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BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

GENERAL GREGORY M. GUILLOT

Gen. Gregory M. Guillot is Commander, United States Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command. USNORTHCOM conducts homeland defense, civil support, and security cooperation to defend and secure the United States and its interests. NORAD conducts aerospace warning, aerospace control and maritime warning in the defense of North America.

Gen. Guillot received his commission in 1989 from the U.S. Air Force Academy. He also holds a Master in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and a Master of Strategic Studies from the National War College. He has commanded a flying squadron, operations group, two flying wings, and a Numbered Air Force, including the 965th Airborne Air Control Squadron, 380th Expeditionary Operations Group, 552nd Air Control Wing, 55th Wing, and Ninth Air Force (Air Forces Central).

The general is a senior air battle manager with more than 1,380 flying hours in E-3B/C/G and RC-135V/W/S aircraft.

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



EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant
May 31, 1989

First Lieutenant
May 31, 1991

Captain
May 31, 1993

Major
September 01, 2000

Lieutenant Colonel
April 01, 2004

Colonel
September 01, 2008

Brigadier General
August 14, 2014

Major General
August 02, 2018

Lieutenant General
July 16, 2020

General
February 04, 2024



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.
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–February 2024, Deputy Commander, USCENTCOM, MacDill AFB, Fla.
25. February 2024–present, Commander, United States Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command, Peterson Space Force Base, Colo.

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 major general
3. June 2019–June 2020, Director of Operations, Headquarters U.S. Northern Command, Peterson AFB, Colo., as a major general
4. July 2020–July 2022, Commander, Ninth Air Force (Air Forces Central), Combined Force Air Component Commander, USCENTCOM, Southeast Asia, as a lieutenant general
5. August 2022–February 2024, Deputy Commander, USCENTCOM, MacDill AFB, Fla., as a lieutenant general
6. February 2024–present, Commander, United States Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command, Peterson Space Force Base, Colo., as a 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

Defense Superior Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

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 and Space Commendation Medal

Army Commendation Medal

Air and Space Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

IDF Chief of Staff Medal of Honor

(Current as of February 2024)



Senior Fellows



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.



Faller, Craig

ADM, USN (Ret)

Craig Faller is a retired four-star Admiral who has successfully led large, complex organizations with billion-dollar annual operating budgets.

He currently serves on the board of directors of Huntington Ingalls Industries (HII), Sigma Defense and VIKEN Detection. He is an advisor to

other companies with diverse portfolios ranging from energy to financial technology. Additionally, he is Chairman of the Board of the Surface Navy

Association, a Trustee at the

Center for Naval Analysis, on the Advisory Board of the Penn State Applied Research Laboratory (ARL), a Distinguished Fellow at the Atlantic Council, Senior Fellow at the National Defense University, and a Senior Fellow at Florida International University (FIU).



From 2018 to 2021 he Commanded United States Southern Command in Miami, Florida where he led a diverse team of 7000 people with an annual operating budget of over \$1 billion. In this role, he enhanced Western Hemisphere security by building strong, trusted partnerships between the United States military and Latin American and Caribbean security forces.

Previously, Faller served as the top-most military assistant to the Secretary of Defense, James N. Mattis. He assisted the defense secretary on all matters from military operations, national security strategy development, management of the department's \$700 + billion budget, and global engagement with world leaders. As the Department of the Navy's Chief of Legislative Affairs, and the top Navy liaison with Congress, he engaged with Congress on the Navy's annual budget and all Navy programs from research and development to acquisition.

Faller has other, extensive experience leading large teams to include commanding the Navy's 5,000 person recruiting organization, the Director of Operations for United States Central Command, where he coordinated military operations and activities across the Middle East, command of an aircraft carrier strike group, and two warships the USS Stethem (DDG-63), and USS Shiloh (CG-63).

He is a 1983 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Systems Engineering and a distinguished graduate of the Naval Postgraduate School with a Master's in National Security Affairs (Strategic Planning). A nuclear trained surface warfare officer, Faller was a student, instructor, and operator in the Naval Nuclear Power Program.



Foresman, George

Honorable, DHS (Ret)

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

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 works with the Capstone and Pinnacle professional military education programs for general/flag officers and Senior Executive Service. Since 2010 he has helped to guide the development of over 2,500 civilian and military senior executives across several hundred organizations.

His experience includes 12 top leadership roles and the design/build of seven high-profile public and private organizations from scratch. His bi-partisan service includes Senate confirmation to top state and federal national security cabinet roles, where among other responsibilities he led the creation of the National Response Framework.

George continues to help advance America's comprehensive approach to managing contingencies. He guides and facilitates whole of government and multi-national



wargames for the defense department and inter-agency, including the US Space Force sponsored Schriever (space) series.

At UVA, Foresman serves as the Executive Director of the National Security Policy Center at the Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy. He also counsels business and government leaders on a range of strategy, policy, operating, financial, and technology issues. He is member of numerous corporate and non-profit Boards, to include serving as a Trustee of the General George C. Marshall Foundation.

George Foresman is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute and the Virginia Executive Institute. George and his wife Gail live near Charlottesville Virginia. They are the proud parents of two college students.



JOHN M. PAXTON, JR.
GENERAL
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
(RETIRED)

**Former Assistant Commandant of the
Marine Corps**



John M. ("Jay") Paxton is employed as a Highly Qualified Expert - Senior Mentor for the Joint Staff J7 in support of Combatant Command and Joint Task Force Operations and Exercises. He is also employed as a Senior Fellow for the National Defense University in support of the Pinnacle, Capstone, and Keystone programs. Additional federal government work includes membership on the Board of Trustees for the Institute for Defense Analysis, an FFRDC, where he concurrently serves as a Senior Fellow in support of the Defense Science Study Group.

General Paxton was born in Chester, PA and raised in nearby Broomall. He graduated from Cornell University in Ithaca, NY with a Bachelor of Science (1973) and Master of Civil Engineering (1974). He then attended Officer Candidate School in Quantico, VA and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.

Initial assignments in the operating forces included Rifle and Weapons Platoon Commander and Company Executive Officer in Co. B, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines followed by Regimental Training Officer for 4th Marines and then Executive Officer, Co. G, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines. As a Captain he commanded Co. L, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines. This was preceded and succeeded by service as Battalion Operations Officer. As a Major and LtCol he served as an Operations and Exercise Officer in II MEF and subsequently commanded 1st Battalion, 8th Marines for 27 months. They were redesignated BLT 1/8 and deployed with 22nd MEU in 1993-94 as Landing Force Sixth Fleet in support of stability operations in Bosnia and later as United Nations Quick Reaction Force in Mogadishu, Somalia. Returning to II MEF he served briefly as Deputy G-3 Operations for 2nd Marine Division. As a Colonel, Paxton returned to Camp Pendleton and 1st Marine Division where he was the G-3 Division Operations officer for one year followed by command of 1st Marine Regiment for two years.

His non-fleet tours include Marine Barracks, Washington, DC where he commanded Company B as a Captain and Marine Corps Recruiting Station New York which he commanded for three years as a Major. He served in Plans Division for the Deputy Commandant for Plans, Policies, and Operations as a LtCol. This was followed by a tour as the Executive Assistant and Marine Aide to the Under Secretary of the Navy. Paxton was also designated a Joint Qualified Officer and served initially as Amphibious Operations Officer and concurrently as Executive Officer of the Crisis Action Team at Combined Forces/United States Forces/United Nations Command, Korea.

As a general officer, Paxton served initially as Director, Programs Division, Deputy Commandant Programs and Resources. This was followed by three years as Commanding General of Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region. He then assumed command of 1st Marine Division for a year followed by a subsequent year as Chief of Staff for Multi-National Forces – Iraq. He returned to the Joint Staff for just under three years serving most of that tour as J-3, Director of Operations. Returning to the Marine Corps, he assumed command of II Marine Expeditionary Force and Commander Marine Forces Africa. That was succeeded as Commanding General Marine Corps Forces Command, Commanding General Fleet Marine Force Atlantic, and Commander Marine Forces Europe. He was promoted to General on 15 Dec 2012 and served as Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps until his retirement in August of 2016, completing over 42 years of commissioned service.

General Paxton is a graduate of the U.S. Army Infantry Officer Advanced Course and the Marine Corps Command and Staff College. He also served as a Commandant's Fellow at the Brookings Institute and the Council on Foreign Relations. He lives in northern Virginia with his wife Debbie. They are the proud parents of three adult children.



VanHerck, Glen

Gen, USAF (Ret)

Glen VanHerck is a visionary senior leader leveraging more than 36 years of service culminating as commander of both the North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command. He brings a wealth of experience in strategy and policy development, and joint planning and operations. Glen is the Principal at Glen VanHerck Advisors, LLC, and he serves as a strategic advisor to multiple companies spanning various industry sectors. He also serves as an advisor to the United States Global Leadership Coalition, the Wilson Center's Canada Institute while also serving as a board member for First State Community Bank in his hometown.



Glen served for nearly 37 years on active duty in the United States Air Force, in multiple assignments spanning fighter, bomber, and training operations including serving as a United States Air Force Weapons School Instructor in the F-15C and the B-2A. He commanded two squadrons, an operations group, and two operational wings. He also commanded the United States Air Force Warfare Center at Nellis AFB, Nevada.

Glen spent his last seven years on active duty serving in joint assignments. Prior to commanding NORAD and NORTHCOM, he served as Director of the Joint Staff. In

this role he advised the Chairman, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in their roles as advisors to the Secretary of Defense and President, served as the Joint Staff Inspector General, and led daily operations for the Joint Staff. He also served as the Vice Director of the Joint Staff and the Vice Director of Strategy, Plans, and Policy (J5). Glen played critical roles in the development of the 2018 National Defense Strategy, the National Military Strategy, the Missile Defense Review, Nuclear Posture Review, stand up of United States Space Command, and responses to COVID, civil unrest, and global instability. At NORAD and NORTHCOM he led the commands and the Dept of Defense in the implementation of the Global Information Dominance Experiments (GIDE). Other joint assignments include serving as the Director, Plans and Integration, JFCC-GS, United States Strategic Command. He is a command pilot with more than 4,000 flying hours in the F-15C, F-35A, B-2A, and B-1B and a FAA licensed Airline Transport Pilot.

Glen is a graduate of the University of Missouri. He received graduate degrees from the University of Central Missouri and the Naval War College. He is passionate about growing leader's, the use of emerging technologies such as AI/ML to create time, decision space, and organizational efficiencies, and globally integrated all domain operations and planning.

Glen and his wife Marilyn have been married since 1988 and reside in Missouri.

Pinnacle Fellows



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT GENERAL M. LUKE AHMANN

Lt. Gen. Luke Ahmann is the Commander, Continental U.S. North American Aerospace Defense Command Region; Commander, 1st Air Force (U.S. Air Forces Northern and U.S. Air Forces Space), Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. As the Combined/Joint Force Air Component Commander, he is responsible for planning and conducting air defense and air sovereignty operations in the continental United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands; supporting the deployment, sustainment and redeployment of U.S. Air Forces in support of U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Space Command; providing Defense Support of Civil Authorities; executing Theater Security Cooperation with partner nations; and planning and executing contingency support operations for NASA human space flight programs. He ensures Civil Air Patrol is organized, trained and equipped to fulfill Air Force assigned missions; the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center executes inland search and rescue coordination; the Air Force National Security Emergency Preparedness deploys and sustains Air Force Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officers; and Detachment 3 (Patrick Space Force Base, Florida) effectively trains Department of Defense personnel for the rescue, recovery, retrieval, and worldwide support of NASA's human space flight programs.

Lt. Gen. Ahmann received his commission from the United States Air Force Academy in 1993. Prior to his current position, he served as Deputy Director, Capability Development, Air Force Futures, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia, and the Acting Director of Air National Guard Plans, Programs and Requirements for the National Guard Bureau, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. Lt. Gen. Ahmann previously served as the Deputy Director, Strategy, Policy and Plans at both U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Central Command. He has also served in multiple squadron, group, wing and staff capacities and commanded an F-16 fighter squadron and maintenance group.

Lt. Gen. Ahmann is a command pilot with more than 2,500 flight hours, including 325 combat hours, and extensive aerospace control alert experience in Operation Noble Eagle. He served in five combat deployments supporting Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, Freedom's Sentinel, Inherent Resolve, and commanded a Theater Security Package to Republic of Korea. Prior to his current position, Lt. Gen. Ahmann served as Director, Programs and Requirements, National Guard Bureau and acting Vice Chief National Guard Bureau, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

EDUCATION

- 1993 Bachelor of Science, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 1994 Lieutenant Professional Development Program, Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass.
- 1997 Master of Business Administration, Management, Bentley University, Mass.
- 1998 United States Air Force Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2005 United States Air Force Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2012 National Security Fellowship, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Mass.
- 2013 LEAN/Six Sigma Green Belt Certification, Thayer Engineering School, Dartmouth College, N.H.
- 2014 University of Tennessee Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century, Executive Leadership Course, 158th Fighter Wing, Vt.
- 2015 Air National Guard Commander's Development Course, Andrews AFB, Md.
- 2015 Senior Leader Mission Generation Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2016 Distinguished Certificate-General Management, Darden School of Business, University of Virginia, Charlottesville
- 2019 Leading Strategically, Center for Creative Learning, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 2020 Air Force Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- 2021 Air Force Senior Leader Orientation Course, Flatter Inc., Arlington, Va.
- 2021 National Security Management Course, The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Policy, Syracuse University, N.Y.
- 2022 General and Flag Officer Homeland Security Executive Seminar, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Mass.



EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	
June 02, 1993	
First Lieutenant	
June 02, 1995	
Captain	
June 02, 1997	
Major	
November 01, 2001	
Lieutenant Colonel	
November 30, 2005	
Colonel	
April 03, 2014	
Brigadier General	
April 11, 2019	
Major General	
June 15, 2023	
Lieutenant General	
October 02, 2024	

2022 Artificial Intelligence for National Security Leaders, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.
2023 Advanced Senior Leader Development Seminar, The Airlie House, Warrenton, Va.
2023 CAPSTONE General and Flag Officer Course, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
2023 Senior Executives in National and International Security Seminar, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Mass.
2023 United States Air Force Enterprise Perspective Seminar, Alan L. Freed Associates, Capitol Hill Club, Washington, D.C.
2024 Disruptive Technology Course, National Intelligence University, Bethesda, Md.
2024 Combined Force Air Component Commander Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1993–January 1997, Granite Sentry Deputy Program Manager, Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass.
2. January 1997–March 1998, Electromagnetic Compatibility Project Manager, Joint Spectrum Center, Annapolis, Md.
3. March 1998–September 1999, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin AFB, Texas
4. September 1999–December 1999, Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, Randolph AFB, Texas
5. January 2000–May 2000, F-16 Student, 162nd Fighter Wing, Arizona Air National Guard, Tucson, Ariz.
6. June 2000–April 2001, F-16 Pilot, 134th Fighter Squadron, South Burlington, Vt.
7. April 2001–July 2002, Assistant Chief of Standardization/Evaluation, 134th FS, South Burlington, Vt.
8. August 2002–September 2003, Assistant Chief of Weapons and Tactics, 134th FS, South Burlington, Vt.
9. October 2003–October 2005, Detachment Vice Commander, 158th Aerospace Control Alert Detachment, Shaw AFB, S.C.
10. November 2005–June 2007, Assistant Director of Operations and Fighter Enhancement Program Manager, 134th FS, South Burlington, Vt.
11. June 2007–February 2009, Director of Operations, 134th FS, South Burlington, Vt.
12. February 2009–April 2011, Commander, 134th FS, South Burlington, Vt.
13. April 2011–July 2011, Assistant to Commander, 158th Operations Group, South Burlington, Vt.
14. July 2011–June 2012, National Security Fellow, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Mass.
15. July 2012–March 2014, Chief of Wing Plans and Inspector General, 158th FW, South Burlington, Vt. (February 2014–October 2014, Strategic Analyst, National Guard Bureau, Andrews AFB, Md.)
16. March 2014–March 2015, Director of Plans and Operations, Joint Force Headquarters, Colchester, Vt.
17. April 2015–June 2016, Commander, 158th Maintenance Group, South Burlington, Vt.
18. June 2016–July 2017, Director of Operations, Joint Force Headquarters, Colchester, Vt. (July 2016–January 2017, Air Reserve Component Advisor (Forward) to U.S. Air Forces Central, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar)
19. August 2017–July 2018, Air National Guard Advisor to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters, United States Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
20. July 2018–April 2019, Chief, Design Blueprint Division, Air Force Warfighting Integration Capability and Chief, Air National Guard AFWIC Division, Plans, Programs and Requirements, National Guard Bureau, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
21. April 2019–June 2021, Deputy Director, Strategy, Policy, and Plans (DJ5), North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
22. June 2021–December 2022, Deputy Director, Strategy, Plans and Policy (DJ5), United States Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla. (November 2022–January 2023, Acting Director, Air National Guard Plans, Programs and Requirements, National Guard Bureau, Joint Base Andrews, Md.)
23. January 2023–August 2023, Deputy Director, Capability Development, Air Force Futures, Headquarters Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
24. August 2023–August 2024, Director, Programs and Requirements, National Guard Bureau (NGB-J8), the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
25. August 2024–October 2024, Special Assistant to Chief, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Va. (acting Vice Chief, National Guard Bureau)
26. October 2024–present, Commander, 1st Air Force (Air Forces Northern and Air Forces Space) and Commander, Continental U.S. North American Aerospace Defense Command Region, Tyndall AFB, Fla.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 2019–June 2021, Deputy Director, Strategy, Policy, and Plans (DJ5), North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., as a brigadier general
2. June 2021–December 2022, Deputy Director, Strategy, Plans and Policy (DJ5), United States Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla., as a brigadier general
3. August 2023–August 2024, Director, Requirements and Programming, National Guard Bureau (NGB-J8), the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a major general
4. August 2024–September 2024, Special Assistant to Chief, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Va. (acting Vice Chief, National Guard Bureau) as a major general
5. October 2024–present, Commander, 1st Air Force (Air Forces Northern and Air Forces Space) and Commander, Continental U.S. North American Aerospace Defense Command Region, Tyndall AFB, Fla.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 2,500 hours including 325 combat hours

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

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Aerial Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air and Space Commendation Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1994 Computer Resources Acquisition Course, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas
1994 Acquisition Fundamentals Course, Lowry AFB, Colo.
1997 Program Management, Acquisition Professional Development Program (APDP), Level I
1997 Systems Planning, Research, Development, and Engineering (APDP), Level I

(Current as of October 2024)





LTG GREGORY “Greg” K. ANDERSON
Commanding General and Senior Mission Commander
XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Lieutenant General Gregory K. Anderson assumed command of the XVIII Airborne Corps on December 6, 2024. He is the 40th commander of America’s Contingency Corps, home to more than 80,000 Soldiers across 11 installations.

LTG Anderson comes to Fort Bragg having previously served in a host of command and leader positions from platoon leader to division commander, including assignments in the 7th Infantry Division, 1st Armored Division, 75th Ranger Regiment, United States Special Operations Command, 173rd IBCT (ABN), United States Central Command, United States Africa Command, and 10th Mountain Division (Light).

He is a native of San Jose, California and commissioned as an Infantry officer upon graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1991. He holds two master’s degrees: a M.S. degree from the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA and a M.A. from the United States Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA.

LTG Anderson has deployed 17 times including operational experience in Haiti, Panama, Bosnia, the Baltic States, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Eastern Europe. Previous command positions include 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division (Light); 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment; 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), and the 10th Mountain Division (Light).

LTG Anderson has more than 7 years of joint assignments, including a deployment as the Director for Joint Interagency Task Force West, in Iraq.

His Military Awards and Decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Combat Infantryman’s Badge, Expert Infantryman’s Badge, Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, and Air Assault Badge.

DEPUTY CHIEF OF NAVY AUSTRALIA

Rear Admiral Matthew Paul Buckley, AM, CSC, RAN



RADM Matt Buckley, AM, CSC, RAN assumed the role of Deputy Chief of Navy on 24 January 2025.

RADM Buckley was born in Sydney Australia, spending his school years growing up on the NSW South Coast. He joined the Royal Australian Navy in January 1990 and graduated from the Australian Defence Force Academy in December 1992.

RADM Buckley spent the tactical phase of his career serving in Oberon and Collins Class submarines, with highlights being two years on exchange in a Canadian Submarine based in Halifax Nova Scotia, and serving in the commissioning crew of HMAS *Rankin*. Following completion of the Submarine Command Course “Perisher” and the tactical phase of the USN Submarine Command Course, RADM Buckley commanded the Submarine HMAS *Collins* and later served as the Commander of the Australian Submarine Force. RADM Buckley’s sea service was extensively in the Western Pacific, fostering a deep interest in the region.

RADM Buckley has served in a number of senior staff appointments including as Director Submarine Capability, Director General Navy Operations, Director General Navy People and Head of Nuclear Submarine Capability. He is a graduate of the Australian Defence and Strategic Studies course where he received the Secretary of Defence - Chief of Defence Force prize. RADM Buckley commenced as Deputy Chief of Navy in January 2025.

RADM Buckley was awarded the Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC) in the Queen’s Birthday Honours List in June 2015 for his contribution to the Submarine Capability, and in January 2024 was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for exceptional service in senior leadership roles within the Royal Australian Navy. He was awarded a Bachelor of Arts and a Masters of Strategy and Policy from the University of New South Wales, and a Masters of International Relations from Deakin University.

RADM Buckley is married to Ingrid and together they have three sons, Xavier, Joel and Marcus. RADM Buckley maintains a keen interest in global affairs and enjoys casual BBQ’s with family and friends. He is an enthusiastic participant in a range of outdoor adventure sports and activities, including trail running, mountain biking and surfing.



Noëlle D. Bujold
Executive Secretary
Central Intelligence Agency
Senior Intelligence Service-4

Ms. Bujold is the CIA Executive Secretary where she leads the CIA Operations Center and the Director's Action Staff in providing current intelligence and staff support to the Agency senior leadership team and Mission Centers. Bujold has over thirty years of experience in analysis, operations, crisis management, and Intelligence Community liaison. Her previous key assignments and significant achievements include:

- DCIA Representative to the Office of the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon
- Chief of Targeting in the Office of the Associate Director for Military Affairs where she managed CIA vetting and deconfliction of US military targeting, CIA and DoD Special Programs integration, plus targeting and cyber policy formulation
- Director, Critical Mission Assurance Program where she led the Agency's Continuity of Operations (COOP) and Continuity of Government (COG) business lines
- Deputy Chief, National Counterterrorism Center's (NCTC) Operations Management Group—the home of the Center's Special Events Intelligence Coordinator and the Mission Assurance Program
- Counterterrorism Advisor and Planner for URS Corporation in Boston, Massachusetts where she specialized in chemical facility, rail, and maritime vulnerability assessments
- Senior Analyst on an FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force
- Chief, Counterterrorism Center Current (CTC) Action Staff
- Deputy Chief, CIA Operations Center where she led the seamless continuation of CIA mission during the Headquarters evacuation on 9/11
- White House Current Intelligence Officer on the National Security Staff of the Vice President
- CIA Representative to the Pentagon's National Military Command Center/National Military Joint Intelligence Center
- Intelligence Liaison Staff Action Officer for the US Military Commands and a key international partner
- White House Situation Room Duty officer during the first Gulf War on the staff of President George H. W. Bush

Bujold has been recognized with the Presidential Rank Award for her sustained contributions to mission. Her other commendations and awards include the CIA Director's Award, Agency Outstanding Performance Award, and the DNI National Intelligence Professional Unit Integration Award.

Ms. Bujold was born in Los Angeles, California, but grew up in Maine and Belgium. She is an alumna of the National War College where she earned a Master of Science degree in National Security Strategy and Policy. She also holds a certificate in Enterprise Executive Stewardship from Harvard Business School. Ms. Bujold completed her undergraduate studies at Middlebury College in Vermont in International Affairs with concentrations in French and German. Noëlle is a former NCAA Division 1 skier and she continues that interest through junior coaching, officiating, and racing on the US Masters circuit. She is married to a retired Agency officer and is the proud mother of a college-age daughter.



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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT GENERAL SEAN M. FARRELL

Lt. Gen. Sean M. Farrell is Deputy Commanding General for U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. He ensures the readiness of joint special operations forces and, as directed, conducts operations worldwide.

Lt. Gen. Farrell was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Florida State University. He is a command pilot with over 3,500 flight hours in the AC-130H Spectre, AC-130W Stinger, AC-130U Spooky and C-130E Hercules aircraft. He has commanded at the wing, group, and squadron levels.

Prior to this assignment, he served as the Deputy Commanding General, Joint Special Operations Command, Fort Liberty, North Carolina.

EDUCATION

1990 Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Florida State University, Tallahassee
1993 Master of Science, Applied Behavioral Science, Communications Systems technology, Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio
1998 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2004 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2009 Air War College, Maxwell AFB Ala., by correspondence
2012 Master of Science, National Resource Strategy, The Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. February 1991–February 1992, student, undergraduate pilot training, Williams Air Force Base, Ariz.
2. February 1992–December 1993, student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
3. December 1993–November 1994, Program Manager for International Cooperation, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
4. November 1994–March 1997, C-130E Pilot, Training Officer, Moody AFB, Ga.
5. March 1997–April 1998, AC-130H Pilot, Chief of Flight Safety, 16th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
6. April 1998–April 2000, Instructor Pilot, Chief of Squadron Safety, 16th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
7. April 2000–April 2001, Evaluator Pilot, Flight Commander, 16th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
8. April 2001–April 2002, AC-130H, Chief Pilot, Standardization and Evaluation, 16th Operations Group, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
9. April 2002–April 2003, AC-130H/U, Chief Pilot, Standardization and Evaluation, Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
10. April 2003–February 2004, Chief, Standards and Evaluations AC-130 Branch, Headquarters AFSOC, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
11. February 2004–March 2006, Operations Officer, Readiness Division, J-3, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
12. March 2006–January 2008, Operations Officer, 16th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
13. January 2008–June 2009, Commander, 16th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla., and Cannon AFB, N.M.
14. August 2009–September 2009, Deputy Commander, 1st Special Operations Group, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
15. September 2009–April 2010, C-130J Program Element Monitor, Secretary of the Air Force, Acquisitions, Global Reach, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
16. April 2010–December 2010, Chief, Tactical Airlift Branch, Secretary of the Air Force, Acquisitions, Global Reach, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
17. December 2010–April 2011, Chief, Tactical Airlift, Special Operations Forces and Trainer Division, Secretary of the Air Force, Acquisitions, Global Reach, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
18. August 2011–June 2012, Student, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
19. June 2012–June 2013, Senior Analyst, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
20. June 2013–January 2015, Commander, 27th Special Operations Group, Cannon AFB, N.M.



EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant
April 29, 1990



First Lieutenant
September 17, 1992



Captain
September 17, 1994



Major
October 01, 2001



Lieutenant Colonel
September 01, 2006



Colonel
February 01, 2012



Brigadier General
June 01, 2017



Major General
December 01, 2019



Lieutenant General
March 08, 2024



21. January 2015–June 2016, Commander, 1st Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
22. June 2016–July 2018, Director, Strategic Plans, Programs and Requirements, AFSOC, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
23. July 2018–June 2019, Director, Air Force Security Assistance and Cooperation Directorate, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
24. June 2019–June 2021, Director, Force Structure, Requirements, Resources and Strategic Assessments, U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, Fla.
25. June 2021 – March 2024, Deputy Commanding General, Joint Special Operations Command, Fort Liberty, N.C.
26. March 2024 – present, Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, Fla.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. February 2004–March 2006, Operations Officer, Readiness Division, J-3, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a major
2. June 2012–June 2013, Senior Analyst, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a colonel
3. June 2019–June 2021, Director, Force Structure, Requirements, Resources and Strategic Assessments, U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, Fla., as a major general
4. June 2021 – March 2024, Deputy Commanding General, Joint Special Operations Command, Fort Liberty, N.C., as a major general
5. March 2024 – present, Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, Fla., as a lieutenant general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: more than 3,500

Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, C-130E, AC-130H, AC-130W, C-146A, PC-12, U-28, MC-130J, CV-22 and AC-130U

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Distinguished Flying Cross with "V" device

Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with five oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air and Space Commendation Medal

(Current as of April 2024)





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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT GENERAL DEREK C. “TRAPPER” FRANCE

Lt. Gen. Derek C. France is Commander, Ninth Air Force (Air Forces Central), Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina, and the Combined Forces Air Component Commander for U.S. Central Command, Southwest Asia. In these roles, the general is responsible for developing contingency plans and conducting air operations in a 21-nation area of responsibility covering Central and Southwest Asia.

Lt. Gen. France received his commission in 1992 after graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy. He has served as an instructor pilot, weapons officer, weapons school instructor, and as an Instructor Pilot in the Royal Saudi Air Force Fighter Weapons School in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Lt. Gen. France has commanded at the squadron, group, wing and Air Expeditionary Wing levels. He has also served as a National Defense Fellow at the Department of State, the Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, J3, United States Forces Korea, and as the Senior Executive Officer to the Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force. Prior to assuming his current assignment, General France was the Commander, Third Air Force, Ramstein Air Base, Germany.



EDUCATION

1992 Bachelor of Science, Engineering Sciences, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

1999 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2003 Air Command and Staff Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2006 Naval Command and Staff College, Newport, R.I.

2006 Master of Science, National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

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

2011 National Defense Fellowship, U.S. Department of State Senior Seminar, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. October 1992–October 1993, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas

2. April 1994–November 1994, Student, F-15C Basic Course, 95th Fighter Squadron, 325th Fighter Wing, Tyndall AFB, Fla.

3. December 1994–December 1997, Pilot, Instructor Pilot, and Flight Examiner, 54th Fighter Squadron, 3rd Wing, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska

4. January 1998–June 1998, Student, USAF Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nev.

5. July 1998–June 2000, Instructor Pilot and Chief of Weapons and Tactics, 71st Fighter Squadron, 1st Fighter Wing, Langley AFB, Va.

6. July 2000–July 2004, Instructor Pilot, Flight Commander and Operations Officer, F-15C Division/433rd Weapons Squadron, USAF Weapons School, 57th Wing, Nellis AFB, Nev.

7. August 2004–June 2005, Instructor Pilot and Detachment Commander, Dhahran Detachment, United States Military Training Mission, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

8. July 2005–June 2006, Student, Naval Command and Staff College, Newport, R.I.





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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

9. July 2006–May 2008, Aide-de-Camp to the AETC Commander, Randolph AFB, Texas
10. June 2008–June 2010, Commander, 43d Fighter Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
11. July 2010–July 2011, Student, National Defense Fellow, U.S. Department of State Senior Seminar, Washington, D.C.
12. July 2011–June 2013, Commander, 3rd Operations Group, Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, Alaska
13. June 2013–July 2014, Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, J3, United States Forces Korea, United States Army Garrison Yongsan, Republic of Korea
14. July 2014–July 2016, Commander, 325th Fighter Wing, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
15. July 2016–July 2017, Senior Executive Officer to the Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
16. July 2017–July 2018, Commander, 380th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates
17. July 2018–June 2020, Deputy Director of Operations, USCENTCOM, MacDill AFB, Fla.
18. June 2020–June 2022, Director of Operations, Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration for Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe - Air Forces Africa, Ramstein AB, Germany
19. June 2022–April 2024, Commander, Third Air Force, Ramstein AB, Germany
20. April 2024–present, Commander, Ninth Air Force (Air Forces Central), and Combined Forces Air Forces Air Component Commander, U.S. Central Command

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: Over 2,900

Aircraft flown: F-15A-D, F-22A, and F-16C

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters and C device

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	May 27, 1992
First Lieutenant	May 27, 1994
Captain	May 27, 1996
Major	November 1, 2002
Lieutenant Colonel	August 1, 2007
Colonel	September 1, 2011
Brigadier General	September 2, 2017
Major General	August 4, 2020
Lieutenant General	April 18, 2024

(Current as of May 2025)



LTG Sean A. Gainey
Commanding General
USASMDC

Lieutenant General Sean A. Gainey assumed command of the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command and Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense on Jan. 9, 2024. In this role, he leads 2,600 military and civilian professionals in their no-fail mission of providing the Army and joint force trained and equipped space and global ballistic missile defense forces, and space, missile defense and high-altitude capabilities. The command serves as the Army Service Component Command to U.S. Space Command and U.S. Strategic Command and as the ASCC for ground-based midcourse defense to U.S. Northern Command.



Gainey graduated from Georgia Southern University in 1990 with a Bachelor of Business Administration and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Defense Artillery. He also earned a Master of Science in personnel management from Central Michigan University. His professional military education includes the Air Defense Officer Basic and Advanced courses, Command and General Staff College, and Senior Service College at the Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security, where he earned a Master of Science in national security and resource strategy.

Gainey most recently served as the director, Joint C-UAS Office, and director, Fires in the G3/5/7, Headquarters Department of the Army. Other assignments include: chaparral/stinger platoon leader, Avenger Battery executive officer and assistant operations officer, 5th Battalion, 2nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, Bamberg, Germany; assistant operations officer and commander of Charlie Battery, 3rd Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, Fort Bliss, Texas; Air Defense Artillery observer/controller and G3 plans officer, Combat Maneuver Training Center, Hohenfels, Germany; battalion executive officer and later brigade operations officer, 5th Battalion, 7th Air Defense Artillery, U.S. Army Europe; lieutenant colonel assignment officer and executive officer to the director of Officer Personnel Management Directorate, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, Alexandria, Virginia; commander, 5th Battalion, 7th Air Defense Artillery, Kaiserslautern, Germany; chief of Air and Missile Defense Division, U.S. Army Europe; commander, 108th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; chief, Global Force Management Division, Joint Staff, J3, Washington, DC; deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Cadet Command, Fort Knox, Kentucky; commanding general, 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii; and deputy director for Force Protection, J-8, overseeing the Joint Integrated Air and Missile Defense Organization, the Joint Requirements Office for CBRN Defense, and the Force Protection Division.

He has deployed in support of Operation Southern Watch, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Joint Task Force-East, and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Gainey's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal (with one oak leaf cluster), Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with four oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with three oak leaf clusters), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (with one oak leaf cluster), Air Force Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, and Parachutist Badge.

January 2024





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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT GENERAL ANDREW J. GEBARA

Lt. Gen. Andrew J. Gebara is Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Virginia. The general is responsible to the Secretary and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force for strategic deterrence policy, including nuclear oversight, arms control and the Department of Defense foreign clearance program, as well as providing focus on the nuclear deterrence and countering weapons of mass destruction missions for the Air Force.

Lt. Gen. Gebara entered the Air Force in 1991 after commissioning through the U.S. Naval Academy. His staff assignments include duty at the National Security Council, the Joint Staff, U.S. Strategic Command, U.S. Central Command, the International Security Assistance Force, Headquarters Air Force and Air Force Global Strike Command. A veteran of four campaigns, he has commanded at the squadron, wing, and numbered air force level and has served tours of duty with the Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps.

Lt. Gen. Gebara is a command pilot with more than 3,800 flight hours, including 46 combat sorties in the A-10 and B-2 in support of operations Iraqi Freedom I, Allied Force, Joint Guard, and service both in the air and on the ground in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Prior to his current position, Lt. Gen. Gebara led approximately 21,000 Airmen across six installations as Commander, Eighth Air Force, and Commander, Joint-Global Strike Operations Center, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana.

EDUCATION

1991 Bachelor of Science, Political Science, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
1997 Master of Social Science, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.
1998 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2003 U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
2006 Master of Operational Studies, School of Advanced Warfighting, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.
2009 Master of Arts, National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College, Naval Station Newport, R.I.
2010 Doctor of Education, Educational Leadership, University of Missouri, Columbia
2023 Juris Doctor, Law, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1991–May 1993, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Reese Air Force Base, Texas
2. May 1993–November 1993, Student, B-52G Combat Crew Training, Castle AFB, Calif.
3. November 1993–September 1997, B-52H Copilot, Aircraft Commander and squadron Chief of Safety, Barksdale AFB, La.
4. September 1997–June 1998, Student, A-10 Upgrade Training, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
5. June 1998–May 2000, A-10 Four-Ship Flight Lead and Chief of Scheduling, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany
6. May 2000–March 2001, Student, B-2 Upgrade Training, Whiteman AFB, Mo.
7. March 2001–June 2005, B-2 Instructor Pilot, Chief of Weapons and Tactics, and Assistant Director of Operations, Whiteman AFB, Mo.
8. June 2005–June 2006, Student, School of Advanced Warfighting, Marine Corps University, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.
9. June 2006–July 2008, B-2 Director of Operations, later, Commander, 325th Weapons Squadron, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Whiteman AFB, Mo.
10. July 2008–June 2009, Student, Naval War College, Naval Station Newport, R.I.
11. June 2009–June 2010, Deputy Director and Chief, Strategic Communications Branch, Commander's Initiatives Group, U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla.
12. July 2010–February 2011, Deputy Director, Commander's Initiatives Group, International Security Assistance Force, Kabul, Afghanistan



EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant
May 30, 1991



First Lieutenant
May 30, 1993



Captain
May 30, 1995



Major
April 01, 2002



Lieutenant Colonel
December 01, 2006



Colonel
September 01, 2011



Brigadier General
January 01, 2016



Major General
May 22, 2020



Lieutenant General
December 05, 2023



13. April 2011–May 2012, Vice Commander, 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman AFB, Mo.
14. May 2012–August 2014, Commander, 2nd Bomb Wing, Barksdale AFB, La.
15. August 2014–May 2015, Senior Military Assistant to the Under Secretary of the Air Force, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
16. May 2015–May 2017, Deputy Director for Nuclear Operations, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.
17. May 2017–March 2018, Deputy Director for Operations, Operations Team Three, National Joint Operations and Intelligence Center, Joint Staff, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
18. March 2018–April 2019, Deputy Senior Director for Defense Policy and Strategy, National Security Council, Washington, D.C.
19. April 2019–August 2021, Director of Strategic Plans, Programs, and Requirements, Headquarters Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale AFB, La.
20. August 2021–August 2023, Commander, Eighth Air Force and Joint-Global Strike Operations Center, Barksdale AFB, La.
21. August 2023–December 2023, Special Assistant to the Director of Staff, Headquarters Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
22. December 2023–Present, Deputy Chief of Staff, Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2009–June 2010, Deputy Director and Chief, Strategic Communications Branch, Commander's Initiatives Group, U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla, as a lieutenant colonel
2. July 2010–February 2011, Deputy Director, Commander's Initiatives Group, International Security Assistance Force, Kabul, Afghanistan, as a lieutenant colonel
3. May 2015–May 2017, Deputy Director for Nuclear Operations, United States Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb, as a brigadier general
4. May 2017–March 2018, Deputy Director for Operations, Operations Team Three, National Joint Operations and Intelligence Center, Joint Staff, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a brigadier general
5. March 2018–April 2019, Deputy Senior Director for Defense Policy and Strategy, National Security Council, Washington, D.C., as a brigadier general
6. August 2021–August 2023, Commander, Joint-Global Strike Operations Center, Barksdale AFB, La., as a major general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 3,800

Aircraft Flown: A/OA-10, B-2, B-52G/H, E-6B, and T/AT-38

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Distinguished Service Medal (Air Force)
Defense Superior Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster
Distinguished Flying Cross
Bronze Star Medal
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Aerial Achievement Medal
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air and Space Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air and Space Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster
Combat Action Medal
Air Force Combat Readiness Medal with oak leaf cluster
National Defense Service Medal with service star
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Kosovo Campaign Medal
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with service star
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with seven oak leaf clusters
NATO Medal with one service star

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1993 Distinguished Graduate, B-52 Combat Crew Training Course
1998 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer's School, Class 98-E
1998 Distinguished Graduate, Joint Firepower Control Course, Class 93-03
2009 Distinguished Graduate, Highest Distinction, Naval War College
2009 AFCEA Research Honor Award
2023 Magna Cum Laude and Order of the Coif, Georgetown University Law Center

PUBLICATIONS

"Deep Thoughts," A-10s over Kosovo: The Victory of Airpower over a Fielded Army as Told by the Airmen Who Fought in Operation Allied Force, December 2003

"What's a B-2 Weapons Officer, and Why Would I Want to Become One?" U.S. Air Force Weapons Review, summer 2004
"You Have the Patch, You Figure It Out!" U.S. Air Force Weapons Review, summer 2005
"The L.O. Challenged Jet: Employment Options for L.O. Degraded Stealth Bombers," U.S. Air Force Weapons Review, fall 2005
"Beyond the Wild Blue-on-Blue: Leveraging Counter-Fratricide Technologies for Operational Effects," May 2006
"Damage Control: Leveraging Crisis Communications for Operational Effect," Air and Space Power Journal, fall 2009
"What Were We Thinking? An Analysis of Department of Defense Advanced Studies Group Theses from Operation Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi Freedom I, 1992–2002," University of Missouri, Columbia, 2010

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 30, 1991
First Lieutenant May 30, 1993
Captain May 30, 1995
Major April 1, 2002
Lieutenant Colonel Dec. 1, 2006
Colonel Sept. 1, 2011
Brigadier General Jan. 1, 2016
Major General May 22, 2020
Lieutenant General December 5, 2023

(Current as of January 2024)



Ambassador Dereck J. Hogan



Ambassador Hogan, a member of the Senior Foreign Service with the rank of Career Minister, recently completed a detail on Capitol Hill as the Senior Advisor to the Director of the Congressional Research Service. Ambassador Hogan previously served as the Executive Secretary of the U.S. Department of State. In this assistant secretary-ranked position, he led the Executive Secretariat bureau that provides policy and operational support to the Secretary of State, coordinates the internal work of the Department, manages the Department's formal communications with the White House and other national security agencies, and plays a leadership role in the Department's preparation for and response to crises. He previously served as Acting Assistant Secretary and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs. Prior to that, he was the U.S. Ambassador in the Republic of Moldova and the Chargé d'Affaires and Deputy Chief of Mission in U.S. Embassy Baku, Azerbaijan. Ambassador Hogan's other senior positions in the Department include Deputy Executive Secretary of Department, Director of the Central European Affairs and Nordic and Baltic Affairs offices and Senior Advisor to the President's Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan. He also served as the U.S. Department of State Representative on two civilian-military Provincial Reconstruction Teams in southern and eastern Afghanistan. His other overseas assignments include Russia, Belarus, Nicaragua, and the Dominican Republic. In Washington, Ambassador Hogan served as Special Assistant to Secretary of State Colin Powell and a Watch Officer in the State Department's Operations Center.

Ambassador Hogan has a degree from the University of Pittsburgh and a master's degree in public affairs from the School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. He speaks Russian, Spanish, and Romanian.



LTG (AI) Allan Pepin, US Army
Commander, United States Army North (Fifth Army)
Senior Leader, Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis

LTG Pepin's prior General Officer assignments include the Chief of Staff for the North American Aerospace Defense Command & U.S. Northern Command; Commanding General of U.S. Army Military District of Washington & Joint Task Force-National Capital Region; Deputy Commanding General of U.S. Army Special Operations Command (Airborne); and Commanding General of U.S. Army Special Operations Aviation Command (Airborne).

His field grade and company grade leadership assignments include Commander of 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade; Commander of Task Force 1-160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) (SOAR(A)); Commander of 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment; Commander of Bravo Company, Task Force 1-160th SOAR(A); Commander of Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment; and Gun Platoon Leader of C Troop of 3rd Squadron, 4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment.

LTG Pepin's field grade and company grade staff assignments include Executive Officer to the Commanding General, U.S. Army Forces Command; Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence; Regiment Operations Officer and Executive Officer for 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne); Brigade Operations Officer for 82nd Aviation Brigade (Airborne); Battalion Operations Officer/Task Force Operations Officer for 1st Attack Battalion/TF Wolfpack, 82nd Aviation Brigade (Airborne); Special Mission Unit Liaison Officer; Battalion Operations Officer for Task Force 1-160th (SOAR)(A); Battalion Flight Operations Officer for Task Force 1-160th (SOAR)(A); and Battalion Intelligence Officer for 1st Attack Battalion, 101st Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division.

He has deployed with TF-160th SOAR(A) and has multiple combat deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq with the 160th SOAR(A), 82nd Airborne Division, and 3rd Infantry Division.

LTG Pepin was commissioned into Army Aviation as a distinguished military graduate through the U.S. Army ROTC program at Northeastern University and received a Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering from Wentworth Institute of Technology. He holds master's degrees in business management and National Security and Strategic Studies. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Aviation Basic Officer Course and Flight School, Rappel Master Course, Cavalry Leaders Course, Armor Advanced Course, Jump Master Course, Command and General Staff College, and the Naval War College.

He attributes awards he has received to the incredible service members, civilians, and families he has had the honor to serve for and with. LTG Pepin has earned the Combat Action Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, the Master Aviator Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and the Ranger Tab.

A native of Massachusetts, LTG Pepin is married to a Department of the Army Civilian Attorney. They have a son, daughter-in-law, and a granddaughter.



Rear Admiral Curt Renshaw

Director, J-3, U.S. Central Command



Rear Adm. Curt A. Renshaw is a native of New Albany, Indiana. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. He holds a Master of Science in Operations Research from the Naval Post Graduate School.

His sea tours include Repair Officer and Aegis Fire Control Officer on USS Shiloh (CG 67); Weapons and Combat Systems Officer on USS Anzio (CG 68); Commanding Officer of USS Patriot (MCM 7); USS Independence (LCS-2); USS Robert Smalls (CG 62) where he also served as Air Defense Commander for Commander, Task Force Seven Zero; and Commander, Carrier Strike Group EIGHT.

Renshaw has completed operational deployments in all Navy theaters of operation. His commands have earned Battle Efficiency awards, Golden Anchor Retention Excellence awards, the CNO Safety Award, and the Spokane Trophy as the most combat ready ship in Pacific Fleet.

Ashore, Renshaw served as Deputy Commander, US Naval Forces Central Command; Executive Assistant to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations; Special Assistant to the Assistant Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Detailer and Deputy Director, Surface Warfare Officer Assignments in the Bureau of Naval Personnel; and in the Commander, Naval Surface Forces Command staff.

Renshaw's awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (two awards), Navy Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Navy Commendation Medal (three awards) and the Navy Achievement Medal (two awards) and other various personal, unit, and service awards.



**Lieutenant-General J.R. Speiser-Blanchet, CMM, CD
Commander Royal Canadian Air Force**

Lieutenant-General Speiser-Blanchet enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces in 1990 and graduated from the Royal Military College of Canada (RMC) in 1994 with a degree in Computer Engineering.

Earning her pilot wings March 1996, she served as a Rotary Wing Tactical Aviation pilot flying the CH146 Griffon helicopter at 1 Wing. Her operational and staff postings include 430e Escadron tactique d'hélicoptères (430 ETAH) in Valcartier, 1 Wing Headquarters in Kingston, 1 Canadian Air Division Headquarters in Winnipeg, and 403 Helicopter Operational Training Squadron in Gagetown.

LGen Speiser-Blanchet served on multiple deployments as a helicopter pilot to include United Nations and NATO missions in Haiti and Bosnia. She also served as Deputy Commander (Operations) for Joint Task Force-IMPACT in Kuwait in 2019. In Canada, she has deployed on numerous domestic operations in response to regional emergencies and in support to other government agencies.

LGen Speiser-Blanchet has commanded at multiple levels, 403 Helicopter Operational Training Squadron, the Canadian Forces Intelligence Group, and the Cadets and Junior Canadian Rangers Group. Strategic level appointments include Military Assistant to the Minister of National Defence, Special Advisor to the Chief of the Defence Staff, and Deputy Commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF).

A graduate of the Joint Command and Staff Programme (JCSP) and the Defence and Strategic Studies Course (DSSC) in Australia, she holds Masters degrees in Defence Studies from RMC and a Masters degree in Politics and Policy from Deakin University.

LGen Speiser-Blanchet is a Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM). She was promoted to her current rank in July 2025 and appointed Commander of the RCAF on 10 July, 2025.

She is married to Janin Blanchet, a retired tactical aviation pilot, and they have three amazing children, Emma, Zachary and Samuel.



Lieutenant General Joel "JB" Vowell received his commission as an Infantry officer from the University of Alabama in 1991. During his career, he has been stationed in Europe, the Pacific, the Middle East, and many posts across the United States.

LTG Vowell has been on three combat tours in Afghanistan and two in Iraq, including both surge campaigns. He commanded the 2d Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment ("No Slack") and the 3rd Brigade Combat Team ("Rakkasans") of the 101st Airborne Division at Fort

Campbell, Kentucky. LTG Vowell was a War College Fellow at Stanford University and later was the Army Chief of Staff's Senior Fellow to the Brookings Institution followed by his assignment as Executive Officer to the Secretary of the Army.

He has been the Deputy Commanding General (Operations) for 25th Infantry Division, as well as the Deputy J5/Strategy Plans and Policy, USINDOPACOM. He has commanded US Army Japan/I Corps (FWD) and his last assignment was as Commander, CJTF-Operation Inherent Resolve in Iraq and Syria. LTG Vowell is currently serving as the Deputy Commanding General for the United States Army Pacific Command in Fort Shafter, Hawaii.

He is married and is the proud father of two great sons.

REAR ADMIRAL MAT WILLIAMS, MNZM

Vice Chief of Defence Force

Rear Admiral Mat Williams joined the Royal New Zealand Navy as a seaman officer in 1989. He served most of his formative years at sea in both New Zealand and Australian ships, including a four-month exchange in the Australian Navy Destroyer HMAS BRISBANE. Following advanced warfare training in Australia in 1998 he served two years on exchange as the Operations Officer in the second Australian ANZAC Class Frigate HMAS ARUNTA.

Returning to New Zealand in 2001, Williams was part of the Joint Implementation Team, setting up the NZDF's Operational Headquarters, and then appointed as the first Maritime Planner. Returning to sea in August 2002 as Operations Officer then Executive Officer and 2nd in command of the New Zealand ANZAC Class Frigate HMNZS TE KAHA, the Ship conducted successful operations in the Persian Gulf in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Building on his at-sea operational experience, he was then posted as the Fleet Warfare Officer, Maritime Operational Evaluation Team, responsible for fleet standards and evaluation.

Promoted to Commander in December 2005, Williams was appointed as the Director of the Navy's Business Excellence Programme. This was followed by a busy three-year command of HMNZS TE KAHA from 2008, which included a high-profile Defence Diplomacy deployment around the Pacific Rim and Continental United States.

In 2011 Williams was appointed Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff of Combined Task Force (CTF) 151 embarked in the United States Ticonderoga Class Cruiser USS ANZIO. CTF 151 was responsible for counter-piracy operations throughout the Middle East region.

Subsequent appointments included Deputy Director of Defence Strategy; New Zealand Naval Attaché to the United States (NZ Embassy, Washington DC); Assistant Chief of Navy (Strategy); NZDF Performance Improvement Framework (PFI) Self-Review Manager; and a two-year secondment to the Department of Internal Affairs (Ministerial Services) as Private Secretary to the Minister of Defence (2014-2016).

Following a year's professional education at the Royal College of Defence Studies in London, Williams was promoted to Commodore in August 2017 and appointed the Deputy Chief of Navy.

In April 2018 he was seconded for seven months to lead the NZDF participation in the NZ Government Inquiry into Operation Burnham, and on 6 December 2019 he was appointed the Navy's Operational Commander at the Joint Headquarters, Joint Forces New Zealand; this period



included commanding the Navy fleet during the Whakaari White Island disaster and during COVID-19.

Appointed Assistant Chief of Defence Capability (AC CAP) in October 2021, Williams worked closely with the Ministry of Defence and is responsible for formulating and coordinating capability strategy and policy, future 'green-fields' thinking, science and experimentation, and capability development and delivery across all environmental domains (land, maritime, aerospace, cyber and space).

A proponent of continuing education, Williams' qualifications include a Master of International Security and Strategy (King's College London: 2017); Master of Public Management (Victoria University Wellington: 2009), Bachelor of Business Studies (Massey University, 2005); a Graduate Diploma in Applied Science (University of New South Wales; 1998); and a Graduate Certificate in Arts (Maori Knowledge; Massey University, 2024). He is a member of the Royal College of Defence Studies, London.

Williams was awarded a Maritime Commander Australia commendation in 2000, and appointed a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2007 for services to the New Zealand Defence Force.

Rear Admiral Williams is married to Claire, and they have two adult daughters. He enjoys running.

Williams was appointed the Acting Vice Chief of Defence Force on 29 May 2024, and substantiated into the position on promotion to Rear Admiral on 29 August 2024.



Lieutenant General Calvert L. Worth Jr.

Commanding General, II Marine Expeditionary Force

Lieutenant General Calvert L. Worth hails from St. Louis, Mo. and is a 1989 graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia. He was commissioned via the U.S. Marine Corps Officer Candidates Course in 1991. He has served in a variety of command and staff billets in the Fleet Marine Forces to include Commanding Officer of 1st Battalion, 6th Marines; Commanding Officer of the 6th Marine Regiment and Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force Crisis Response-Africa; Commander Task Force Southwest 20.1 in Afghanistan; and as the Assistant Division Commander and Commanding General, 2d Marine Division, relinquishing command in July 2024. On 2 August 2024, he assumed command of II Marine Expeditionary Force.



Lieutenant General Worth has participated in numerous named operations, to include Operation Sea Signal (Cuba); Operation Joint Endeavor (Bosnia and Herzegovina); Operation Iraqi Freedom; Operation Enduring Freedom; Operation Freedom's Sentinel, and Resolute Support Mission in Afghanistan.

Lieutenant General Worth's B-billet assignments include duty at The Basic School, where he served as an instructor and Staff Platoon Commander at the Basic Officer Course, and as an instructor at the Infantry Officer Course; Commanding Officer, Recruiting Station Detroit; Director of U.S. Marine Corps Enlisted Professional Military Education; and as the Marine Military Assistant to the Under Secretary of the Navy.

Joint Service assignments include service as a Military Assistant to the DoD Executive Secretary in the Office of the Secretary of Defense; service in the Joint Staff J-3, J35 Regional Operations as the Division Chief, Joint Operations Division-CENTCOM; and most recently as the Director of Strategy, Policy and Plans (J5) in U.S. Southern Command.

Lieutenant General Worth is a graduate of the Amphibious Warfare School (w/ distinction), the Marine Corps Command and Staff College (w/ distinction), the School of Advanced Warfighting, and the National War College. He is also a Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Seminar XXI Fellow and holds a Master's Degree in Military Studies from Marine Corps University, a Master's Degree in Operational Studies from Marine Corps University, and a Master of Science in National Security Strategy from the National Defense University.

His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal (w/ two Oak Clusters in lieu of third award), the Legion of Merit (two Gold Stars in lieu of third award), the Bronze Star Medal w/ Combat Distinguishing Device (Gold Star in lieu of second award), the Meritorious Service Medal (Gold Star in lieu of second award), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (Gold Star in lieu of second award), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon (Gold Star in lieu of second award), and basic parachutist insignia.