Deputy Director of Operations, Strategic Deterrence, and Nuclear Integration, Ramstein Air Base Germany
20. August 2025 - Present, Deputy Chief of Staff Operations, Headquarters Allied Air Command, Ramstein Air Base, Germany

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2018 - June 2019, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Director, Chief of Integrated Operations, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a Lieutenant Colonel
2. June 2019 - June 2020, Operations Research System Analyst, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a Colonel
3. August 2025 - Present, Deputy Chief of Staff Operations, Headquarters Allied Air Command, Ramstein Air Base, Germany., as a Brig. Gen.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: More than 2,600

Aircraft flown: F-22A, F-35A, F-15B/C/D, T-53, AT-38B, T-38A, T-37B

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Air and Space Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air and Space Achievement Medal

Combat Action Medal

Iraq Campaign Medal with one device

(Current as of April 2026)



Rear Admiral David Loo
Deputy Director, Plans, Policy and Strategy, J5
U.S. European Command



Rear Admiral David Loo is a native of New York and was commissioned through the United States Naval Academy and conferred a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He has earned a Master of Arts in Diplomacy from Norwich University and a Master of Business Administration from the University of North Carolina, Kenan-Flagler Business School. He has served as a Massachusetts Institute of Technology - Seminar XXI Fellow.

He is designated a Naval Aviator and has served in multiple fleet assignments. His initial assignment was with the "Warlords" of HSL-51 where he deployed in support of Operations Southern Watch, Noble Eagle, and Enduring Freedom. He served aboard the USS IWO JIMA (LHD 7), as

the Assistant Air Officer supporting Joint Task Force Katrina/Rita and the Non-Combatant Evacuation of Americans from Lebanon. He has served with the "Vipers" of HSL-48, as a Detachment Officer in Charge supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom and as the Squadron Maintenance Officer. Additionally, aboard the USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74), as the Navigator.

Ashore, he has served with the "Airwolves" of HSL-40, as an Instructor Pilot. He has been assigned to the Joint Staff, where he served as the Executive Assistant to the Vice Director for Joint Force Development (J7) and Chief, Program and Budget Division (J8). He has also been assigned to the Navy Staff, where he served as Executive Assistant to the Director, Integrated Warfare (N9I) and as the Deputy Director, Fleet Readiness (N83). Additionally, in the Navy Secretariat as the Deputy Chief of Legislative Affairs (OLA).

In command, he has served as the Commanding Officer of the "Warlords" of HSM-51, the "Airwolves" of HSM-40, and the Amphibious Assault Ship, USS IWO JIMA (LHD 7).

He has been awarded the Defense Superior Service, Legion of Merit (two awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medals, and other personal awards, unit commendations, and service campaign awards.



Rear Admiral Gary G. Montalvo

Director, Maritime Headquarters and Sustainment, U.S. Pacific Fleet



Rear Adm. Gary Montalvo is from Puerto Rico, and entered the Navy after completing high school in North Carolina. He is a USNA graduate and earned an MBA from George Washington University and an MA from Regent University. He completed MIT Seminar XXI.

As a Submariner he commanded USS NORTH CAROLINA (SSN-777) and Submarine Development Squadron FIVE. He deployed to the Western Pacific, European Theater, Southern Command Theater, and completed five strategic deterrent patrols.

His shore duties include COMUSNAVSO, OPNAV, Naval Reactors, COMPACFLT, PCOI for COMSUBPAC, Program Analyst at OSD, and as PERS 42/N133. He most recently served as Executive Assistant to the Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.

He serves as the Director of Maritime Headquarters and Sustainment at COMPACFLT.



Brigadier General Michael R. Nakonieczny

**Deputy Commanding General, I Marine Expeditionary Force; and
Commanding General, 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade**

Brigadier General Nakonieczny was born in Buena Park, California and is the son of a Marine. He earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of California at Davis and was commissioned through the Platoon Leaders Course.

His operational assignments include serving as Platoon Commander, 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance (LAR) Battalion (15th MEU); Company Commander, Weapons Company, 1st LAR Battalion; Company Commander, Alpha Company, 3rd LAR Battalion (Operation IRAQI FREEDOM II-2, 5-7); Executive Officer, First Battalion, First Marines (13th MEU); Director, First Marine Division Schools; Commanding Officer, Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division; Commanding Officer, 1st LAR Battalion; and Commanding Officer, 31st MEU.

His staff and joint assignments include serving as Executive Officer, Company H, Marine Security Guard Battalion;

Company Commander, Light Armored Vehicle Training Company, School of Infantry West; Deputy Director, J3 Afghanistan, USSOCOM; Director, Concepts and Plans, Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory; Military Assistant to the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps; and Military Secretary to the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Brigadier General Nakonieczny graduated with honors from The Basic School and the U.S. Army Armor Captains Career Course. He is a Distinguished Graduate of the Marine Corps Command and Staff College and was the recipient of the Joint Service Planner Award from the Marine Corps War College.





BIOGRAPHY
DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE SENIOR LEVEL

DAVID D. O'BRIEN

Deputy Chief for Operations, Americas and Transnational Threats Center

Mr. David O'Brien was appointed as the Deputy Chief for Operations, Americas and Transnational Threats Center, Deputy Directorate for Global Integration in July 2025. In this role, Mr. O'Brien leads collection and operations strategies within the Americas and Transnational Threats Center (ATTC) area of responsibility, ensuring transparency across all operational areas—including human intelligence, counterintelligence, and technical support to achieve integrated intelligence outcomes to support defense and security priorities.



As Chief of Operations for the Defense Attaché Service (DAS), Directorate of Operations from 2023-2025, Mr. O'Brien orchestrated global intelligence operations across 143 countries, delivering strategic guidance to focus and integrate operations, optimize resources, and ensure alignment with Department of Defense strategic objectives.

Prior to joining DIA as a civilian, Mr. O'Brien served 26 years of active duty in the United States Navy. He began his Navy career as a Naval Flight Officer in the Western Pacific and transferred to the Foreign Area Officer (FAO) community in 2008 as a Middle East FAO. His FAO assignments included the United States Military Training Mission in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; United Arab Emirates Country Engagement Officer at Naval Forces Central Command in Bahrain; the Africa and Middle East Regional Program Director in the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary Navy for Policy; Navy Branch Chief, Office of Military Cooperation in Cairo, Egypt; Senior Defense Official/Defense Attaché Libya External Office in Tunis, Tunisia. His final Navy assignment was as the DAS Eurasia Division Chief providing oversight and support to 21 Defense Attaché Offices in Eastern Europe, Russia, and Central Asia.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Oklahoma and a Master of Arts from the Naval Postgraduate School. His military awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (3rd Award), Navy Meritorious Service Medal (2nd award), Navy Commendation Medal (4th award), Navy Achievement Medal, and various unit and campaign awards.

Mr. O'Brien was born and raised in California and currently resides in Lorton, Virginia with his wife Erika and twin boys Liam and Ethan.

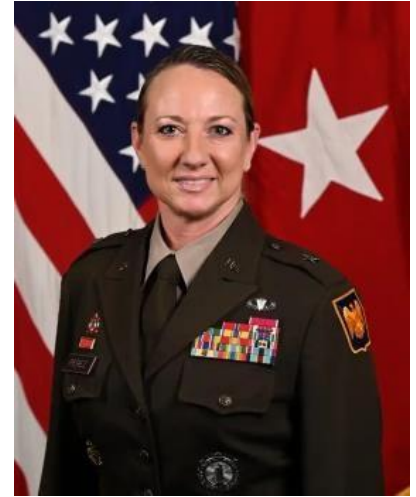
August 2025



National Guard

Brigadier General CARRIE L. PEREZ

**Director, Army Personnel Management (G1)
National Guard Bureau
Arlington, VA
Since: July 2025**



SOURCE OF COMMISSIONED SERVICE ROTC

EDUCATIONAL DEGREES

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University - BS - Aviation Management
Liberty University - MA - Management and Leadership
United States Army War College - MSS - Strategic Studies

MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED

Ordnance Officer Basic Course
Ordnance Captains Career Course
United States Army Command and General Staff College
United States Army War College

FOREIGN LANGUAGE(S) None Recorded

<u>PROMOTIONS</u>	<u>DATE OF APPOINTMENT</u>
2LT	10 May 99
1LT	15 Nov 00
CPT	11 Jun 03
MAJ	31 Jul 08
LTC	13 Mar 13
COL	4 Sep 18
BG	15 Aug 24

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
Jul 25	Present	Director, Army Personnel Management (G1), National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Virginia
Sep 24	Jul 25	Director, Senior Leader Management Office, The Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia
Aug 24	Sep 24	Special Assistant to the Chief, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Virginia
Feb 23	Aug 24	Division Chief, Human Capital Management, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Virginia
Aug 19	Feb 23	Commander, 36 Sustainment Brigade, Texas Army National Guard, Dallas, Texas and Operation INHERENT RESOLVE, Kuwait
Apr 18	Aug 19	Operations Chief, Deputy Chief of Staff (G1), Assistant Secretary of the Army, Strategic Initiatives Group, The Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia
Oct 16	Apr 18	Branch Chief, Personnel Division (G1), National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Virginia
Sep 14	Oct 16	Commander, 949 Brigade Support Battalion, Texas Army National Guard, Fort Worth, Texas
Feb 12	Sep 14	Branch Chief, Human Capital Management, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Virginia
Nov 11	Feb 12	Active Guard Reserve Program Manager, Manpower & Resources Division, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Virginia
Apr 10	Oct 11	Requirements Section Chief, Manpower & Resources Division, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Virginia
Aug 08	Apr 10	Manpower Analysis Data Team Chief, Manpower & Resources Division, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Virginia
Nov 07	Jul 08	Logistics Officer (S4), 136 Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Texas Army National Guard, Austin, Texas

Dec 05	Nov 07	Personnel Officer (S1), 449 Aviation Support Battalion, Texas Army National Guard, San Antonio, Texas and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, Balad, Iraq
Sep 03	Dec 05	Commander, Alpha Company, 949 Brigade Support Battalion, Texas Army National Guard, Fort Worth, Texas
Apr 03	Sep 03	Logistics Officer (S4), 949 Brigade Support Battalion, Texas Army National Guard, Fort Worth, Texas
Mar 02	Apr 03	Maintenance Control Officer, Bravo Company, 949 Brigade Support Battalion, Texas Army National Guard, Fort Worth, Texas
Oct 01	Mar 02	Platoon Leader, Bravo Company, 949 Brigade Support Battalion, Texas Army National Guard, Fort Worth, Texas
Nov 00	Oct 01	Supply & Transportation Platoon Leader, Bravo Company, 4 Forward Support Battalion, Fort Hood, Texas
Nov 99	Nov 00	Maintenance Officer, Bravo Company, 4 Forward Support Battalion, Fort Hood, Texas

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Commander, 36th Sustainment Brigade, Operation INHERENT RESOLVE, Kuwait	Jan 22 - Nov 22	Colonel
Personnel Officer (S1), 449 Aviation Support Battalion, Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, Balad, Iraq	Aug 06 - Aug 07	Captain

US DECORATIONS AND BADGES

Legion of Merit
Bronze Star
Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Gold, 3 Silver, and 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
Army Commendation Medal (with 1 Gold, 2 Silver, and 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
Air Force Commendation Medal
Army Achievement Medal (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster)
Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal
National Defense Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Armed Forces Service Medal
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with M Device)
Army Service Ribbon
Overseas Service Ribbon

As of: 24 Sep 25

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BG Steven M. Ranieri
U.S. Army Legal Services Agency
Judge Advocate General's Corps
Fort Belvoir, VA



BG Steve Ranieri enlisted in the Army in 1989. He served three years in the Signal Corps and was discharged after receiving a Green to Gold Scholarship. He commissioned in 1995 from the Reserve Officer Training Corps and was granted an educational delay to attend law school. He was appointed in the Judge Advocate General's Corps in 1999.

BG Ranieri has served in a series of senior leadership positions within JAG Corps, to include as a Staff Judge Advocate for the 3d Infantry Division; Chief of Plans, Office of The Judge Advocate General; Deputy Staff Judge Advocate for the 25th Infantry Division; Chief, General Litigation, United States Army Legal Services Agency; Chief, Judge Advocate Recruiting; and Special Assistant United States Attorney, Department of Justice. His operational assignments include deployments to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn. His most recent assignment was as the Executive Officer to the Judge Advocate General.

BG Ranieri received a Bachelor in Business Administration from Kent State University; a Master of Military Art and Science in Security and Conflict Studies from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College; a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy from the Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy; a Juris Doctor from Case Western Reserve University; and a Master of Laws in Military Law from The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School.

BG Ranieri is currently the Commander, U.S. Army Legal Services Agency and Assistant Judge Advocate General for Army Litigation. He commands a Field Operating Agency that represents the Army in civil litigation before federal courts and administrative boards; facilitates the payment and recovery of claims worldwide through the U.S. Army Claims Service; and provides legal training and information technology solutions to the JAG Corps. BG Ranieri also supervises the US. Army Trial Judiciary and Army Court of Criminal Appeals.

BG Ranieri was born and raised in Ohio, and his father was a Korean War veteran. He and his wife Jennifer Ranieri met in college and have been married for 31 years. Their son Jon lives and works in Los Angeles.

Brigadier General Michael D. Rose
Deputy Director for Operations (J30)
United States Indo-Pacific Command



Brigadier General Mike Rose was originally commissioned into the Infantry in 1997 from the United States Military Academy at West Point, later transitioning to Special Forces. He has served over twenty of his twenty-eight years of service in Special Operations, deploying numerous times to Iraq, Afghanistan, West Africa, and several other locations throughout Europe and the Middle East. He has worked extensively with interagency partners on counterterrorism and other national security issues. Mike most recently commanded U.S. Army Pacific's 3rd Multi-Domain Task Force from June 2023 to June 2025 before joining USINDOPACOM as the Deputy Director for Operations.

Mike initially served as an Infantry Officer in 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment in the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, at Fort Lewis, Washington. Following the Special Forces Qualification Course, he served in 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group in Stuttgart, Germany. Next, he served in an Army Special Mission Unit, followed by assignment at the Joint Interagency Task Force – National Capital Region (JIATF-NCR), a Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC) subordinate unit. Mike commanded 4th Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group in Fort Carson, Colorado. He rejoined JSOC as the Executive Officer to the Commanding General and then as JSOC Deputy Operations Officer. Mike returned to JIATF-NCR as the Commander from June 2020 to June 2022 followed by assignment as the Chief of the Senate Liaison Division for the Department of the Army Office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison.

Mike holds a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, RI, and completed a year of study as a U.S. Army War College Fellow at Duke University's Counterterrorism and Public Policy Fellowship Program. He holds an undergraduate degree in Mechanical (Aero) Engineering.

Mike's awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the two Legions of Merit, three Bronze Stars, the Purple Heart, four Defense Meritorious Service Medals, two Army Meritorious Service Medals, the Army Commendation Medal, and three Army Achievement Medals. He is authorized to wear the Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab, Military Freefall Badge, Parachutist Badge, and Air Assault Badge.

Mike is originally from Danbury, Connecticut. He and his wife, Kelly, have seven-year-old twin daughters and a five-year-old son.



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL NATHAN L. RUSIN

Brig Gen Nathan L. Rusin is the Director of Intelligence, United States Space Command, Peterson Space Force Base, Colorado. In this capacity, he serves as the senior intelligence advisor to the Commander USSPACECOM and directs all intelligence operations for the command.

He received his commission in 1998 as a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Management.

Brig Gen Rusin is a career intelligence officer and has commanded at the Squadron, Group, and Wing levels. He has directly supported contingency operations for Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, NOMAD SHADOW, and INHERENT RESOLVE.



Prior to his current position, he served as the Senior Military Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy where he advised the Under Secretary on the full spectrum of security issues affecting US defense policy and military posture.

EDUCATION:

1998 Bachelor of Science, Business Administration and Management, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO

1999 U.S. Air Force Intelligence Officer Course, Goodfellow, AFB, TX

2000 U.S. Air Force Targeting Course, Goodfellow, AFB, TX

2002 U.S. Air Force Weapons Instructor Course, Intelligence Division, Nellis AFB, NV

2005 Squadron Officer's School, Maxwell AFB, AL

2010 Masters of Science, Strategic Intelligence, National Defense Intelligence College, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington D.C.

2011 Joint Professional Military Education II, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA

2019 Masters of Science, National Security & Strategic Studies, Naval War College, RI

2023 Artificial Intelligence, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, MA

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Jul 98–Apr 99, Student, USAF Intelligence Officer Course, Goodfellow AFB, TX
2. Apr 99–May 01, Intelligence Officer, 2 FS, Tyndall AFB, FL
3. Jun 01–Jun 02, Intelligence Officer, 36 FS, Osan AB, Republic of Korea
4. Jul 02–Dec 02, Student, U.S. Air Force Weapons Instructor Course, 19 WPS, Nellis AFB, NV
5. Jan 03–Jun 07, Chief, Intelligence Weapons, Training & Tactics, 1 OSS, Langley AFB VA
6. Jul 07–Jul 09, Instructor, 19 WPS, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, NV
7. Aug 09–Jul 10, Student, National Defense Intelligence College, JB Anacosta-Bolling, Washington DC
8. Jul 10–Aug 13, Director of Operations, Joint Exploitation Squadron, JSOC, Fort Bragg, NC
9. Sep 13–May 15, Deputy Chief ISR Division, 603 AOC, Ramstein AB, Germany
10. Jun 15–Jun 17, Commander, 19 WPS, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, NV
11. Jun 17–Jul 18, Executive Officer, Headquarters U.S. Air Force A2/6, Pentagon, Washington, DC
12. Aug 18–Jun 19, Student, U.S. Naval War College, Newport, RI
13. Jul 19–Jun 20, Intelligence, Surveillance & Reconnaissance Chief/A32, 603 AOC, Ramstein AB, Germany
14. Jul 20–May 22, Commander, 693d Intelligence, Surveillance & Reconnaissance Group, Ramstein AB, Germany
15. May 22–July 24, Commander, 480th Intelligence, Surveillance & Reconnaissance Wing, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA
16. Jul 24–Aug 25, Senior Military Assistant, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Pentagon, Washington, DC
17. Sep 25–present, Director of Intelligence J2, USSPACECOM, Colorado Springs, CO

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS:

Jul 10–Aug 13, Director of Operations, Joint Exploitation Squadron, JSOC, Fort Bragg, NC as a Major

Jul 24–Aug 25, Senior Military Assistant, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Pentagon, Washington, DC as a Colonel

Sep 25–present, Director of Intelligence J2, USSPACECOM, Colorado Springs, CO as a Brigadier General

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster

Bronze Star

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	27 May 1998
First Lieutenant	27 May 2000
Captain	27 May 2002
Major	1 December 2007
Lieutenant Colonel	1 May 2013
Colonel	1 July 2019
Brigadier General	Frocked

(Current as of Oct 2025)



Major General Beth A. Salisbury
Commanding General
Army Reserve Medical Command

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Maj. Gen. Beth A. Salisbury currently serves as the Commanding General, Army Reserve Medical Command at Pinellas Park, FL. She previously served as the Commanding General, 807th Theater Medical Command at Fort Douglas, UT.

Salisbury enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve in 1987 and commissioned through ROTC as a distinguished military graduate from Millersville University, Pennsylvania. After serving several years on active duty, she transitioned to the Army Reserve, where she has held numerous key leadership positions, including deputy commanding general-operations, 99th Readiness Division, deputy commanding general-operations, 3rd Medical Command (Deployment Support); commander, 3rd Medical Command Operational Command Post Forward (Qatar); 804th Medical Brigade; G3/5/7, 3rd Medical Command OCP (Kuwait); commander, 55th Combat Stress Control Company (Iraq), and XO, 113th Combat Stress Control (Iraq). Her leadership and clinical assignments include division, brigade, headquarters operations, Mobilization Force Generation Installation (MFGI), COVID-19 and Defense Support to Civil Authorities (DSCA) Response.

She is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College and holds Master of Strategic Studies and Master of National Security Strategy degrees. She also completed Advanced Joint Professional Military Education at the National Defense University and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Therapy.

Her awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, and multiple campaigns, joint, and service medals. She holds the 9A proficiency designator, the Army Medical Department's highest designation for professional excellence. She is a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit, DSCA Level I & II certified, and has received multiple unit-level commendations, including the Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Superior Unit Award, and the Army Staff Badge.

In her civilian career, Salisbury works part time for Complete Therapy Care Inc., an industrial rehabilitation company. She and her husband of 31 years, Dr. Rick Salisbury, have two married sons, a daughter, and eight grandchildren.



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL ROBERT J. SCHREINER

Brigadier General Robert J. Schreiner is the Commander, U.S. Space Forces Northern, Peterson Space Force Base, Colorado. U.S. Space Forces Northern plans, coordinates, synchronizes, and executes the employment of space effects across the full range of military operations, including security cooperation, in support of U.S. Northern Command.

Brig. Gen. Schreiner graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1998. He has commanded space operations units at the delta and squadron levels, commanded the National Reconnaissance Office's Aerospace Data Facility-Colorado and served as the U.S. Air Forces Central Director of Space Forces. He has held a variety of space operations, acquisition management, and systems engineering positions within the Space Force, Air Force, Joint Staff, and the National Reconnaissance Office.

Prior to his current position, Brig. Gen. Schreiner served as Deputy Director for Operations, Operations Team One, National Joint Operations and Intelligence Center, Joint Staff, in the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.



EDUCATION

- 1998 Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.
- 2003 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2003 Master of Business Administration, Technology Management, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 2008 Air Command and Staff College, correspondence
- 2011 Master of Science, Systems Engineering, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
- 2013 Air War College, correspondence
- 2019 Master of Strategic Studies, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. July 1998 – February 1999, Student, Undergraduate Space and Missile Training and Global Positioning System Initial Qualification Training, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.
2. February 1999 – June 2002, GPS Payload Systems Operator and Chief, Navigation Tactics & Payload Analysis, 2nd Space Operations Squadron, Schriever AFB, Colo.
3. June 2002 – April 2004, Deputy Chief, Space Branch, Air Force Directorate of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
4. April 2004 – June 2006, Chief, Relay Systems Engineering & Operations and Executive Officer to the Commander, Directorate of Communications, National Reconnaissance Office, Chantilly, Va.
5. June 2006 – July 2008, Assistant Director of Engineering, Space Operations Squadron, Air Force Element, Washington, D.C.
6. July 2008 – May 2010, Deputy Chief, Space Protection & Information Operations Requirements Division, Directorate of Requirements, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo. (July 2009 – January 2010, Quality Program Manager, Defense Contract Management Agency - Iraq, Southwest Asia)
7. May 2010 – June 2011, Student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

8. June 2011 – June 2014, Director of Operations, National Reconnaissance Office Operations Squadron, Schriever AFB, Colo.
9. June 2014 – June 2016, Commander, Operations Support Squadron, Air Force Element and Chief, Systems Engineering & Integration, RAF Menwith Hill, England
10. June 2016 – September 2017, Chief, Space Programs Branch, Directorate of Programming, Financial Management and Comptroller, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
11. September 2017 – July 2018, Executive Officer to the Executive Director, Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
12. July 2018 – June 2019, Student, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.
13. June 2019 – July 2021, Senior Field Representative to U.S. Space Command, National Reconnaissance Office, Peterson AFB, Colo. (December 2020 – June 2021, Director of Space Forces, U.S. Air Forces Central Command, Southwest Asia)
14. August 2021 – July 2024, Commander, National Reconnaissance Office Delta 20 and Commander, Aerospace Data Facility-Colorado, Buckley SFB, Colo.
15. July 2024 – August 2025, Deputy Director for Operations, Operations Team One, National Joint Operations and Intelligence Center, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
16. August 2025 – January 2026, Senior Liaison Officer, U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Strategic Command, Peterson SFB, Colo.
17. January 2026 – present, Commander, U.S. Space Forces Northern, Peterson SFB, Colo.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2019 – July 2021, Senior Field Representative to U.S. Space Command, National Reconnaissance Office, Peterson AFB, Colo., as a colonel
2. August 2021 – July 2024, Commander, National Reconnaissance Office Delta 20 and Commander, Aerospace Data Facility-Colorado, Buckley SFB, Colo., as a colonel
3. July 2024 – August 2025, Deputy Director for Operations, Operations Team One, National Joint Operations and Intelligence Center, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a brigadier general

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

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

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 27, 1998
First Lieutenant May 27, 2000
Captain May 27, 2002
Major December 1, 2007
Lieutenant Colonel May 1, 2013
Colonel July 1, 2019
Brigadier General June 12, 2024

(CURRENT AS OF MARCH 2026)



BRIGADIER GENERAL G. HALL SEBREN, JR.

Brig. Gen. G. Hall Sebren Jr. is the Commander of the Ogden Air Logistics Complex, Hill Air Force Base, Utah. As Commander, he leads over 6,900 military and civilian personnel who perform depot maintenance, repair, overhaul and modification of the A-10, C-130, T-38, F-16, F-22, F-35, and the Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile system. The complex also oversees the national-level airpower reservoir for aircraft storage, reclamation, regeneration and disposal at Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona. Additionally, the complex produces aerospace commodities that include electronics, avionics, instruments, power systems, affecting all Air Force weapon systems, and is the landing gear center of excellence for the Air Force. As the Commander, his responsibilities extend to operating locations in Japan, Texas, California, Wyoming, North Dakota, and Montana. The Ogden Air Logistics Complex directly supports a global supply chain enabling Department of War and allied combat operations.

Brig. Gen. Sebren received his commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1996. He has commanded units stateside and overseas at the squadron, group and wing level. Prior to his current assignment, he served as the Deputy Commander, Air Force Sustainment Center, headquartered at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma. In that capacity, he led Total Force Airmen across three Air Logistics Complexes, two Air Base Wings, and two Supply Chain Wings, operating from a global network of 26 locations.

EDUCATION

- 1996 Bachelor of Science, Biology, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs
- 2001 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2004 Master of Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, by correspondence
- 2007 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2008 Master of Arts, Counseling and Leadership, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
- 2011 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2017 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1996–September 1998, Armament Flight Commander and Sortie Generation Officer in Charge, Falcon Aircraft Maintenance Flight, 57th Aircraft Generation Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
2. September 1998–August 2001, Sortie Support Flight Commander, 81st Fighter Squadron; Logistics Operations Flight Commander, 52nd Logistics Support Squadron; Executive Officer, 52nd Logistics Group; Maintenance Supervisor, 52nd Component Repair Squadron, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany
3. September 2001–July 2004, Director of Operations, 372nd Field Training Squadron; Executive Officer 82nd Training Wing, Sheppard AFB, Texas
4. July 2004–July 2006, Logistics Career Broadening Officer, Ogden Air Logistics Center, Hill AFB, Utah
5. July 2006–May 2007, Director of Operations, 388th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah
6. May 2007–May 2008, Student, IDE/Master’s, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
7. May 2008–May 2010, Commander, Cadet Squadron 2, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.
8. July 2010–June 2011, Commander, 332nd Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Joint Base Balad, Iraq
9. July 2011–July 2013, Deputy Chief Global Precision Attack Branch, Combat Forces Division; then Chief, Exercise Branch, Program Integration Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Programs, Headquarters Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
10. July 2013–July 2015, Deputy Commander, 35th Maintenance Group, Misawa AB, Japan
11. July 2015–June 2016, Installation Chief of Safety, Hill AFB, Utah
12. July 2016–May 2017, Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
13. June 2017–June 2018, Commander, 8th Maintenance Group, Kunsan AB, South Korea
14. July 2018–July 2020, Commander, 20th Maintenance Group, Shaw AFB, S.C.
15. July 2020–June 2021, Vice Commander, Ogden Air Logistics Complex, Hill AFB, Utah



EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 29, 1996	
First Lieutenant May 29, 1998	
Captain May 29, 2000	
Major May 01, 2006	
Lieutenant Colonel May 01, 2010	
Colonel March 01, 2017	
Brigadier General October 30, 2025	

16. June 2021–July 2023, Commander, 72d Air Base Wing, Tinker AFB, Okla.
17. July 2023–July 2025, Deputy Commander, Air Force Sustainment Center, Tinker AFB, Okla.
18. July 2025–December 2025, Special Assistant to the AFSC Commander, Hill AFB, Utah
19. January 2026–Present, Commander, Ogden Air Logistics Complex, Hill AFB, Utah

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters

Bronze Star Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with silver oak leaf and two bronze oak leaf clusters

Air and Space Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air and Space Achievement Medal

(Current as of April 2026)





BRIGADIER GENERAL ANTHONY L. SMITH

Brig. Gen. Anthony L. Smith is the Director, Budget Operations and Personnel, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Budget, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. He is responsible for planning and directing the execution of the Department of the Air Force's Operations and Maintenance and Military Personnel budgets, totaling more than \$110 billion annually. He leads a team of military and civilian professionals who develop, integrate, and justify readiness and personnel budgets for the Department of the Air Force, defending these requirements as they are addressed by the Office of the Secretary of War, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Congress.

Brig. Gen. Smith entered the Air Force after receiving his commission through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps at Fayetteville State University, North Carolina in May 1997. Brig. Gen. Smith has served in a variety of positions at the wing, center, major command, Air Force and war agency levels.

Prior to his current assignment, the general served as the Commander, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst and the 87th Air Base Wing, New Jersey, providing installation support to more than 80 mission partners at the War Department's only tri-service joint base.

EDUCATION

- 1997 Bachelor of Science, Accounting, Fayetteville State University, N.C.
- 1997 Financial Management Officer Course, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas
- 2002 Master of Science, Cost Analysis, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
- 2003 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2003 Financial Management Staff Officer Course, Keesler AFB, Miss.
- 2007 Defense Financial Management School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2009 Master of Military Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2013 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala. by correspondence
- 2018 Master of Strategic Studies, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

- June 1997–July 2000, Flight Commander, 92nd Comptroller Squadron, Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.
- August 2000–March 2002, Student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
- April 2002–March 2005, Cost Analyst/Program Control Chief, STSS, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.
- April 2005–July 2008, Budget Analyst/Executive Officer, Headquarters United States Air Forces in Europe - Air Forces Africa, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
- August 2008–June 2009, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- July 2009–June 2012, Commander, 4th Comptroller Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
- July 2012–July 2014, Commander, 2nd Comptroller Squadron, Barksdale AFB, La.
- August 2014–August 2016, Director, Cost Integration Directorate, SAF/FM, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
- September 2016–June 2017, Senior Military Assistant, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Arlington, Va.
- July 2017–June 2018, Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- July 2018–June 2019, Budget Director, Headquarters Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas
- July 2019–June 2021, Commander, 71st Mission Support Group, Vance AFB, Okla.
- July 2021–May 2023, Director, Financial Management, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.
- June 2023–June 2025, Commander, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst and 87th Air Base Wing, JB MDL, N.J.
- July 2025–present, Director, Budget Operations and Personnel, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Budget, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- 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 oak leaf cluster
- Air Force Achievement Medal

(Current as of January 2026)



EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 10, 1997	
First Lieutenant May 28, 1999	
Captain May 28, 2001	
Major February 01, 2007	
Lieutenant Colonel April 01, 2012	
Colonel October 01, 2018	
Brigadier General November 03, 2025	



Brigadier General Michael L. Smith
Director for Command, Control, Communications,
Computers and Cyber (C4/Cyber), J-6
United States Indo-Pacific Command



Brigadier General Smith is a native of Punxsutawney, PA and a former enlisted Combat Engineer and Medical Services Soldier. In 1998, he was commissioned as a U.S. Army Signal Corps Officer at the U.S. Army Officer Candidate School (OCS), Fort Benning, GA. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Signal Officer Basic and Advanced Courses. On 19 July 2024, BG Smith assumed duties as the Director for Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Cyber (C4/Cyber), J6, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.

BG Smith's key assignments include: Platoon Leader and Executive Officer, HHC, 44th Signal Battalion, Mannheim, Germany; Aide de Camp, for Commanding General 5th Signal Command, Mannheim, Germany; Brigade S3 Plans Officer, 7th Signal Brigade, Mannheim, Germany; Brigade S3 Plans Officer, 93rd Signal Brigade, Fort Gordon, GA; Company Commander, Charlie Company, 63rd Signal Battalion deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom I and III; SC Major's Assignment Officer, Human Resources Command, Alexandria, VA; Network Engineer, TRADOC Capability Manager Networks and Services, U.S. Army Signal Center of Excellence, Fort Gordon, GA; Director, JNCC-A Bagram, Afghanistan in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Resolute Support; Chief, Current Operations, JFHQ-C, Fort Gordon, GA; Brigade S3, U.S. Army Cyber Protection Brigade, Fort Gordon, GA; Director, U.S. Army Capability Manager Networks and Services, U.S. Army Cyber Center of Excellence, Fort Gordon, GA; Commander, U.S. Army Command and Control Support Agency, HQDA G-3/5/7, Pentagon, VA, and Director, Unified Network Task Force, HQDA G-6, Pentagon, VA.

BG Smith's key awards and decorations include the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the U.S. Army Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal (2nd award), the Meritorious Service Medal (8th award), the Expert Field Medical Badge, the Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge. He is a two-time recipient of the Signal Regiment's Distinguished Kilbourne Leadership Award. BG Smith is also a GovExec 2026 Federal 100 Awardee.

BG Smith holds a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Air Force, Air War College, a MBA from the University of Maryland, and a MS in Telecommunications from the University of Colorado at Boulder. BG Smith also holds several industry leading certifications from the International Information System Security Certification Consortium (ISC2), Cisco, Amazon Web Services (AWS), the Project Management Institute (PMI), and the Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA).



United States Navy Biography

REAR ADMIRAL BEN A. “CRASH” SNELL DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE UNITED STATES AFRICA COMMAND

A native of Benson, Arizona, Ben commissioned in June 1995 from Navy Officer Candidate School and was designated a Naval Intelligence officer in 1996. Ben is a graduate of National University with a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice, and of the Naval Postgraduate School with an M.A. in National Security Affairs.



Ben enlisted in 1982 as an Anti-Submarine Warfare Operator and Search and Rescue Swimmer (AW/NAC), completing numerous deployments to the USINDOPACOM AOR. As an officer, his operational assignments include Air Intelligence Officer with Patrol Squadron Four (VP 4); department head for Fleet Intelligence Support, COMPACFLT N2; Deputy Intelligence Officer to CSG TEN aboard USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75); Maritime Intelligence Officer to COMUSNAVCENT; and Executive Assistant to COMUSNAVCENT. He commanded Navy Expeditionary Intelligence Command; served as N2 of Navy Expeditionary Combat Command; Director of Fleet Intelligence and Information Warfare, United States Fleet Forces Command; and Information Warfare Commander to CSG TWELVE aboard USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78).

Joint assignments include the USEUCOM Joint Analysis Center (JAC) as the Balkans Air/Air Defense Chief in support of operations in Yugoslavia, Macedonia, and Kosovo; Senior Watch Officer; and Executive Assistant to the JAC Commander. He later served as the Commanding Officer/J2 of Joint Interagency Task Force – South (JIATF-S). Shore tours include Executive Assistant to the Director of Naval Intelligence; Chief of Staff of Naval Information Warfare Development Center; and Special Assistant to COM IFOR. He currently serves as the Director of Intelligence, U.S. Africa Command.

Military awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with four gold stars, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf, Meritorious Service Medal with three gold stars, Navy Commendation Medal with three gold stars. Ben is the recipient of the Naval Intelligence Foundation Admiral Bobby R. Inman Award for intelligence excellence, the Office of Naval Intelligence’s Edwin Layton Award for Leadership, and the Association of the United States Army Award for academic achievement.

Biography Major General
MATTHEW J. STRUB
Wisconsin National Guard

Major General (MG) Matthew J. Strub is Wisconsin's Adjutant General. As such, he is the primary advisor on military matters to the Governor and is responsible for the administration, training, and deployment of Wisconsin's National Guard.

MG Strub's military career started in 1986 when he enlisted in the United States Army Reserve as a helicopter mechanic. He attended the University of Minnesota ROTC program and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1990. He moved to Wisconsin and joined the Wisconsin Army National Guard in 1995. Among many other important assignments, he commanded both Wisconsin Army National Guard Aviation Flight Facilities, commanded the 641st Troop Command Battalion, commanded the 1-147th Assault Helicopter Battalion, Deputy Commander 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Deputy Chief of Staff for Aviation and Safety, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, and Chief of Staff. Most recently was the Deputy Adjutant General for the Wisconsin Army National Guard. He also served as the Deputy Commanding General – ARNG for the Army Aviation Center of excellence in a "dual hat" role.



MG Strub mobilized for federal service four times in his career - twice for stateside MEDEVAC mission support, and twice for combat service to Iraq and Afghanistan. He has also responded to domestic operations, most notably New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, and the Red River Floods in North Dakota. He is a master aviator with more than 3,600 flight hours.

MG Strub holds a master's degree in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College, a master's degree in quality systems management and a Lean Six Sigma Green Belt from the National Graduate School, and a bachelor's degree in geography from the University of Minnesota.

MG Strub's military awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal and several other awards.

17 February 2026

The logo features the United States Navy seal on the left, which includes an eagle with wings spread, holding an anchor, surrounded by the words "DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY" and "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA". To the right of the seal, the text "United States Navy" is written in a blue serif font, and "Biography" is written in a larger, bold blue serif font. A blue arrow points to the right from the end of the word "Biography".

United States Navy Biography

Rear Admiral Omarr E. Tobias

**Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Pacific/
Director Facilities and Environmental (N46) and Fleet Civil Engineer
(N01CE), U.S. Pacific Fleet**

Rear Admiral Omarr E. Tobias is a native of Hempstead, New York. He graduated with honors from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in 1998 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He has a Master of Science in Business Administration from The Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland, and a Master of Science in National Strategy from the Eisenhower School at the National Defense University. He is also a graduate of the Senior Executive Fellows Program at Harvard University.

Tobias' expeditionary tours include assignments as Company Officer, U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 40; Operations Officer, NMCB 74; Operations officer, 22nd Naval Construction Regiment; and Naval Construction Operations Officer, Commander Task Force 68.

His Installation Operations and staff assignments include Assistant Resident Officer in Charge of Construction, Camp Pendleton, CA.; Facilities Engineering and Acquisition Division Director, Public Works Department Washington D.C.; Public Works Officer, Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay GA; Manpower and Accessions Officer, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command HQ (NAVFAC HQ), Facilities and Infrastructure Program Manager at Office of Chief of Naval Operations, Integrated Warfare (OPNAV N9I), and Executive Assistant to Commander, NAVFAC and Chief of Civil Engineers.

Tobias has previously held command at Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 5, and Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command, Washington.

Tobias is a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Georgia, a member of the Defense Acquisition Corps, and qualified as a Seabee Combat Warfare Officer. He has served with teams authorized to wear Navy Meritorious Unit Commendations, Navy, "E" Ribbon, and in receipt of the Peltier Award. His personal awards include the Legion of Merit (three awards), Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (five awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards), and numerous unit and campaign medals.





U.S. ARMY Recruiting Command (USAREC)

ERIC J. VAN DEN BOSCH

Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, KY



Brigadier General (BG) Eric J. Van Den Bosch is the Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Recruiting Command (USAREC), with experience across tactical, strategic, Army enterprise, joint, special operations, and coalition environments. He previously served as the Commanding General, U.S. Army 7th Signal Command (Theater) and Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command (NETCOM) at Fort Meade, Maryland, to provide communications support across all installations in CONUS.

BG Van Den Bosch has over 31 years in the Army and experience in Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Information (C4I) Systems enabled by degrees in Electrical Engineering, Master's of Business Administration in Information Technology Management, and Master's in Strategic Studies.

After graduating from The Ohio State University in 1995, BG Van Den Bosch served a branch detail to Field Artillery. In 1997, he served in Training/Operations for 516th Signal Brigade, as a Staff Officer for 25th Infantry Division G-6, and as Battalion S-6 for 1-27 Infantry Regiment in Hawaii. Assigned to Fort Bragg and USASOC in 2001, he was Company Commander in both 4th PSYOP Group and 112th Signal Battalion (Special Operations) (Airborne), and later S-6 for 4th PSYOP Group.

In 2008, he served in DISA supporting CENTCOM in Joint NETOPS and Network Defense stationed at MacDill AFB. In 2011, he was assigned to the HQDA CIO/G-6, as Deputy Chief, and later Chief of the Enterprise Architecture Division focused on the Army Network Plan and IT Reform. In 2014, he commanded the 39th Signal Battalion supporting US Forces in northern Europe including direct support to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR) and Nuclear Surety mission.

In 2017, BG Van Den Bosch was assigned as the Executive Officer for the CECOM CG and Senior Commander for Aberdeen Proving Ground before assignment in 2018 to XVIII Airborne Corps as the Chief Information Officer and G-6 at Fort Bragg, deploying to Iraq as the Commander of the Erbil Air Base and Director of CJTF OIR's Kurdistan Coordination Center. In 2021, he was the Chief of Staff for Army Futures Command's Network Cross Functional Team, at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

He and his wife Annette have three adult children in Ohio and Florida, and two children with them in Kentucky.





Brigadier General Jason T. Williams

Commandant, United States Field Artillery School
Chief of the Field Artillery
Fort Sill, Oklahoma

BG Jason T. Williams commissioned as a Field Artillery Officer from the University of North Georgia in 1998. His first assignment was to the 2nd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Carson, CO where he deployed to Bosnia in support of Operation Joint Forge. Following the completion of Infantry Captain's Career Course in 2002, BG Williams moved to Fort Bragg, NC, deploying to Iraq twice. He served in various assignments with the 18th Field Artillery Brigade (Airborne) and XVIII Airborne Corps Artillery from 2002 to 2007. This includes command of Charlie Battery, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 321st Field Artillery Regiment.

Following CGSC and SAMS, BG Williams returned to Fort Bragg in 2009 where he served as a future operations planner on the 82nd Airborne Division staff in Afghanistan, and later the S3 and XO of 2nd Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment in Iraq. BG Williams then served as the Deputy Commanding Officer for 18th Field Artillery Brigade (Airborne).

In 2013, BG Williams was assigned to Fort Drum, NY and the 10th Mountain Division, where he commanded 3rd Battalion, 6th Field Artillery Regiment, until 2015. Following Battalion Command, BG Williams served as Deputy Executive Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In 2018, BG Williams returned to the North Country where he served as Commander of 10th Mountain Division Artillery and then as the 10th Mountain Division Chief of Staff.

In 2021, BG Williams moved to Germany to serve as the Executive Officer to the Combatant Commander of USAFRICOM and later the Executive Officer to the Commanding General of US Army Europe & Africa. In June 2023, BG Williams returned to the 82nd Airborne Division and Fort Bragg to serve as the Deputy Commanding General – Support, then the Deputy Commanding General – Operations.

Mostly recently, BG Williams moved to Fort Sill, Oklahoma to serve as the 58th Commandant of the United States Field Artillery School and Chief of Field Artillery.

BG Williams holds a Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership from the University of Oklahoma and a Master of Military Arts and Science from SAMS. He also completed an assignment to the Army War College as a Fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, DC.

BG Williams is from Douglasville, GA. He has been married for more than 25 years to his college sweetheart, Shelley, and they have three college-aged daughters.



MG Matthew S. Woodruff

84th Adjutant General of Ohio

MG Matthew S. Woodruff serves as The Adjutant General of Ohio and has held this position since May 2025. In this role, he is the Governor's principal military advisor and exercises command over the Ohio National Guard, overseeing its federal and state missions, readiness, personnel, and resources.

MG Woodruff Commissioned through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) at Bowling Green State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. He holds a Master of Science in Logistics Management from the Air Force Institute of Technology and a Master of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College.



MG Woodruff has held a wide range of command and senior staff positions at the tactical, operational, and strategic levels. His leadership assignments include service as Assistant Adjutant General for Army, Chief of Staff of the Ohio Army National Guard, and Commander of the 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, where he was responsible for the training, readiness, and deployment of thousands of Soldiers. His operational experience includes multiple overseas deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, serving in Afghanistan and Kuwait. Domestically, he served as Dual Status Commander during Ohio's COVID-19 response operations, coordinating National Guard and federal military efforts in support of civil authorities. MG Woodruff has also held key joint and strategic planning positions, including Director of Personnel (G1) and Director of Strategic Plans and Policy (J5) for the Ohio National Guard. Earlier in his career, he served in a variety of command and leadership roles with the 101st Airborne Division and the 4th Infantry Division.

MG Woodruff's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal, among others. He is also the recipient of the Expert Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge, and Air Assault Badge.

MG Woodruff resides in Columbus, Ohio with his wife Lindsay.