

# BIOGRAPHICAL DATA BOOK



**Pinnacle** Class **2023-1**  
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# Pinnacle Host



# Clarke, Richard "Rich"

GEN, USA (Ret)

Rich Clarke retired from the military after nearly four decades of leading complex and diverse organizations at every level to include over 15 years internationally and with over ten combat deployments to Iraq, Afghanistan and Syria. This culminated in his assignment as the Commander of U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) where he led a joint force of over 75,000 military members consisting of Army Rangers, Special Forces, Navy SEALs, Air Force Commandos, and Marine Raiders with an annual operating budget over \$25B. He directed global deployments to conduct our Nation's most sensitive and critical missions as a Combatant Commander reporting directly to and advising the Secretary of Defense on employment, strategy, and mission risks.



Prior to assuming command of USSOCOM, General Clarke served as Director for Strategic Plans and Policy (J5), Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. In this position he proposed recommendations to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to support his provision of military advice to the President and other national leaders. He personally represented the Joint Staff at countless White House National Security Council sessions.

General Clarke's other assignments as a general officer include: Deputy Commanding General for Operations, 10th Mountain Division; the 74th Commandant of Cadets, United States Military Academy at West Point; and the Commander of the 82nd Airborne Division, our Nation's largest and most responsive crisis reaction force.

He is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY, He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from West Point and a Master of Business Administration from Benedictine College. He is a distinguished graduate of the National War College.

He is a Life member of the Council on Foreign Relations and is passionate about education, innovation, emerging technology, and building high performing organizations. Dedicated cyclist, Ironman, and All-American Collegiate Squash player.

# **Senior Fellows**



## BIO

John M. Paxton, Jr.

General, United States Marine Corps, Retired

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General Paxton retired from active duty on 30 Sep 2016 after 42 years of continuous active service. He was promoted to General and assumed duties as the 33d Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps on December 15, 2012. A native of Pennsylvania, he graduated from Cornell University with a Bachelor and Master of Science in Civil Engineering and was commissioned through Officer Candidate School in 1974.

General Paxton's assignments in the operating forces included Rifle and Weapons Platoon Commander and Company Executive Officer, Co. B, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 3d Marines; Training Officer, 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment; Executive Officer, Co. G, 2d Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Marines; Company Commander, Co. L and Operations Officer, 3d Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Marines; GCE Operations Officer, II MEF, and Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division. He commanded the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 8<sup>th</sup> Marines in support of operations in Bosnia and Somalia with 22<sup>nd</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit and later the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Regiment.

Other assignments include Company Commander, Co. B, Marine Barracks Washington and Commanding Officer of Marine Corps Recruiting Station, New York. He served as a Plans Division Officer, Plans, Policies and Operations, HQMC; as Executive Assistant to the Undersecretary of the Navy; and as Amphibious Operations Officer/Crisis Action Team Executive Officer, Combined Forces Command, Republic of Korea.

As a general officer, he served as the Director, Programs Division, Programs and Resources, HQMC; the Commanding General of Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego/Western Recruiting Region; Commanding General, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division; Chief of Staff, Multi-National Forces – Iraq; Director for Operations, J-3, The Joint Staff; and Commanding General, II Marine Expeditionary Force and Commander Marine Forces Africa. He also served as Commander, Marine Corps Forces Command; Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Atlantic; and Commander, Marine Forces Europe.

General Paxton is a graduate of the U.S. Army Infantry Officer Advanced Course and Marine Corps Command and Staff College. He has also served as a Commandant's Fellow at the Brookings Institute as well as at the Council on Foreign Relations.

**The Honorable George W. Foresman**  
**Former United States Under-Secretary of Homeland Security**

Hon. George Foresman is a senior advisor on national security at the University of Virginia. He has over three decades of leadership experience in government and business, with expertise across strategy development, policy, and the operation of complex organizations.

Foresman also works with the Capstone and Pinnacle professional military education programs for general and flag officer selectees. Since 2010, he has helped to guide nearly 2,000 civilian and military executives from several hundred organizations. His multiple decades of leadership experience include top roles in 12 organizations and the design and build of seven high-profile public and private organizations from scratch. He has a track record for simultaneously managing risk, inspiring workforce change, and ensuring the delivery of best quality results across multi-billion dollar operations and thousands of employees.



George has bi-partisan credentials. He worked as an appointed official for five Virginia governors, across political parties, a U.S. President, and has extensive legislative experience.

His accomplishments include unanimous confirmation by the U.S. Senate as America's first Under Secretary of Preparedness at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and subsequent selection as its first Under Secretary for National Protection and Programs. His work with the Project for National Security Reform (PNSR), service on the Director of National Intelligence Strategic Studies Group, time as the Vice-chair of a five-year long congressional commission that assessed America's risks, experience as a cabinet secretary and public safety agency leader, and leadership of more than 25 national working groups on issues ranging from cyber security to intelligence/information sharing together give Foresman unique insights. As a successful administrator Foresman lead the unprecedented 16 month overhaul of a complex multi-billion dollar national financial management system and consolidated seven large business-human resource functions into a single enterprise in 150 days. Both transformations occurred without any interruptions, immediately produced millions of dollars in savings, and grew customer and employee satisfaction.

In addition to the current work with the University of Virginia's National Security Policy Center at the Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, George counsels business and government leaders on a range of strategy, policy, operating, financial, and technology issues. A member of numerous corporate and non-profit Boards, Foresman is also a Trustee of the General George C. Marshall Foundation and for over 30 years has participated in national and international security and defense initiatives. These include a decade of continuing service as a senior advisor on programs to protect Space as well as enhancing joint/coalition defense strategy and operations.

Mr. Foresman is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, as well as the Virginia Executive Institute. He lives near Charlottesville Virginia with his wife and two children.



**ROBERT “BOB” KEHLER**  
**GENERAL**  
**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**  
**(RETIRED)**



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

General C. Robert “Bob” Kehler is employed as a Senior Fellow for the National Defense University in support of the Pinnacle, Capstone, and Keystone programs.

General Kehler served as the Commander, United States Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM), Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, from January 2011 until November 2013. He retired from active duty 31 December 2013. As the Commander of United States Strategic Command, General Kehler was directly responsible to the Secretary of Defense and President for the plans and operations of all U. S. forces conducting global strategic deterrence, nuclear alert, global strike, space, cyberspace and associated operations. While in command, he crafted and implemented critical elements of policies and plans to deter strategic attacks against the U.S. and its key allies, and led a joint team of over 60,000 military and civilians to 100% mission success in multiple, high-stakes global operations. He also integrated Department of Defense (DOD) activities for global missile defense, combating weapons of mass destruction, and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance. His forces directly supported combat operations in Southwest Asia and North Africa.

General Kehler’s military career spanned almost thirty-nine years of service that included progressively important operational and staff assignments. He was one of a very few officers to command at the squadron, group, wing, major command, and combatant command levels, and he had a broad range of operational experience in Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM), space launch, space control, space surveillance and missile warning units. Before taking command of Strategic Command, General Kehler commanded Air Force Space Command (AFSPC) where he organized, trained, and equipped over 46,000 professionals conducting mission-ready nuclear missile, space, and cyberspace operations. In that role, he designed the Air Force’s inaugural blueprint, operating concept, organizational structure, and personnel program to meet rapidly growing cyberspace challenges. Other command tours included the 508<sup>th</sup> Missile Squadron (ICBM), 341<sup>st</sup> Operations Group (ICBM), 30th Space Wing (Space Launch), and 21<sup>st</sup> Space Wing (Missile Warning and Space Control). He also served as Deputy Commander, 351<sup>st</sup> Operations Group (ICBM), Deputy Director of Operations (AFSPC), and as Deputy Commander of USSTRATCOM.

His staff assignments included tours with the Air Staff, Strategic Air Command, Air Force Space Command, and the Joint Staff. He was also assigned to the Secretary of the Air Force’s Office of Legislative Liaison where he was the point man on Capitol Hill for matters regarding the President’s ICBM Modernization Program. As Director of the National Security Space Office, General Kehler integrated the activities of a number of DOD and Intelligence Community organizations on behalf of the Undersecretary of the Air Force and Director, National Reconnaissance Office.

He entered the Air Force in 1975 as a Distinguished Graduate of the Pennsylvania State University R.O.T.C. program, has master’s degrees from the University of Oklahoma in Public Administration and the Naval War College in National Security and Strategic Studies, and completed executive level programs at Carnegie-Mellon University, Syracuse University, and Harvard University.



General Kehler's military awards include the Defense Distinguished and Superior Service Medals, the Distinguished Service Medal (2 awards), Legion of Merit (3 awards), and the French Legion of Honor (Officer). He wears Command Space and ICBM Operations Badges.

Upon retirement, he returned to Washington, DC, where he offers consulting services from his home office. An Associate Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, he has testified before numerous Congressional Committees and has spoken widely on matters of national security. He is the S.T. Lee Distinguished Lecturer at Stanford University's Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies for academic year 2014-2015, and a Distinguished Alumnus of the Pennsylvania State University. His articles have appeared in *The Naval War College Review* and *Joint Forces Quarterly*. Time permitting; he enjoys playing the guitar, golf, and target shooting.

#### Board Positions

Boards of Directors of Inmarsat plc and Inmarsat inc, 99 City Road, London, UK – three-year terms (renewable) began May 2014

Chairman of the Board of Directors and Proxy Holder, BEI Precision Systems and Space Company, Maumelle, AR – open-ended term began October 2014.

#### Non Profit Board

Trustee, The Mitre Corporation, McLean, VA – three-year term (renewable) began March 2014.

#### Other Positions

Member, Advisory Board for Outreach and Online Education, the Pennsylvania State University – appointed May 2014.



**MICHAEL S. ROGERS**  
**ADMIRAL**  
**UNITED STATES NAVY**  
**(RETIRED)**

**Former Commander,**  
**United States Cyber Command and**  
**Former Director,**  
**National Security Agency**



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

Admiral Rogers retired from the U.S. Navy in 2018 after nearly 37 years of naval service rising to the rank of four-star admiral. He culminated his career with a four-year tour as Commander, U.S. Cyber Command and Director, National Security Agency – creating the DoD’s newest combatant command and running the U.S. government’s largest intelligence organization. In those roles he worked with the leadership of the U.S. government, the DoD and the U.S. Intelligence community as well as their international counterparts in the conduct of cyber and intelligence activity across the globe. He also assisted in the development of national and international policy with respect to cyber, intelligence and technology – including extensive work with corporate leadership in the Finance, IT, Telecommunications and Technology sectors.

During his broader service in uniform, Admiral Rogers held positions afloat and ashore around the globe focusing on cyber, intelligence, maritime operations and national security. His joint service was extensive including duty with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, U.S. Indo Pacific Command and U.S. Atlantic Command. In addition, Admiral Rogers commanded at the unit, Numbered Fleet and service component levels in the Navy.

Admiral Rogers is a graduate of Auburn University and also holds a Masters of Science in National Security. He is a distinguished graduate of the National War College and a graduate of highest distinction from the Naval War College. He is also an MIT Seminar XXI fellow and a Harvard Senior Executive in National Security alum.

Admiral Rogers is currently supporting companies in the private sector, serving as a member of various Boards or acting as a Senior Advisor. He also speaks globally to various business and academic groups and is working internationally in the cyber and national security arenas. He is a Senior Fellow and Adjunct Professor with Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Managements’ Public Private Initiative and a member of the advisory board of the Australian American Leadership Dialogue and NATO’s Cooperative Cyber Defence Center of Excellence. He is also a member of the United States Naval Institute Board of Directors.



**CURTIS M. SCAPARROTTI**  
**GENERAL**  
**UNITED STATES ARMY**  
**(RETIRED)**

**Former Commander**  
**U.S. European Command and NATO**  
**Supreme Allied Commander Europe**



Curtis “Mike” Scaparrotti is employed as a Senior Fellow for the National Defense University in support of the Pinnacle, Capstone, and Keystone programs.

In 2019, General Scaparrotti completed a distinguished 41-year career in the US Army as the Commander, US European Command and Supreme Allied Commander Europe, NATO. As the NATO Commander, General Scaparrotti worked to preserve the security and stability of the Alliance and strengthen it in the face of traditional and new-age adversaries. He collaborated with the leadership of all 29 NATO member nations, as well as the various NATO partner countries around the world.

Prior to General Scaparrotti’s leadership position at NATO and US European Command, General Scaparrotti served as the Commander of US Forces Korea / United Nations Command / Combined Forces Command in Seoul, South Korea from 2013 to 2016. He has also served as the Director of the Joint Staff, Commander of the International Security Assistance Force, the Deputy Commander of US Forces - Afghanistan, the Commanding General of I Corps and Joint Base Lewis-McChord, and the Commanding General of the 82nd Airborne Division.

Additionally, over the years, General Scaparrotti served in key leadership positions at the tactical, operational, and strategic level of the United States military. These positions have included Director of Operations at US Central Command, and the 69th Commandant of Cadets at the US Military Academy at West Point. He has commanded forces during Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan), Support Hope (Zaire/Rwanda), Joint Endeavor (Bosnia-Herzegovina), and Assured Response (Liberia).

General Scaparrotti’s awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, and the Army Meritorious Service Medal. Additionally, he has earned the Combat Action Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, and the Ranger Tab.

General Scaparrotti graduated from the US Military Academy at West Point in 1978. His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Command and General Staff College, and the US Army War College. Additionally, General Scaparrotti holds a Master’s degree in Administrative Education from the University of South Carolina.

In addition to his work with the National Defense University, General Scaparrotti is a senior counselor with The Cohen Group, a member of the Board of Directors of the Atlantic Council, a member of the Advisory Board of the Patriot Foundation, a member of the Advisory Board of the Spirit of America, and member of the Board of Directors of the Korea Defense Veterans Association.

# Pinnacle Fellows



## **Lieutenant General James W. Bierman, Jr. Commanding General, III Marine Expeditionary Force Commander, Marine Forces Japan**

Lieutenant General James W. Bierman, Jr. was born in Camp Lejeune and commissioned into the Marine Corps from the Virginia Military Institute in 1987.

As a company grade officer, Lieutenant General Bierman served as a Rifle Platoon Commander, Anti-Armor Platoon Commander, Adjutant, Commanding Officer of Headquarters and Service Company 2d Battalion, 8th Marines, Regimental Intelligence Officer, and Commanding Officer of Charlie Company 1st Battalion, 1st Marines. He participated in Operation Earnest Will in the Persian Gulf in 1988, in Operation Provide Comfort in Northern Iraq in 1991, and in Operation Restore Hope in Mogadishu, Somalia in 1992 and 1993.

As a field grade officer, Lieutenant General Bierman served as Operations Officer of 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, Commanding Officer of Recruiting Station Richmond, and as a planner and Deputy G-3, Future Operations for I Marine Expeditionary Force. In 2003, he became the Commanding Officer of 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, and led the battalion in combat in Afghanistan and Iraq. From 2003 to 2007, he participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom II, Operation Enduring Freedom VI-VII, and Operation Iraqi Freedom VI-VIII. In April 2009, Lieutenant General Bierman assumed command of 3d Marines. From 2011 to 2013, he served as the Military Secretary to the Commandant of the Marine Corps.



As a General Officer, Lieutenant General Bierman commanded the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego and Western Recruiting Region from 2013 to 2016. In 2016, he was assigned to the Joint Staff and served as Deputy Director for Political-Military Affairs for the Middle East, Strategic Plans and Policy (J5). From 2018 to 2020, he served as the Commanding General of Marine Corps Recruiting Command. From 2020 to 2021, he served as the Commanding General of 3d Marine Division. On 9 November 2021, he was promoted to Lieutenant General and assumed command of III Marine Expeditionary Force and Marine Forces Japan.

Lieutenant General Bierman is a graduate of The Basic School, Infantry Officer Course, Intelligence Officers Course, Amphibious Warfare School, Command and Staff College, School of Advanced Warfighting, and College of Naval Warfare.

Lieutenant General Bierman's personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with gold star, the Bronze Star with combat distinguishing device and two gold stars, the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with gold star, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with gold star.

# AIR FORCE

**AIR VICE-MARSHAL STEPHEN CHAPPELL, DSC, CSC, OAM**

## **Head Military Strategic Commitments**

Air Vice-Marshal Chappell joined the Royal Australian Air Force in January 1993, and undertook a Bachelor of Arts at the Australian Defence Force Academy. His first posting after flying training was to No 75 Squadron in December 1998.

In 2001, Air Vice-Marshal Chappell was selected to attend Fighter Combat Instructor (FCI) Course and upon graduation, was posted to No 2 Operational Conversion Unit as an FCI. During this instructional tour, he was attached back to No 75 Squadron for Operation FALCONER, performing the duties of FCI and flight lead over the course of the combat deployment. The following year he was promoted to Squadron Leader and posted to No 3 Squadron as a Flight Commander, before being selected as the initial exchange officer with the USAF 65th Aggressor Squadron at Nellis AFB between July 2005-December 2007.



Returning from the US in 2008, Air Vice-Marshal Chappell served as the Executive Officer at No 2 Operational Conversion Unit and was awarded an A Category FCI for his tactical and instructional abilities. Between January 2010 and December 2012, he performed Staff Officer duties at No 81 Wing and Air Combat Group Headquarters. On 1 April 2011, Air Vice-Marshal Chappell was promoted to Wing Commander and subsequently completed a Master of Military and Strategic Studies at the Australian Command and Staff College in 2013.

Air Vice-Marshal Chappell took command of No 1 Squadron at RAAF Base Amberley in December 2013. In September 2014, he deployed his squadron at short notice as part of the initial Air Task Group commitment to Operation OKRA. Handing over No 1 Squadron in June 2016, he served briefly as the Executive Officer at No 82 Wing, before attending the Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies in 2017. He was appointed as Chief of Staff to the Chief of the Defence Force on Christmas Eve 2017, where he had the privilege of supporting both ACM Binskin and GEN Campbell. In December 2018, Air Vice-Marshal Chappell was appointed Officer Commanding No 82 Wing.

On 17 November 2020 he was promoted by the Chief of Air Force to the rank of Air Commodore and posted to Director General Air Command Operations. In this role he oversaw the fusion of Air and Space Power into the Joint Force through HQ Joint Operations Command. Air Vice-Marshal Chappell was promoted to his current rank and posted as Head Military Strategic Commitments in July 2022.

Air Vice-Marshal Chappell is a keen student of history, enjoys numerous sports and is an avid reader in his spare time.





# Vice Admiral Richard Correll

## Deputy Commander, United States Strategic Command



Vice Adm. Rich Correll is a 1986 graduate of Rose Hulman Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering. He also holds a Master's in International Strategic Studies from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

His command assignments include command of USS Topeka (SSN 754); Submarine Squadron (SUBRON) 11, San Diego, California; and Submarine Group 7, Yokosuka, Japan. He also served at sea onboard the USS Henry M. Jackson (SSBN 730), USS Hyman G. Rickover (SSN 709) and USS Buffalo (SSN 715).

His staff assignments include U.S. Strategic Command, director of Plans and Policy (J5), U.S. Fleet Forces Command, director of Joint Maritime Operations (N3), Strategic Systems Programs Headquarters, Naval Personnel Command, Naval Reactors Headquarters in the "Line Locker" and an assignment on the staff of the Office of the Secretary of Defense as the military assistant to the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Strategy Plans and Forces and military assistant for the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. His last assignment was on the staff of OPNAV N2/N6 as the Director of Strategic Integration where he was responsible for integration efforts involving intelligence and warfare systems requirements. In October 2022, he assumed his current duties as the Deputy Commander U.S. Strategic Command.

Correll served on Navy teams that have been awarded the Naval Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation and Battle Efficiency E Awards.



Lieutenant General Christopher Donahue commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Infantry Branch in 1992 from the United States Military Academy at West Point. Lieutenant General Donahue served as a platoon leader in Korea, Fort Polk, Louisiana and the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Following promotion to captain, he served as a rifle company commander in 5th Battalion, 87th Infantry in Camp Kobbe, Panama. He then served as an assistant operations officer, rifle and headquarters company commander in 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment.

Lieutenant General Donahue subsequently moved to Washington, D.C. and served as Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Following his time at the Pentagon, he served as assistant operations officer, squadron operations officer, squadron executive officer,

troop commander, selection and training detachment commander, operations officer, squadron commander, and deputy brigade commander (support) within US Army Special Operations Command (USASOC) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. After attending Harvard University as a US Army War College Fellow, he returned to Fort Bragg and commanded a brigade within USASOC. He was then assigned as the Director of Operations for the US Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC). He then served as the deputy commanding general (maneuver) of the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, CO where he deployed in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve.

Lieutenant General Donahue then served as the Infantry School Commandant and Director of the Soldier Lethality Cross Functional Team at Fort Benning, GA. He then served as the Deputy Director for Special Operations and Counter-Terrorism, J-3, for the Joint Staff in Washington, D.C. He served as the Commander, Special Operations Joint Task Force-Afghanistan, and Commander, NATO Special Operations Component and US Joint Special Operations in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel. He then went on to serve as the Commander of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division and deployed to both the CENTCOM and EUCOM AoR with the IRF in support of contingency operations. He most recently took command of the 18<sup>th</sup> Airborne Corps while forward deployed in Wiesbaden, Germany in support of contingency operations in the EUCOM AoR.

He has deployed 19 times in support of operations in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, North Africa, and Eastern Europe.

His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Naval War College, and the US Army War College Fellowship at Harvard University.

Lieutenant General Donahue's awards and decorations include: Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (two with "V" device, four Oak Leaf Clusters), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Military Freefall Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and Ranger Tab.

Lieutenant General Donahue is married to Devon Donahue and they have five children: Alanna, Amir, Zachary, Haley, and Joseph.





## BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### LIEUTENANT GENERAL GREGORY M. GUILLOT

Lt. Gen. Gregory M. Guillot is Deputy Commander, U.S. Central Command, where he oversees military security cooperation and combat operations within the Arabian Peninsula, Northern Red Sea, Arabian Gulf and Central and Southern Asian States.

Lt. Gen. Guillot received his commission in 1989 from the U.S. Air Force Academy. He has commanded a flying squadron, operations group, two flying wings, and a numbered Air Force. He has served on numbered Air Force, major command, air and combatant command staffs, was an Air Force Weapons School instructor, and is a graduate of the National War College. Prior to his current assignment, Lt. Gen. Guillot was Commander, Ninth Air Force (Air Forces Central), Combined Force Air Component Commander, U.S. Central Command.

The general is a senior air battle manager with more than 1,380 flying hours.

#### EDUCATION

1989 Bachelor of Science, General Engineering, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.  
 1994 Distinguished Graduate, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.  
 1995 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
 1998 Honor Graduate, Master of Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Fla.  
 2004 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence  
 2008 Master of Strategic Studies, National War College, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.  
 2008 National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.  
 2015 Joint Flag Officer Warfighting Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
 2017 Combined Force Air Component Commander Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
 2017 Combined Force Maritime Component Commander Course, Naval Support Activity Bahrain, Manama

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1989–July 1990, Student, 82nd Training Wing, Williams Air Force Base, Ariz.
2. July 1990–October 1990, Student, Undergraduate Controller Course, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
3. October 1990–June 1995, Chief, Weapons and Tactics, 607th Air Control Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.
4. June 1995–June 1998, Weapons School Instructor, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
5. July 1998–January 2000, Chief, Weapons and Tactics, 963rd Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
6. January 2000–August 2000, Deputy Chief, Wing Weapons and Tactics, 552nd Operational Support Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
7. August 2000–July 2001, Chief, Weapons and Tactics, 607th Air Support Operations Group/Seventh Air Force, Osan Air Base, South Korea
8. July 2001–July 2003, Airborne Warning and Control System Program Manager, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Va.
9. July 2003–August 2004, Director of Operations, 966th Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
10. August 2004–February 2006, Commander, 965th Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
11. February 2006–July 2007, Deputy Director, Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Executive Action Group, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
12. July 2007–June 2008, Student, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
13. July 2008–May 2010, Chief, Command and Control Division, U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla.
14. May 2010–May 2011, Commander, 380th Expeditionary Operations Group, Al Dhafra, United Arab Emirates
15. June 2011–June 2012, Deputy Director of Operations, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.
16. June 2012–June 2013, Commander, 552nd Air Control Wing, Tinker AFB, Okla.
17. June 2013–June 2015, Commander, 55th Wing, Offutt AFB, Neb.



#### EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

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| Second Lieutenant<br>May 31, 1989    |  |
| First Lieutenant<br>May 31, 1991     |  |
| Captain<br>May 31, 1993              |  |
| Major<br>September 01, 2000          |  |
| Lieutenant Colonel<br>April 01, 2004 |  |
| Colonel<br>September 01, 2008        |  |
| Brigadier General<br>August 14, 2014 |  |
| Major General<br>August 02, 2018     |  |
| Lieutenant General<br>July 16, 2020  |  |

18. June 2015–July 2016, Director of Strategic Plans, Requirements, and Programs, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, JB Pearl Harbor–Hickam, Hawaii
19. July 2016–March 2018, Chief of Staff, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, JB Pearl Harbor–Hickam, Hawaii
20. April 2018–May 2019, Deputy Commander, U.S. Air Forces Central Command; Deputy Combined Force Air Component Commander, U.S. Central Command, Southwest Asia
21. June 2019–June 2020, Director of Operations, Headquarters U.S. Northern Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
22. July 2020–August 2020, Commander, U.S. Air Forces Central Command, Combined Force Air Component Commander, USCENTCOM, Southwest Asia
23. August 2020–July 2022, Commander, Ninth Air Force (Air Forces Central), Combined Force Air Component Commander, USCENTCOM, Southwest Asia
24. August 2022–present, Deputy Commander, USCENTCOM

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

1. July 2008–May 2010, Chief, Command and Control Division, U.S. Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., as a colonel
2. April 2018–May 2019, Deputy Commander, U.S. Air Forces Central Command; Deputy, Combined Force Air Component Commander, U.S. Central Command, Southwest Asia, as a brigadier general
3. June 2019–June 2020, Director of Operations, Headquarters U.S. Northern Command, Peterson AFB, Colo., as a major general
4. August 2022–present, Deputy Commander, USCENTCOM, as a lieutenant general

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: senior air battle manager

Flight hours: more than 1,380

Aircraft flown: E-3B/C/G, RC-135V/W/S, KC-10A, F-15D and U-2ST

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

Distinguished Service Medal

Defense Superior Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Bronze Star Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Meritorious Service Medal with silver and bronze oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

Army Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTIONS**

Second Lieutenant May 31, 1989

First Lieutenant May 31, 1991

Captain May 31, 1993

Major Sept. 1, 2000

Lieutenant Colonel April 1, 2004

Colonel Sept. 1, 2008

Brigadier General Aug. 14, 2014

Major General Aug. 2, 2018

Lieutenant General July 16, 2020

(Current as of September 2022)



# Rear Admiral John Gumbleton

**Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Budget (FMB)/Director, Fiscal Management Division, N82, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations**

Rear Adm. John Gumbleton is a native of Falmouth, Massachusetts, and graduate of Norwich University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering. He also holds a Master of Science in Information Systems from The George Washington University (GWU), a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, and attended the GWU/MIT National Security Management Course.



Operationally, he served in numerous helicopter squadrons flying the SH-60B. His sea assignments include Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light-(HSL) 44 deploying with USS Samuel B. Roberts (FFG 58) and USS Vicksburg (CG 69). Twice serving at HSL-46, he deployed with USS Ticonderoga (CG 47) as detachment officer-in-charge and also served as squadron operations officer and as detachment officer-in-charge on board USS Taylor (FFG 50). In command, he led the Vipers of HSL-48 and the Sailors and Marines of USS Boxer (LHD 4) and Expeditionary Strike Group 3.

Gumbleton's shore assignments include the Bureau of Naval Personnel as war college and graduate education detailer; flag lieutenant to Commander, Naval Air Systems Command; legislative fellow for Senator John Warner of Virginia; congressional liaison officer, Appropriations Matters Office in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (FM&C); military assistant to Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff Allied Command Transformation Staff Element Europe; senior fellow Strategic Studies Group 34; and director, Operations Division (FMB1), Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (FM&C).

In May 2020 he assumed duties as deputy assistant Secretary of the Navy for Budget (FMB)/director, Fiscal Management Division, N82, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. His previous flag assignments include director of Maritime Headquarters for U.S. Naval Forces Europe/U.S. Naval Forces Africa/U.S. Sixth Fleet, and most recently as commander, Expeditionary Strike Group 3.

His personal awards include the Legion of Merit (four awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (five awards), and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

# Vice Admiral Thomas E. Ishee

**Commander, SIXTH Fleet/ Commander, Task Force SIX/ Commander, Striking and Support Forces NATO/Deputy Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe/Deputy Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Africa/Joint Force Maritime Component Commander Europe**



Vice Admiral Ishee is a native of Danielsville, Georgia, and a 1987 graduate of the University of Georgia, where he majored in mathematics and computer science. He was commissioned in 1988 after attending Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island. He earned a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin and a Master of Arts in Security Studies from the Air War College.

His sea tours included assignments onboard submarines USS Narwhal (SSN 671), USS Sea Devil (SSN 664); Engineer Officer onboard USS Tunny (SSN 682); and Executive Officer onboard USS La Jolla (SSN 701). He Commanded USS Key West (SSN 722), where the crew was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation, the U.S. Pacific Fleet Arleigh Burke Trophy and Battle Efficiency Award. He Commanded Submarine Squadron 11, in San Diego, CA and Submarine Group 8 in Naples, IT.

His tours ashore included Assistant Professor of Naval Science at the University of Texas at Austin; Engineer and Executive Officer of Moored Training Ship MTS 626; Executive Assistant to the Deputy Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Director of Intelligence and Special Operations for Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet; Director of Operations for Commander, Submarine Group 7 and Task Force 54/74; Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Defense for U.S. Pacific Command Plans; Executive Assistant to the Chief of Naval Operations; Deputy Commander, Joint Functional Component Command-Global Strike; Deputy Commander, U.S. 6th Fleet, Director of Operations, U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa; Director, Undersea Warfare Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (N97), Washington, District of Columbia, and as Director, Global Operations, U.S. Strategic Command (J3).

Ishee is currently serving as Commander, U.S. 6th Fleet, Commander, Task Force SIX, Commander, Naval Striking and Support Forces NATO, Deputy Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa, and Joint Force Maritime Component Commander Europe.

His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal and the Navy Achievement Medal, but most meaningful are his various unit and service awards.



## **Rear Admiral Fred Kacher**

### **Vice Director for Operations, Joint Staff, J3**



Rear Adm. Fred W. Kacher is a native of Oakton, Virginia and graduated, with honors, from the United States Naval Academy in 1990 with a degree in English. He holds a Master's in Public Policy with a concentration in International Relations from Harvard's Kennedy School.

Among his sea tours, Kacher has served primarily on cruisers and destroyers, deploying multiple times as part of both the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets. At sea, he most recently served as commander of Expeditionary Strike Group SEVEN forward deployed to the Western Pacific executing four at sea patrols with AMERICA Strike Group. Previously, he served as commodore of Destroyer Squadron Seven forward deployed to Southeast Asia. Additionally, he served as the first commanding officer of USS Stockdale (DDG 106) which earned the Battle Efficiency Award in 2010. While he served as executive officer on USS Barry (DDG 52), the ship was selected for the Arleigh Burke Fleet Trophy as the most improved ship in the Atlantic Fleet.

During Kacher's first flag assignment, he served as executive officer to the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe and Commander, U.S. European Command (EUCOM). Other shore assignments include serving as chief of staff to Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, lead speechwriter to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and deputy chief of naval operations for Operations, Plans, and Strategy (N3/N5). In earlier tours, he served as special assistant to the Secretary of the Navy and as deputy executive assistant to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information, Plans, and Strategy (N3/N5). In 2006, he was selected as a White House Fellow serving on the Homeland Security Council at the White House. He assumed duties as Vice Director for Operations, Joint Staff, J3 in August 2022.

Kacher holds various individual and unit awards including multiple Battle Efficiency Awards earned by the crews he was honored to serve alongside. In 2005, Kacher was selected for the Admiral Elmo Zumwalt Award for visionary leadership after being nominated by members of USS Barry's crew and in 2015 he was named as the recipient of the U.S. Navy League's John Paul Jones Inspirational Leadership Award during his command of Destroyer Squadron Seven. A member of the Council on Foreign Relations, he is author of the book, Newly Commissioned Naval Officer's Guide and co-author of the book, Naval Officer's Guide to the Pentagon and the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of Command at Sea (U.S. Naval Institute Press).



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## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### LIEUTENANT GENERAL KEVIN B. KENNEDY

Lt. Gen. Kevin B. Kennedy is the Commander, Sixteenth Air Force; Commander, Air Forces Cyber, and Commander, Joint Force Headquarters-Cyber, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. Lt. Gen. Kennedy is responsible for more than 44,000 personnel conducting worldwide operations. Sixteenth Air Force Airmen deliver multisource intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance products, applications, capabilities and resources. In addition, they build, extend, operate, secure and defend the Air Force portion of the Department of Defense global network. Furthermore, Joint Forces Headquarters-Cyber personnel perform operational planning as part of coordinated efforts to support Air Force component and combatant commanders and, upon approval of the President and/or Secretary of Defense, the execution of offensive cyberspace operations. In his position as Sixteenth Air Force Commander, Lt. Gen. Kennedy also serves as the Commander of the Service Cryptologic Component. In this capacity, he is responsible to the Director, National Security Agency, and Chief, Central Security Service, as the Air Force's sole authority for matters involving the conduct of cryptologic activities, including the spectrum of missions related to tactical warfighting and national-level operations. The general leads the global information warfare activities spanning cyberspace operations, intelligence, targeting and weather for nine wings, one technical center and an operations center.



Lt. Gen. Kennedy received his commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1990. Following graduation, he served in a variety of flying positions including U.S. Air Force Weapons School Instructor, 34th Bomb Squadron Commander, 28th Operations Group Deputy Commander and 28th Bomb Wing Commander at Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota. Additionally, he served as the Vice Commander for the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing in Southwest Asia. His staff experience includes service on the U.S. Air Force headquarters staff, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, United States Cyber Command, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Lt. Gen. Kennedy is a command pilot with more than 3,400 flying hours in the B-1 and T-38, including combat over Afghanistan.

#### EDUCATION

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

1993 Master of Science, Systems Management, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Calif.

1996 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

1997 U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.

2003 Master of Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2004 Master of Science, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2010 Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.

2011 National Security Fellow, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.  
2013 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, University of Virginia Darden School of Business, Charlottesville, Va.  
2015 Senior Joint Information Operations Applications Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
2016 Cyberspace Operations Executive Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
2017 Cybersecurity Course, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. June 1990 – September 1991, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Williams Air Force Base, Ariz.
2. September 1991 – October 1993, Systems Engineer and Executive Officer, Follow-on Early Warning System Program Office, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.
3. October 1993 – March 1994, Student Pilot, B-1, Dyess AFB, Texas
4. March 1994 – November 1996, culminated as Aircraft Commander, 37th Bomb Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
5. November 1996 – July 1999, Evaluator Pilot, Chief of Weapons and Tactics, and Flight Commander, 34th Bomb Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
6. July 1999 – July 2002, Instructor Pilot, Flight Commander, and Assistant Director of Operations, B-1 Division, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
7. July 2002 – July 2003, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
8. July 2003 – July 2004, Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
9. June 2004 – August 2005, Branch Chief, Quadrennial Defense Review Special Projects, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
10. August 2005 – July 2007, Joint Force Structure Analyst, Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
11. July 2007 – April 2010, Chief of Safety, 28th Bomb Wing; Commander, 34th Bomb Squadron; Deputy Commander 28th Operations Group, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
12. April 2010 – June 2010, Student, Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Norfolk, Va.
13. June 2010 – June 2011, National Security Fellow, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
14. June 2011 – June 2012, Vice Commander, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Southwest Asia
15. July 2012 – April 2013, Director, Chief of Staff of the Air Force Strategic Studies Group, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
16. April 2013 – June 2015, Commander, 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
17. June 2015 – April 2017, Director, Cyberspace Operations and Warfighting Integration, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
18. April 2017 – September 2018, Principal Director to the Deputy Chief Information Officer for Command, Control, Communications and Computers and Information Infrastructure Capabilities, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Chief Information Officer, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
19. September 2018 – March 2019, Director, Cyberspace Strategy and Policy, Office of Information Dominance and Chief Information Officer, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
20. March 2019 – July 2020, Assistant Deputy Chief Information Officer, Digital Transformation and Assistant Chief of Staff for Cyber Effects Operations, Headquarters Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
21. July 2020 – July 2022, Director of Operations (J3), U. S. Cyber Command, Fort George G. Meade, Md.
22. July 2022 – present, Commander, Sixteenth Air Force; Commander, Air Forces Cyber, and Commander, Joint Force Headquarters-Cyber, JB San Antonio-Lackland, Texas

## **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. August 2005 – July 2007, Joint Force Structure Analyst, Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a major and lieutenant colonel
2. April 2017 – September 2018, Principal Director to the Deputy Chief Information Officer for Command, Control, Communications and Computers and Information Infrastructure Capabilities, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Chief Information Officer, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a brigadier general
3. July 2020 – July 2022, Director of Operations (J3), U. S. Cyber Command, Fort George G. Meade, Md., as a major general

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 3,400 hours, including 720 combat hours

Aircraft flown: B-1 and T-38

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

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

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant May 30, 1990  
First Lieutenant May 30, 1992  
Captain May 30, 1994  
Major June 1, 2001  
Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2006  
Colonel Aug. 01, 2011  
Brigadier General Oct. 2, 2015  
Major General Feb. 5, 2019  
Lieutenant General July 21, 2022

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## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEONARD J. KOSINSKI

Lt Gen Leonard J. Kosinski is Director for Logistics, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. As the Director for Logistics, he integrates logistics planning and execution in support of global operations and assists the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in fulfilling his responsibilities as the principal military advisor to the President and Secretary of Defense.

Lt Gen Kosinski received his commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1993 as a distinguished graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Operations Research. He has served in operational assignments flying the KC-135 Stratotanker, C-5 Galaxy, and C-17 Globemaster III. He is a distinguished graduate of the Defense Language Institute and was an Olmsted Scholar in Tokyo, Japan. Lt Gen Kosinski has also served in major operations including Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, ALLIED FORCE, ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, and UNITED RELIEF. Prior to his current position, the general was Deputy Commander, Fifth Air Force, and Director, Joint Air Component Coordination Element-Japan, Yokota Air Base, Japan.



#### EDUCATION

1993 Bachelor of Science, Operations Research, Distinguished Graduate, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

1994 Master of Science, Industrial Engineering, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas

1998 Squadron Officer School, Distinguished Graduate, Maxwell Air Force Base (AFB), Ala.

2000 Defense Language Institute, Distinguished Graduate, Japanese Course, Monterey, Calif.

2002 Master of Business Administration, International Corporate Strategy, Graduate School of International Corporate Strategy, Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, Japan

2003 Master of Arts, International Relations, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Medford, Mass.

2007 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2012 Master of Arts, Law and Diplomacy, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Medford, Mass.

2014 Air Force Enterprise Leadership Seminar, University of North Carolina Kenan-Flagler Business

School, Chapel Hill, N.C.

2015 Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.

2016 China, Middle East, and Europe Seminar, Washington, D.C.

2019 Program for Executives in Logistics and Technology, University of North Carolina Kenan-Flagler Business School, Chapel Hill, N.C.

2020 Capstone, National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. August 1993 - August 1994, Student, U.S. Air Force Academy Graduate School Program, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas
2. September 1994 - September 1995, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance Air Force Base, Okla.
3. October 1995 - July 1999, Assistant Operations Officer, Aircraft Commander, Special Operations Pilot and Standardization/Evaluation Pilot, 344th Air Refueling Squadron, McConnell AFB, Kan. (March 1999-June 1999, Assistant Operations Officer, Mont-de-Marsan Air Base, France)
4. August 1999 - September 2000, Student, Defense Language Institute, Monterey, Calif.
5. October 2000 - July 2002, Olmsted Scholar, Graduate School of International Corporate Strategy, Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, Japan
6. August 2002 - May 2003, Student, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Medford, Mass.
7. June 2003 - May 2005, Assistant Operations Officer and Chief, Current Operations, C-17A Globemaster III Aircraft Commander, 16th Airlift Squadron, Charleston AFB, S.C.
8. June 2005 - January 2006, Deputy Chief of Current Operations and Instructor Aircraft Commander, 437th Airlift Wing, Charleston AFB, S.C.
9. October 2005 - January 2006, Commander, 817th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, Detachment 2, Southwest Asia
10. February 2006 - January 2007, Chief, Wing Aircrew Training, Director of Operations, Instructor Aircraft Commander, 437th Operations Support Squadron, Charleston AFB, S.C.
11. February 2007 - December 2008, Chief, Northeast Asia Branch and Japan Country Director, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
12. January 2009 - June 2010, Commander, Heavy Airlift Squadron, Heavy Airlift Wing, Pápa Air Base, Hungary
13. July 2010 - May 2013, Chief of Staff of the Air Force Ph.D. Program Fellow and National Defense Fellow, The Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy, Tufts University, Medford, Mass.
14. June 2013 - June 2015, Vice Commander, 60th Air Mobility Wing, Travis AFB, Calif. (April 2014 – August 2014, Deputy Director of Mobility Forces, Southwest Asia).
15. June 2015 – July 2017, Commander, 62nd Airlift Wing, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.
16. July 2017 – August 2018, Director, Commander's Action Group, U.S. Africa Command, Stuttgart, Germany
17. August 2018 – July 2020, Director for Logistics (J4), U.S. Africa Command, Stuttgart, Germany
18. July 2020 – July 2022, Deputy Commander, Fifth Air Force, Yokota Air Base, Japan
19. August 2022 – Present, Director for Logistics, the Joint Staff, Arlington, Va.

## **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. February 2007 - December 2008, Chief, Northeast Asia Branch and Japan Country Director, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a major and lieutenant colonel
2. July 2017 – July 2020, Director, Commander's Action Group and Director for Logistics (J4), U.S. Africa Command, Stuttgart, Germany, as a colonel and a brigadier general

**FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: command pilot

Flight Hours: more than 3,300

Aircraft Flown: C-5A/B, C-12J, C-17A, KC-135 R/T/RT, T-38, and T-37

**AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit Medal with oak leaf cluster

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with oak leaf cluster

Army Commendation Medal

**OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

2005, 2008 U.S.-Japan Leadership Program Fellow, U.S.-Japan Foundation

2011-2012 French American Foundation Young Leaders program

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant June 2, 1993

First Lieutenant June 2, 1995

Captain June 2, 1997

Major Aug. 1, 2003

Lieutenant Colonel Sept. 1, 2007

Colonel Sept. 1, 2011

Brigadier General July 3, 2018

Major General May 7, 2021

Lieutenant General Aug 2, 2022

**(Current as of Aug 2022)**



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## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### LIEUTENANT GENERAL DAVID S. NAHOM

Lt. Gen. David S. Nahom is the Commander, Alaskan Command, United States Northern Command; Commander, Eleventh Air Force, Pacific Air Forces; and Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command Region, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. He is the senior military officer in Alaska, responsible for the integration of all military activities in the Alaskan joint operations area, synchronizing the activities of more than 21,000 active-duty and reserve forces from all services. As Commander of the Alaskan Region of the North American Aerospace Defense Command, Lt. Gen. Nahom directs operations to ensure effective surveillance, monitoring, and defense of the region's airspace. He is also responsible for the planning and execution of all homeland defense operations within the area of responsibility, including security and civil support actions. Lt. Gen. Nahom also commands Eleventh Air Force, overseeing the training and readiness of five wings and Air Force installations located in Alaska, Hawaii, and Guam.



Lt. Gen. Nahom was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Colorado and is a distinguished graduate of both undergraduate navigator training and Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training. During his 34-year active duty Air Force career, the general commanded at the squadron, group and wing level and is a command pilot with more than 3,400 hours in the F-22A Raptor, F-15A/B/C/D Eagle and F-111F Aardvark.

In addition to his flying and command experience, Lt. Gen. Nahom is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the NATO Defense College. He has held headquarters-level assignments at NATO Combined Air Operations Center Six, U.S. Forces Korea, Pacific Air Forces, Headquarters Air Force and Air Forces Central Command. Prior to his current assignment, Lt. Gen. Nahom was the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia.

#### EDUCATION

1988 Bachelor of Arts, Economics, University of Colorado, Boulder  
1993 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.  
2001 Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.  
2001 Master of Military Operational Arts and Science, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.  
2006 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence  
2009 NATO Defense College, Rome, Italy

#### ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. November 1988–August 1989, Student, Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training, Mather Air Force Base, Calif.
2. September 1989–October 1989, Student, AT-38 Fighter Lead-In Training, 436th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron, Holloman AFB, N.M.

3. November 1989–May 1990, Student, F-111 Replacement Training Unit, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
4. June 1990–February 1993, F-111F Weapons Systems Officer, 492nd TFTS, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom
5. March 1993–July 1994, Student, Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training, Sheppard AFB, Texas
6. August 1994–October 1994, Student, Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, Columbus AFB, Miss.
7. November 1994–June 1995, Student, F-15C Fighter Training Unit, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
8. July 1995–September 1997, Aircraft Commander, Mission Commander, 71st Fighter Squadron, Joint Base Langley Eustis, Va.
9. September 1997–December 1999, Flight Lead, Chief Squadron Scheduler, Operations Support Squadron, JB Langley-Eustis, Va.
10. December 1999–June 2000, F-15C Instructor Pilot, Assistant Director of Operations, 95th FS, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
11. June 2000–July 2001, Student, Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
12. September 2002–June 2003, Chief Wing Training, F-15C Instructor Pilot, 33rd Operations Support Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
13. June 2003–August 2005, Assistant Director of Operations, Director of Operations, 60th FS, Eglin AFB, Fla.
14. August 2005–June 2006, Chief of Wing Safety, 33rd Fighter Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla.
15. June 2006–August 2008 Commander, Deputy Commander for Maintenance Group, 60th FS, Eglin AFB, Fla.
16. July 2008–January 2009, Student/Senior Course Member, NATO Defense College, Rome, Italy
17. June 2010–July 2012, Commander, 18th Operations Group, Kadena Air Base, Japan
18. July 2012–March 2013, Executive Officer to Commander Pacific Air Forces, JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
19. March 2013–August 2014, Commander, 3rd Wing, JB Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
20. September 2014–October 2015, Director of Regional Affairs, Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force, International Affairs, Headquarters Air Force, Arlington, Va.
21. November 2016–April 2017, Deputy Director of Plans, Programs and Requirements, JB Langley-Eustis, Va.
22. April 2017–May 2018, Deputy Commander, US Air Forces Central Command; Deputy, Combined Force Air Component Commander, US Central Command, Southwest Asia
23. May 2018–September 2019, Director of Programs, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs, Headquarters Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
24. September 2019–August 2022, Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Programs, Headquarters Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
25. August 2022–Present, Commander, Alaskan Region, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Commander, Alaskan Command, U.S. Northern Command and Commander, Eleventh Air Force, Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska

### **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. July 2001–July 2002, Chief of Fighter Operations, NATO Combined Air Operations Six, Eskisehir, Turkey, as a major
2. February 2009–June 2010, Chief J37 Training, Readiness, and Exercises Division, U.S. Pacific Command, Yon San, Seoul, South Korea, as a colonel
3. August 2022–Present, Commander, Alaskan Region, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Commander, Alaskan Command, U.S. Northern Command and Commander, Eleventh Air Force, Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, as a lieutenant general

### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 3,400

Aircraft flown: F-22A, F-15 A-D, AT-38, T-38, T-37 and F-111A/F

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Distinguished Service Medal

Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters  
Aerial Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Achievement medal with two oak leaf clusters

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant August 13, 1988  
First Lieutenant August 13, 1990  
Captain August 13, 1992  
Major December 01, 1999  
Lieutenant Colonel April 01, 2004  
Colonel July 01, 2009  
Brigadier General October 17, 2014  
Major General June 02, 2018  
Lieutenant General September 04, 2019

**(CURRENT AS OF AUGUST 2022)**

# Brian A. Nichols

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WESTERN HEMISPHERE AFFAIRS  
BUREAU OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE AFFAIRS**

SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 - PRESENT



Brian A. Nichols became Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs on September 15, 2021. Assistant Secretary Nichols previously served as the U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe from 2018 to 2021. In that role, he promoted democracy, rule of law and human rights in Zimbabwe while managing multi-dimensional humanitarian crises brought on by corruption, climate change, and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Previously, Assistant Secretary Nichols served as the U.S. Ambassador to Peru from 2014 to 2017. He pioneered strategies against illegal gold mining, illegal logging, wildlife trafficking, and environmental degradation. He supported American trade and investment in Peru, increasing agricultural sales to over \$1 billion annually, defending the rights of American investors, and building the Hemisphere's largest public-private partnership—the U.S.-Peru Cacao Alliance.

Nichols was Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) from 2011 to 2013. In that capacity, he oversaw the

full range of rule of law programs, counter-narcotics, and multilateral issues managed by the bureau. From 2007 to 2010, he served as the Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Colombia, where he managed day-to-day U.S. diplomatic activities in Colombia including overseeing over \$500 million in annual assistance. Nichols led the Office of Caribbean Affairs, coordinating U.S. policy toward 14 Caribbean countries from 2004 to 2007. Prior to that, he served as Political Counselor in Indonesia, as well as tours in Mexico and El Salvador during major democratic transitions. He began his Foreign Service career as a Consular Officer in Peru in 1989.

A native of Providence, Rhode Island, Assistant Secretary Nichols has earned 27 awards during his diplomatic career, including a Presidential Distinguished Service Award, two Presidential Meritorious Service Awards and the Charles E. Cobb, Jr. Award for Initiative and Success in Trade Development.



The logo features the United States Navy seal on the left, which includes an eagle with wings spread, holding an olive branch and arrows, with a shield on its chest. 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 DOUGLAS G. PERRY**  
**Director, Undersea Warfare Division, Office of the Chief  
of Naval Operations, N97**

Rear Admiral Douglas Perry is a 1989 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. As a Flag Officer, Admiral Perry commanded Submarine Group Nine and Task Group 114.3, and served as Director, Joint and Fleet Operations, U.S. Fleet Forces Command.



He served at sea as division officer and Navy diver aboard USS Pittsburgh (SSN 720); executive officer/operations officer aboard Submarine NR-1 and executive officer of USS Maine (SSBN 741). His deployment experiences span the Caribbean and Mediterranean, Gulf of Mexico, Atlantic and Pacific. As commanding officer of USS Pasadena (SSN 752), he led the ship on highly successful deployments to the Eastern and Western Pacific.

Perry served as, Commander, Submarine Development Squadron Five where he led Submarine Force development of unmanned systems tactics and employment, and commanded the Navy's squadron of Seawolf-Class Fast Attack submarines.

Ashore, he served as Submarine Force Atlantic Chief of Staff, a branch chief for Director Undersea Warfare, on the Joint Staff as combatant commander Joint Exercise Engagement division chief and subsequent chief of staff for the Director of Joint Force Development; executive assistant to Commander, Submarine Forces Pacific Fleet; deputy commander, Submarine Squadron 7; congressional liaison in the Navy Office of Legislative Affairs and Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps instructor at Marquette University.

Rear Admiral Perry is currently serving as Director, Undersea Warfare Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (N97).



# Lieutenant General Stephen D. Sklenka

Deputy Commander, United States Indo-Pacific Command

Lieutenant General Sklenka is from Marietta, Georgia and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 1988 after graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science Degree in History.

His service in the Operating Forces includes: Headquarters Company, 6th Marines (March 1989-March 1990); S-4, Marine Detachment UNITAS (March 1990-November 1990); 6th Marines Regimental S-4A (November 1990-January 1992); 6th Marines S-4 (January 1992-May 1992); S-4, Company Executive Officer, Detachment S-3, Detachment Commander, and Company Commander, with 1st Landing Support Battalion (July 1992-June 1995); S-4, 7th Marines (August 1998-June 2001); Executive Officer, Combat Service Support Group-15 (June 2004-March 2005); Commanding Officer, MSSG-11/Combat Logistics Battalion-11, 11th MEU(SOC); AC/S G-3, 1st Force Service Support Group (Fwd) (February 2010-December 2010); Chief of Staff of 1st Marine Logistics Group (Fwd) and Commanding Officer, Combat Logistics Regiment-15 and the Logistics Combat Element of the ISAF MAGTF (December 2010-May 2013); Commanding General, 1st Marine Logistics Group (July 2017-July 2019).



His service outside of the Operating Forces includes: Instructor Group and as Commanding Officer of Training Support Company, Support Battalion, The Basic School (June 1996-August 1998); Current Operations Branch and then Prepositioning Head in Expeditionary Policies Branch of Plans, Policies, and Operations (PP&O), Headquarters Marine Corps (July 2002-June 2004); Materiel Division Head and Deputy J4, US Special Operations Command (June 2007-January 2010); Principal Director for South and Southeast Asia in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (September 2015-June 2017); J5, Director for Strategic Planning and Policy, United States Indo-Pacific Command (August 2019-August 2021).

His deployments include Operation JUST CAUSE, Panama; Marine Detachment UNITAS, South America; Operations DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait; Operation RESTORE HOPE, Somalia; Operation VIGILANT WARRIOR, Kuwait; Operation IRAQI FREEDOM II, Iraq; 11th MEU(SOC), Pacific and Central Commands; Operation ENDURING FREEDOM-10 and ENDURING FREEDOM-12, Afghanistan.

He has completed The Basic School, Ground Supply Officers Course, Logistics Officers Course, Amphibious Warfare School, Naval Command and Staff College, Air War College (Nonresident), and was a CMC Fellow with the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C. He received a Master's Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, and a Master's Degree with a concentration in Unconventional Warfare from American Military University. He has also completed the Timothy T. Day Foundation Marine Corps Executive Fellowship at the Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program.

Lieutenant General Sklenka assumed the duties as Deputy Commander, United States Indo-Pacific Command on 16 August 2021.

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## **LIEUTENANT GENERAL SIR RALPH WOODDISSE KCB CBE MC**

### **Commander Field Army**

Lieutenant General Sir Ralph Wooddisse joined the Army in 1991 after completing a degree at University College London. His first posting was to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment, an armoured infantry battalion based in Germany. In the first part of his career he served in a number of junior officer appointments, saw operational service in Northern Ireland and Bosnia, and trained extensively in Canada, Norway, France and Brunei.

In 2000 he was selected to command a rifle company before attending Staff College for two years. Post Staff College, he returned to sub-unit command where he deployed on a number of operations of varying length and intensity, including to Iraq. His first staff job was as the Military Assistant to the Chief of Staff of the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps, a post which included a tour to Kabul as part of HQ ISAF. He assumed command of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment in March 2009, first in Germany and then in Cyprus from where he commanded the Theatre Reserve Battalion.

After completing the Higher Command and Staff Course he served in the Ministry of Defence where he was responsible for military planning for a variety of operations and contingencies. He commanded 38 (Irish) Brigade between 2013-2015 before completing two years as the Assistant Chief of Staff J3 at PJHQ.

He commanded the 1<sup>st</sup> (United Kingdom) Division in May 2017 and was appointed as Assistant Chief of the General Staff in November 2018. Lieutenant General Sir Ralph Wooddisse was appointed Commander Field Army in April 2021.

He is married to Louise and has three daughters aged 19, 18 and 16.