MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (MILITARY)

To Foreign Officers

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)
FOREIGN SERVICE MEMBERS

SCHOUTEN, Paul MSM CG: 04 January 2020
Captain – Royal Netherlands Army Netherlands Citizen GH: 26 August 2019
Netherlands Defence Force liaison officer to the Task Force Mali Aviation Battalion DOI: July to October 2018



"Captain Schouten served as the Netherlands Defence Force liaison officer to the Task Force Mali Aviation Battalion from July to October 2018. He displayed exemplary initiative and professional acumen in enabling the seamless execution of operations involving Dutch ground forces and Canadian aviation assets, and was instrumental in the timely and efficient delivery of the Aviation Battalion's operational capability. Captain Schouten's outstanding efforts decisively contributed to Canada's high standing with international partners in Mali, bringing great credit to himself."

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SIMPSON, Daniel Lawrence MSM CG: 04 July 2020
Brigadier-General - USAF American Citizen GH:
Director of Intelligence (J2) for NORAD and US Northern Command DOI: June 2017 to March 2019

"For outstanding leadership and support to NORAD and US NORTHCOM as Director of Intelligence (J2) from June 2017 to March 2019."

"From June 2017 to March 2019, Brigadier General Simpson provided outstanding support to the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD). As the NORAD and United States Northern Command Director of Intelligence, he significantly improved the quality of intelligence provided to Canadian senior decision makers, and elevated the NORAD profile within Canadian and American intelligence communities. Brigadier General Simpson's outstanding leadership helped strengthen the relationship between Canada and the United States, and contributed greatly to Canada's defence and security."



Major-General Daniel Lawrence SIMPSON, MSM, USAF

1986	Combat Communication Specialist USAF	
1992	Graduated USAF Academy as an Intelligence Officer	2nd Lt
2008 to 2010	Military Aide to VP of the USA – carried the Nuclear Football	LCol
2010 to 2011	Commander, 31st Intelligence Squadron, Fort Gordon, Ga.	Colonel
2017 to 2019	Director of Intelligence and Information of the United States Northern Command	BGen
2019 to 2020	Director f of Intelligence of the U.S. Forces Afghanistan (Promoted to Major-General in 2020)	MGen
2020 to 2023	Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance of the USAF	MGen
2023	Retire from the USA after 37 years of service	

Major Awards and Medals

Distinguished Service Medal
Defense Superior Service Medal with silver oak leaf cluster
Legion of Merit
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air and Space Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Joint Service Achievement Medal
Air and Space Achievement Medal
Canadian Meritorious Service Medal (Military Division) (MSM)
National Intelligence Superior Service Award
U.S. Army Military Intelligence Corps Knowlton Award
U.S. Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation w/ operation Distinguished Device



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Now Major-General Daniel Lawrence Simpson, MSM, USAF
Director of Intelligence (J2) for NORAD and US Northern Command

Now Major-General Daniel L. Simpson is currently serving as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Operation Resolute Support and Director of Intelligence (CJ2) US Forces-Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan. In this capacity he serves as the senior Intelligence Advisor to the Commander Resolute Support and USFOR-A and directs all intelligence activities for NATO and U.S. forces in Afghanistan.

MGen Simpson enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1986, starting his military career as a combat communications specialist. In 1988, he was selected to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy, graduating in 1992. He is a career intelligence officer and has served as a Weapons Officer at both the tactical and operational levels, as well as instructed at the U.S. Air Force Weapons School. At the strategic level, he was entrusted with the nuclear "football" as the Military Aide to the Vice President of the United States. He has commanded at the squadron, group and joint wing-equivalent levels and has operational Joint Task Force and staff tours at the Major Command and Combatant Command levels. Maj. Gen. Simpson has multiple combat deployments for operations Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Odyssey Dawn, Freedom Sentinel and Resolute Support. Prior to his current assignment, he was the Director of Intelligence (J2) for North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command.

EDUCATION
1992 Bachelor of Science, General Engineering, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.
1996 United States Air Force Weapons School, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.
1997 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2001 Master of Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Las Vegas
2004 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., non-residence
2005 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2008 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., non-residence
2012 Master of Science, National Security Strategy, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, DC
2014 National and International Security Leadership Seminar, Washington, D.C.
2015 Center for Creative Leadership Program, Greensboro, N.C.

ASSIGNMENTS
1. January 1986–February 1986, Trainee, 3704th Basic Military Training Squadron, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
2. February 1986–July 1986, Student, Technical Control Communications training, Keesler AFB, Miss.
3. July 1986–July 1987, Combat Technical Control Specialist, 3rd Combat Communications Group, Tinker AFB, Okla.
4. July 1987–June 1988, Cadet candidate, U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School, Colo.
5. July 1988–May 1992, Cadet, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.
6. July 1992–March 1993, Student, Intelligence Applications training, Goodfellow AFB, Texas
7. March 1993–December 1995, Chief, F-15E Squadron Intelligence, 391st Fighter Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
8. January 1996–June 1996, Student, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
9. June 1996–December 1998, Chief, Intelligence Training and later, Chief, Intelligence Operations, 20th Fighter Wing, Shaw AFB, S.C.
10. December 1998–January 2002, Scheduling Flight Commander and later, Assistant Director of Operations, Intelligence Division, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
11. January 2002–July 2004, Chief, Intelligence Force Development Branch and later, Chief, Intelligence Plans and Programs Branch, Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
12. July 2004–June 2005, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
13. June 2005–October 2006, Director of Operations, 26th Air Intelligence Squadron, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
14. October 2006–March 2007, Deputy Chief, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Division, 613th Air and Space Operations Center, Hickam AFB, Hawaii

15. March 2007–December 2007, Executive Officer to Commander, Pacific Air Forces, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
16. December 2007–February 2008, Chief, Threat Analysis Division, Pacific Air Forces, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
17. March 2008–June 2010, Military Aide to the Vice President of the United States, Office of the Vice President, Washington, D.C.
18. June 2010–October 2010, Commander, 480th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group (Provisional), Fort Gordon, Ga.
19. June 2010–June 2011, Commander, 31st Intelligence Squadron, Fort Gordon, Ga.
20. July 2011–June 2012, Student, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, D.C.
21. June 2012–June 2014, Commander, 659th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group, Fort Meade, Md.
22. June 2014–April 2016, Commander, National Security Agency Texas, San Antonio
23. April 2016–April 2017, Deputy Director of Intelligence, U.S. Forces Afghanistan, and Deputy, Deputy Chief of Staff of Intelligence to NATO Resolute Support Headquarters, Kabul, Afghanistan
24. June 2017–July 2019, Director of Intelligence and Information, North American Aerospace and Defense Command and United States Northern Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
25. July 2019–present, Director of Intelligence, U.S. Forces Afghanistan, and Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence to NATO Resolute Support Headquarters, Kabul, Afghanistan
26. July 2020 to present - Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance of **USAF.**

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. March 2008–June 2010, Military Aide to the Vice President of the United States, Office of the Vice President, Washington, D.C., as a lieutenant colonel
2. June 2014–April 2016, Commander, National Security Agency Texas, San Antonio, as a colonel
3. April 2016–April 2017, Deputy Director of Intelligence, U.S. Forces Afghanistan, and Deputy, Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, NATO Resolute Support Headquarters, Kabul, Afghanistan, as a brigadier general
4. June 2017–July 2019, Director of Intelligence and Information, North American Aerospace and Defense Command and United States Northern Command, Peterson AFB, Colo., as a brigadier general
5. July 2019–present, Director of Intelligence, U.S. Forces Afghanistan, and Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, NATO Resolute Support Headquarters, Kabul, Afghanistan, as a major general.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Legion of Merit
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Joint Service Achievement Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
U.S. Army Military Intelligence Corps Knowlton Award
U.S. Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	27 May 1992
First Lieutenant	27 May 1994
Captain	27 May 1996
Major	01 Dec. 2002
Lieutenant Colonel	01 Aug. 2007
Colonel	01 September 2011
Brigadier General	11 May 2017
Major General	22 May 2020



(Current as of May 2022)

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)
FOREIGN SERVICE MEMBERS

HEISNER, Aslak MSM CanForGen: November 2020 #144/20
Colonel – Federal Republic of Germany Army German Citizen GH: 09 November 2023
Commander of Germany's Intelligence Surveillance in Mali DOI: January to October 2018

"For Exemplary leadership and professional acumen as the Command of Germany's Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Task Force serving with the United Nations in Mali from January to October 2018."



"From January to October 2018, Colonel Heisner was the commander of Germany's Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Task Force, serving with the United Nations in Mali. He displayed exemplary leadership and professional acumen in orienting his team to facilitate the inflow and establishment of the Canadian Aviation Task Force that joined the mission in July, and personally assured that Canada had full access to his unit's resources. Colonel Heisner's outstanding efforts were instrumental in enabling Canadian operations within Mali."

He then became the Deputy Commander of 1 Airborne Brigade and commander of the brigade units of the Airborne Brigade in the Federal Republic of Germany Army.



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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)
FOREIGN SERVICE MEMBERS

DODU, Petru Eduard MSM CG: 30 March 2024
Comandor – Romanian Air Force Romanian Citizen GH: Nil
Deputy Commander of Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base DOI: May 2017 to December 2019
CanForGen: 17 December 2020 #173/20

"For boundless determination and enthusiasm while supporting Canada's contribution to NATO enhance air policing, Deputy Commander of Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base from May 2017 to December 2019".

"From May 2017 to December 2019, Commander Dodu, deputy commander of Mihail Kogălniceanu Air Base, Romania, demonstrated boundless determination and enthusiasm while supporting Canada's contribution to NATO enhanced Air Policing. His unwavering commitment to optimize Romanian support through the resolution of procedural and policy issues was instrumental to the greater success of three Air Task Force rotations, and helped ensure the Canadian Armed Forces' ability to successfully conduct operations in a timely and effective manner, thereby bolstering Canada's reputation on the international stage.



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FOREIGN SERVICE MEMBERS

FESLER, Peter Matthew	MSM	CG:	30 November 2024
Brigadier-General - USAF	American Citizen	GH:	08 November 2021
Deputy Director NORAD Command		DOI:	2017 to 2020

"As deputy director of Operations for North American Aerospace Defense Command from 2017 to 2020, Brigadier General Fesler demonstrated selfless commitment to the defence and security of Canada and the United States. He contributed immeasurably to innovative thought on continental deterrence and on a prioritized investment and modernization strategy for defending Canadian and American sovereignty. Brigadier General Fesler undeniably enhanced the evolution of continental defence within the long-standing and iconic defence relationship between Canada and the United States."

Major General PETER Matthew FESLER, MSM



MGen Pete M. Fesler is the Deputy Director of Operations, Headquarters North American Aerospace Defense Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. As the Deputy Director, he is responsible for supporting the execution of aerospace warning, aerospace control and maritime warning for North America, to include the Canadian, Alaskan and continental U.S. NORAD Regions within the bi-national command. Maj. Gen. Fesler is also the lead for USNORTHCOM and NORAD Homeland Defense/Continental Defense Cross Functional Team. In this role, he leads the development of a comprehensive design for bi-national, all-domain defense of North America.

MGen Fesler graduated in 1994 from the University of Utah with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science, and earned his commission through ROTC the same year. He is a graduate of the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, and is a Distinguished Graduate of both the Naval Postgraduate School and National War College.

MGen Fesler has served in a variety of flying and non-flying operational, educational and staff assignments, including multiple tours in both the F-15C and F-22A. He has commanded at both squadron and wing levels. Prior to his current assignment, Maj. Gen. Fesler was stationed at Langley AFB, Virginia, where he commanded the most historic wing in the U.S. Air Force, the 1st Fighter Wing.

MGen Fesler is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Weapons School, and a command pilot with more than 2,200 hours, primarily in the F-15C and F-22A. He has participated in multiple deployments, numerous joint and coalition exercises, and has flown more than 50 combat missions in the skies over Iraq.

EDUCATION

1994	Bachelor of Science, Political Science, University of Utah, Salt Lake City
1999	Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2003	Air Force Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nev.
2006	Master of Arts, Security Studies, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif.
2006	U.S. Naval War College in Seminar, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif.
2007	Master of Arts, Airpower Art and Science, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2009	Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2013	Master of Science, Security Studies, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1994–November 1996, Student, Euro NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training and Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas
2. December 1996–June 1997, Student Pilot, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
3. June 1997–February 2000, F-15C Flight Lead and Chief, Systems Integration Section, 390th Fighter Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
4. March 2000–March 2001, Flight Commander and Fighter Duty Officer, 604th Air Support Operations Squadron, Camp Red Cloud, South Korea
5. March 2001–June 2003, F-15C Instructor Pilot and Flight Commander, 19th Fighter Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
6. December 2003–June 2005, F-15C Instructor Pilot and Weapons Officer, 19th Fighter Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
7. July 2005–June 2006, Student, U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif.
8. July 2006–June 2007, Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
9. July 2007–August 2008, Aide-de-Camp to the 18th Chief of Staff, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
10. January 2009–February 2010, Director of Operations, 94th Fighter Squadron, Langley AFB, Va.
11. March 2010–November 2011, Commander, 27th Fighter Squadron, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.
12. December 2011–June 2012, Deputy Commander, 1st Operations Group, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.
13. July 2012–June 2013, Student, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
14. June 2013–May 2014, Chief of Staff of the Air Force Fellow and Chief of Staff, Pakistan Afghanistan Coordination Cell, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
15. May 2014–June 2015, Chief of Staff of the Air Force Fellow and Assistant Deputy Director, J5 Western Hemisphere Politico Military Affairs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
16. July 2015–June 2017, Commander, 1st Fighter Wing, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.
17. July 2017–July 2018, Vice Director of Operations, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
18. July 2018–August 2021, Deputy Director of Operations, NORAD, Peterson AFB, Colo.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2013–May 2014, Chief of Staff, Pakistan Afghanistan Coordination Cell and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Fellow, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a lieutenant colonel and colonel
2. May 2014–June 2015, Assistant Deputy Director, J5 Western Hemisphere Politico Military Affairs and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Fellow, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a colonel
3. July 2017–July 2018, Vice Director of Operations, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., as a colonel
4. July 2018–August 2021, Deputy Director of Operations, NORAD, Peterson AFB, Colo., as a colonel, brigadier general and major general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot
Flight Hours: more than 2,200
Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38A/B, T-41, F-15A/B/C/D, F-22A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal
Legion of Merit
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Medal with oak leaf cluster
Aerial Achievement Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal
Army Achievement Medal
Canadian Meritorious Service Medal (not shown)



EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION
Second Lieutenant June 9, 1994
First Lieutenant June 9, 1996
Captain June 16, 1998
Major Feb. 1, 2005
Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2009
Colonel Oct. 1, 2013
Brigadier General Oct. 12, 2018
Major General Aug. 2, 2021

(Current as of August 2021)

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)
FOREIGN SERVICE MEMBERS

HUNT, Bryan William	MSM	CG:	30 March 2024
Colonel – US Army	American Citizen	GH:	08 November 2021
Deputy Commander – Canadian Army Training Authority		DOI:	July 2019 to July 2021

"From July 2019 to July 2021, Colonel Hunt demonstrated exceptional leadership and dedication as the deputy commander of the Canadian Army Training Authority. His expertise on collective and individual training files, before and during the pandemic, had a direct impact on the operational readiness of the Canadian Army. His work to collect COVID-19 lessons learned from our allies and adapt them to Canadian Armed Forces training concepts for restarting readiness activities brought great credit to the Forces and to the U.S. Army."



Colonel Bryan HUNT, MSM, US Army

June 1996 to Present	Served as an Infantry Officer in the U.S. Army (25 ½ years)
October 2018	Deputy program manager at the Office of the Program Manager-Saudi Arabian National Guard Modernization Program.
July 2019-July 2021	Deputy Commander, Canadian Army Training Authority Also served with as an adviser to the Iraqi police for one year and served nine months with a Romanian battle group in Afghanistan. Now Director of Army Museum Enterprise

Education:

1994 to 1996	California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo – BA in History - ROTC
2016	Webster University – Master's Degree in Management and Leadership
2017 to 2018	The United States Army War College – MS in Strategic Studies.

Degree Name	BA
Field Of Study	History
Dates attended or expected graduation	1994 – 1996
Activities and Societies:	ROTC

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FOREIGN SERVICE MEMBERS

IRELAND, Christopher James	MSM	CG:	30 March 2024
Brigadier-General - USAF	American Citizen	GH:	08 November 2021
Deputy Combined/Joint Force Air Component Commander 1 CAD NORAD Region		DOI:	August 2017 to August 2019



"From August 2017 to August 2019, Brigadier General Ireland served as Deputy Combined/Joint Force Air Component commander at 1 Canadian Air Division/Canadian NORAD Region Headquarters, in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He led the daily apportionment and execution of air support for all Canadian Armed Forces domestic and international operations. His many contributions and dedication to the Royal Canadian Air Force mission, while serving in this critical role, brought great credit to both Canada and the United States, strengthening the binational relationship and promoting Canadian interests globally."

Brigadier General Christopher J. IRELAND, MSM

Brig. Gen. Christopher J. Ireland is the Chief of Staff, Headquarters United States Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. He develops and implements, policies, plans and programs on behalf of the Commander for the strategic planning and operational execution of forces in support of U.S. European Command and U.S. Africa Command. He concurrently directs and supervises the organization and administration of the Headquarters USAFE-AFAFRICA staff, consisting of more than 2,000 personnel, including 13 general officers and 48 colonels and guides the overall management and sustainment of forces across two areas of responsibility spanning 104 countries

Brig. Gen. Ireland graduated from Virginia Tech, earning his commission through the ROTC program. Over the course of his career, he participated in multiple combat and contingency operations in Afghanistan, Haiti, Iraq, Kosovo and Colombia.

Prior to his current position, he was the Deputy Commander, Canadian North American Aerospace Defense Region, and Deputy Combined and Joint Force Air Component Commander for 1 Canadian Air Division, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

EDUCATION

1991 Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg
1997 Squadron Officer's School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2000 Masters of Science, Aviation Management, Embry-Riddle University, Daytona Beach, Fla.
2005 Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
2006 School of Advanced Military Studies, Masters of Military Arts and Sciences, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
2012 Naval War College, Masters of National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College, R.I.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. February 1992–December 1992, Student, Undergraduate Navigator Training, Mather Air Force Base, Calif.
2. January 1993–April 1996, MC-130E Instructor Electronic Warfare Officer, 8th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
3. April 1996–November 1997, MC-130E Evaluator EWO, 19th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
4. December 1997–February 1999, Student, Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, Miss., and Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas
5. February 1999–September 2002, C-130H Pilot and ADO, 50th Airlift Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
6. October 2002–June 2004, MC-130H Aircraft CC and Flight CC, 7th Special Operations Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom
7. June 2004–June 2005, Student, Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
8. June 2005–June 2006, Student, School of Advanced Military Studies, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

9. July 2006–May 2009, Operations Officer and Commander, 15th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
10. May 2009–June 2011, Operations Officer, Pakistan-Afghanistan Coordination Cell, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
11. July 2011–July 2012, Student, Naval War College, Naval Station Newport, R.I.
12. July 2012–April 2014, Commander, 352nd Special Operations Group, RAF Mildenhall, U.K.
13. April 2014–May 2015, Commander, 1st Expeditionary Special Operations Wing and Combined Joint Special Operations Air Comp, Afghanistan
14. July 2015–September 2016, Special Assistant to the Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, Fla.
15. September 2016–August 2017, Deputy Director, U.S. Special Operations Command, Strategy, Plans and Policy, MacDill AFB, Fla.
16. August 2017–August 2019, **Deputy Commander, Canadian North American Aerospace Defense Region, and Deputy Combined and Joint Forces Air Component Commander, 1 Canadian Air Division, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada**
17. August 2019–present, Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa, Ramstein Air Base, Germany

FLIGHT INFORMATION
Rating: command pilot
Flight hours: more than 3,100
Aircraft flown: C-130E/H, MC-130E/H



MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS
(27 ribbons in all)

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

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION
Second Lieutenant Sept. 25, 1991
First Lieutenant Sept. 25, 1993
Captain Sept. 25, 1995
Major July 1, 2002
Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2006
Colonel Oct. 1, 2010
Brigadier General July 3, 2017

(Current as of September 2019)

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)
FOREIGN SERVICE MEMBERS

DE VRIES, Derk Jan Machiel MSM CF: 30 March 2024
Warrant Officer 1st Class – Royal Netherlands Armed Forces Netherlands Citizen GH: 17 April 2023
Command Sergeant-Major International Four Day Marches, Nijmegen DOI: 2004 to 2017


Warrant Officer 1st Class
Derk Jan Machiel de Vries
Kingdom of the Netherlands, 17 April 2023.

"As the Royal Netherlands Armed Forces Command Sergeant-Major for the International Four Day Marches Nijmegen, Warrant Officer 1st Class Derk de Vries has been a steadfast champion of Canadian interests for 17 years which has further strengthened the ties between the Canadian Armed Forces and the Netherlands. His exemplary professionalism, dedication and significant contributions to the Canadian Military Contingent and commemorative events has have a direct and lasting benefit; bringing honour to the Canadian Armed Forces in the eyes of both the Dutch citizens and foreign nations."

Presented by the Canadian Ambassador to the Netherlands on 17 April 2023.

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LACROIX-LECLAIR, Jérôme MSM CG: 30 March 2024
Colonel – French Air Force French Citizen GH: 09 November 2023
French Defense Attaché to Canada DOI: June 2019 to June 2022



"Between June 2019 and June 2022, as a French defence attaché to Canada, Colonel Lacroix-Leclair strengthened the strategic alliance between France and Canada. Through his outstanding leadership and professionalism, he carried out the duty of remembrance, revived ministerial bilateral relations, renewed the unit exchange program, and played a key role in building a monument celebrating the friendship between Canada and France. Colonel Lacroix-Leclair's diplomacy and attention to detail brought the two military forces closer, establishing permanent ties between the two Francophone countries."

Colonel Jérôme Lacroix-Leclair is a senior officer and fighter pilot in the French Air Force. He is a graduate of the War School and the Canadian Forces College in Toronto. He holds a Masters in Physics and a Masters in Defense Studies from the Royal Military College. He is also a member of the Canadian Armed Forces Institutional Analysis Center and the Franco-Canadian Association for Strategic Studies.

Medals: Legion of Honour (Chevalier) – Legion of Merit – X – National Defence Medal (silver) – National Defence medal (bronze) – X – X – MSM (Cdn)

He had retired by 2023.

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)
FOREIGN SERVICE MEMBERS

LYNE, Richard | MSM | CG: 30 March 2024
Colonel – British Army | United Kingdom Citizen | GH: Nil
Member Canadian Ministerial Liaison Team Iraq | | DOI: November 2018 to June 2019

"Colonel Lyne of the British Army was deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, from November 2018 to June 2019, as a member of the Canadian Ministerial Liaison Team, which evolved into the Directorate of Influence and Information. He is credited with Establishing and setting coalition standards for detailed planning, and inspiring solution to address future battle space. Colonel Lyne led the Canadian Directorate during a crucial time, ensuring the coalition's success and bringing credit to the Combined Joint Task Force and the Canadian Armed Forces."

Member of the Royal Anglian Regiment

Medals: General Service Medal with 2 bars and MID – UN – NATO – 6 more – Army LS&GC with one bar - UN - MSM (Canada)





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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)
FOREIGN SERVICE MEMBERS

SCHWARTZ, Mark Christopher MSM CG: 30 March 2024
Lieutenant-General – US Army American Citizen GH: Nil
United States Security Coordinator for Israel and the Palestine Authority DOI: 2019 to 2021 (and retired)



"From October 2019 to November 2021, Lieutenant-General Schwartz held the position of United States Security Coordinator for Israel and the Palestinian Authority. In this role, he brilliantly commanded a multinational team consisting of a large percentage of Canadian Armed Forces and Royal Canadian Mounted Police personnel. Operating in an extremely complex mission area and during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, he helped ensure the successful outcome of Canadian initiatives designed to improve the lives of the Palestinian people."

Lieutenant General Mark C. Schwartz served from 2019 to 2021 as the United States Security Coordinator for Israel and the Palestinian Authority. Prior to arriving at the United States Embassy Jerusalem, LTG Schwartz served as the Deputy Commanding General, Joint Special Operations Command. He retired in 2021. His other general officer assignments include; Commander, Special Operations Command Europe, Deputy Commanding General for Maneuver, 1st Cavalry Division and Deputy Commander Special Operations Joint Task Force –Afghanistan.

A career Special Forces officer, prior to being promoted to brigadier general, LTG Schwartz served in Special Operations key developmental command and staff assignments including; Chief of Staff, Joint Special Operations Command; Commander, 3rd Special Forces Group; Commander, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan; Director of Operations, Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command –Afghanistan; Deputy Commander for Operations, CJSOTF-A; Executive Officer and Deputy Commander, 3rd Special Forces Group; Commander, 4th Battalion 1st Special Warfare Training Group; Special Operations Plans Officer, Joint Forces Command Brunssum the Netherlands NATO.

He is a graduate of the Naval War College, Newport, RI and the Command and General Staff College, Leavenworth, KS.
LTG Schwartz is a native of Colorado. He attended Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID majoring in Finance and was commissioned an Armor second lieutenant in December 1987 through ROTC.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

(20 ribbons in all – MSM Canada not shown)



Defense Superior Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters
Legion of Merit
Bronze Star Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf cluster
Amy Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)
FOREIGN SERVICE MEMBERS

VAUGHAN, Edward Lawrence MSM CG: 30 March 2024
Brigadier-General – US Air Force American Citizen GH: 09 November 2023
Deputy Commander Canadian NORAD Region Winnipeg DOI: August 2019–August 2021



"From August 2019 to July 2021, Brigadier-General Vaughan served as deputy Joint Force Air Component commander and Deputy Commander of the Canadian NORAD Region in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He demonstrated exceptional dedication in the delivery of air power for all expeditionary operations and NORAD missions. His commitment to promoting diversity and inclusivity positively impacted the professional development of American and Canadian air force personnel. His inspiring leadership is a credit to his nation and has strengthened the relationship between both countries' air forces."

Major-General Edward Laurence Vaughan, MSM, USAF

Major General Edward Laurence "Hertz" Vaughan serves as Deputy Director for Partnering, Security Cooperation, Policy and Space Capabilities, U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany. He leads engagements, activities, and investments that enhance security relationships in Europe. He serves as acting co-chair for the Arctic Security Forces Roundtable and as program lead for Presidential Drawdown Authority and Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative tranches, accelerated through participation in the Department of Defense's Senior Integration Group. He is also co-champion, Department of the Air Force's Disability Action Team.

Following Air Force ROTC, Major-General. Vaughan was commissioned as honor and distinguished graduate from Air National Guard officer training. He led at the squadron, group, wing and higher levels, including command of a flying wing. Prior to his current assignment, he served as Deputy Joint Force Air Component Commander for Canada, and Deputy Commander, Canadian NORAD Region. As an Air University and National Defense University faculty, he taught strategy with U.S. Air Force Blue Horizons warfighting futures team. In 2008, he became the first Reserve officer inducted in the U.S. Air Force Safety Hall of Fame.

Brig. Gen. Vaughan is a Command Pilot with over 2,700 flying hours in F-16, C-130, and A-10, including more than 200 combat flying hours, fighting in Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and Southern Watch. Additionally, he has extensive joint experience flying and leading international operations, including deployed command in Antarctica. Staff assignments include Office of the Secretary of Defense, Indo-Pacific Command, Headquarters U.S. Air Force and the National Guard Bureau. He has private sector and military experience in engineering, industrial management, cross-cultural negotiations, and leading change in diverse, multilingual environments, specializing in Latin America, Southeast Asia and Africa.

EDUCATION
1991 Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y.
1997 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2002 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2003 Joint Air Commanders Course, Air Warfare Center, Nellis AFB, Nev.
2009 Master of Strategic Studies, with Distinction, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2010 Joint Air Operations Planning Course, LeMay Center for Doctrine, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2012 Joint Faculty Development Course, Air War College, Ala. and Joint Forces Staff College, Va.
2015 National Security Studies Program, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
2017 Director of Mobility Forces Course, U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Operations School, Hurlburt AFB, Fla.
2017 Joint Task Force Commander Training Course, U.S. Northern Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
2019 Senior Leader Orientation Course, Joint Base Andrews, Md. and Joint Base San Antonio, Texas
2020 Capstone General and Flag Officer Course, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

2021 Leading Strategically Experience, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, Colo.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 1992–February 1993, Distinguished Graduate and Ira J. Husik Trophy, Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training, Mather Air Force Base, Calif.
2. February 1993–April 1993, Student Navigator, Distinguished Graduate, C-130 Replacement Training Unit, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
3. May 1993–August 1995, LC/C-130 Navigator, 139th Airlift Squadron, Stratton Air National Guard Base, N.Y.
4. August 1995–August 1996, Military Training Trophy, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, Miss.
5. August 1996–December 1996, Distinguished Graduate, C-130 Replacement Training Unit, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
6. December 1996–March 1998, LC/C-130 Tactical Airlift and Ski-plane Pilot, 139th Airlift Squadron; Flying Executive Officer, Airdrop Pilot, Supervisor of Flying, 109th Operations Group, Stratton ANGB, Scotia, N.Y.
7. April 1998–July 1998, Student, T-38 Requalification and Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, Columbus AFB, Miss.
8. August 1998–July 1999, Student, Academic Award, F-16 Replacement Training Unit, Luke AFB, Ariz.
9. July 1999–December 2000, F-16 Fighter Pilot, Squadron Scheduler, Bomb Range Control Officer, Squadron Training Officer, 138th Fighter Squadron, Hancock Field, Syracuse, N.Y.
10. December 2000–March 2002, F-16 Instructor Fighter Pilot, Standardization and Evaluation Liaison Officer, 163rd Fighter Squadron; Wing Plans Officer, 122nd Fighter Wing, Fort Wayne International Airport, Ind.
11. March 2002–February 2005, Chief of Wing Safety, Instructor Fighter Pilot, 122nd Fighter Wing, Fort Wayne IAP, Ind.
12. February 2005–July 2008, Chief, Aviation Safety Division and Deputy Director, Safety, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Va.
13. July 2008–October 2009, Student, Air War College; Deputy Director, U.S. Air Force Blue Horizons, Center for Strategy and Technology, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
14. October 2009–September 2011, Chief, Joint Operations and Plans, Joint Task Force - Support Forces Antarctica, U.S. Pacific Command, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii; Concurrently, Commander, Forward and Garrison, Detachment 1, 13th Air Expeditionary Group, JTF-Support Forces Antarctica, McMurdo Station, Antarctica
15. September 2011–October 2013, Air National Guard Advisor to the Commander and President, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
16. November 2013–October 2015, National Director of Safety, Air National Guard, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
17. October 2015–June 2017, Wing Commander, 156th Airlift Wing; Base Commander, Muñiz ANGB, Carolina, Puerto Rico
18. June 2017–July 2018, Director for Integration, Office of Personnel and Readiness, Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
19. August 2018–August 2019, Deputy Director, Readiness and Training; Lead, Air Force Physiological Episodes Action Team, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
20. August 2019–August 2021, Deputy Commander, Canadian North American Aerospace Defense Region, and Deputy Joint Forces Air Component Commander, 1 Canadian Air Division, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
21. August 2021–present, Deputy Director for Partnering, Security Cooperation, Policy, and Space Capabilities, ECJ5, U.S. European Command, Stuttgart, Germany

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 2009–September 2011, Chief, Joint Operations and Plans; Joint Task Force-Support Forces Antarctica, United States Indo-Pacific Command, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, as a lieutenant colonel
2. June 2017–July 2018, Director for Integration, Office of Reserve Integration, Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va. as a colonel
3. August 2019–July 2021, Deputy Commander, Canadian North American Aerospace Defense Region, and Deputy Joint Forces Air Component Commander, 1 Canadian Air Division, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, as a brigadier general
4. August 2021–present, Deputy Director for Partnering, Security Cooperation, Policy, and Space Capabilities, ECJ5, U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany, as brigadier general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Ratings: command pilot and former navigator
Flight Hours: more than 2,700, including more than 205 combat hours
Aircraft Flown: F-16, C-130, A-10, WC-130, LC-130, AT-38, T-38, T-37, T-43 and T-3A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS



Defense Superior Service Medal
Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Medal
Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air and Space Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award with "V" device & 3 oak leaf clusters
Antarctica Service Medal
Iraq Campaign Medal with bronze service star
Humanitarian Service Medal with bronze service star
(Canadian) Meritorious Service Medal with MSM post-nominal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2004 Co-creator, Project Black Mountain, leading joint, multi-domain tactical datalinks in CENTCOM AOR
2006 Created the Wingman Project, which later evolved into the USAF Wingman Toolkit
2007 Chief of Staff of the Air Force Individual Safety Trophy for Wingman Project (U.S. Air Force level)
2008 Inductee to the Air Force Safety Hall of Fame (U.S. Air Force level)
2009, Paper presentation on "Case for Embedding Ethical Algorithms in Autonomous Combat Machines," plenary session of AsMA International Science Conference, Los Angeles, Calif.
2011 Patent, Co-inventor, "U.S. Air Force method and apparatus for mitigating aircrew fatigue"
2012 Executive Producer, "Welcome to 2035 ... Age of Surprise," U.S. Air Force Innovation Video
2018 Co-founder, Joint Physiological Episodes Action Team, with NASA and U.S. Navy

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)
FOREIGN SERVICE MEMBERS

ARNOLD Jr., Robert Raymond MSM CG: 30 March 2024
Colonel – United States Army American Citizen GH: nil
Deputy Commander of the Canadian Army Training Authority in Kingston DOI: July 2021 to July 2023

"From July 2021 to July 2023, as deputy commander of the Canadian Army Training Authority in Kingston, Ontario, Colonel Arnold had significant influence on training and capability development activity throughout the Canadian Army. His insight and unrelenting pursuit to advance effectiveness substantially enhanced Canadian Army readiness, and his contributions to continental defence and integration of Arctic posture had a strategic impact. Colonel Arnold is an exceptional ambassador for his country, and his efforts and unwavering commitment have brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces."



Colonel Robert R. Arnold Jr.
United States Army

Colonel Arnold was born on December 26, 1966 in Trenton, NJ. His family consists of his wife, Kellie Phyu, and his son, Jeremy, who is 23 years old. Colonel Arnold was commissioned through Officer Candidate School (OCS) and graduated as Distinguished Military Graduate at Fort Benning, GA on January 26, 1995. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Trenton State College, Trenton, NJ, a Master of Science in International Relations from Troy State University, and a Master of Science in Strategic Studies from the US Army War College.

Colonel Arnold's military education includes One Station Unit Training (OSUT) (Honor Graduate), Airborne School, Primary Leadership Development Course (Honor Graduate), Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course (Distinguished Honor Graduate), Officer Candidate School (Distinguished Military Graduate), Military Police Officer Basic Course (Honor Graduate), Unit Movement Officer Course, Military Police Officer Advance Course (Commandant's List), Combined Arms and Services Staff School (CAS3), Advanced Airborne School (Jumpmaster Course), Test and Evaluation Basic Course, Command and General Staff College (CGSC/ILE), Law Enforcement Senior Leaders Course, IMCOM Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) Course, and US Army War College.

Colonel Arnold's military assignments include Chemical Decontamination Specialist, Training NCO, NBC NCO, 7th Transportation Battalion, Fort Bragg, NC; Platoon Leader, 527th Military Police Company and 92d Military Police Company, Ayers Kaserne/Giessen Depot, Germany and Bosnia-Herzegovina; Assistant S3, 709th Military Police Battalion, Fliegerhorst Kaserne, Germany; S1, 503d Military Police Battalion (Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC; Commander, 21st Military Police Company (Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC and Kosovo; Military Police Evaluator, US Army Test and Evaluation Command, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD and Iraq/Afghanistan; Provost Marshal, 172 Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT), Fort Wainwright, AK and Iraq; Provost Marshal and Assistant S3, 1/25 Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT), Fort Wainwright, AK; Brigade Police Transition Team (PTT) OIC, 8th Military Police Brigade, Schofield Barracks, HI and Iraq; Executive Officer, 19th Military Police Battalion (CID), Schofield Barracks, HI; Executive Officer, Directorate of Emergency Services (DES), Schofield Barracks, HI; Deputy Director, Directorate of Emergency Services (DES), Schofield Barracks, HI; Commander, 504th Military Police Battalion, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA; Secretary of the General Staff (SGS), I Corps, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA; Senior Advisor to Deputy Minister, Security, Afghan Ministry of Interior, Kabul, Afghanistan; Chief, G34 Protection and Provost Marshal, I Corps, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA; Commander, 14th Military Police Brigade, Fort Leonard Wood, MO. He served as Deputy Commander, Army Training Authority and Canadian Army Doctrine and Training Centre, Kingston, ON, Canada from July 2021 to July 2023.

CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)
FOREIGN SERVICE MEMBERS

Colonel Robert Raymond ARNOLD Jr., MSM, USAF

Colonel Arnold supported humanitarian relief in Florida for Hurricane Andrew in August 1992, deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina in support of Operation Joint Endeavor from December 1995 to August 1996, to Kosovo in support of Operation Joint Guardian from May to November 2001, to Iraq and Afghanistan from November 2003 to January 2004 in support of an Operational Assessment for Army Battle Command System, to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from August 2005 to December 2006, to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from November 2008 to October 2009, and to Afghanistan in support of NATO Resolute Support Mission and Operation Freedom's Sentinel from July 2017 to July 2018.



Colonel Arnold's military awards and decorations include Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (7 Silver/Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (3 Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal (9 Silver/Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal (with bronze star), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal (with 4 bronze stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (2), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (6), NATO Medal (with 2 bronze stars), Army Valorous Unit Award, Army Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Superior Unit Award

Combat Action Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, German Parachutist Badge, German Military Efficiency Badge (Gold), German Sports Badge (Bronz).

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

FOREIGN SERVICE MEMBERS

O'MALLEY, Derek James	MSM	CG:	30 March 2024
Brigadier-General – United States Air Force	American Citizen	GH:	
Deputy Commander of the Canadian NORAD Region, Winnipeg Manitoba		DOI:	2021 to 2023



"Brigadier General O'Malley served as deputy commander of the Canadian NORAD Region and Joint Forces Air Component in Winnipeg, Manitoba, from 2021 to 2023. He demonstrated exceptional leadership and creativity in the delivery of air power for domestic and expeditionary operations. As asymmetric situations evolved, his commitment enabled Canadian Armed Forces operations to succeed globally. Brigadier General O'Malley's professionalism and commendable actions have strengthened the relationship between Canada and the United States."

Brigadier General Derek James O'MALLEY, MSM
United States Air Force

Brigadier General Derek "Maestro" O'Malley is the Deputy Director of Operations, Headquarters North American Aerospace Defense Command, Peterson Space Force Base, Colorado. As the Deputy Director, he leads the future concepts divisions for the execution of aerospace warning, aerospace control, and maritime warning for North America, to include the Canadian, Alaskan and continental United States North American Aerospace Defense Command Regions within the bi-national command.

Brig. Gen. O'Malley received his commission as a distinguished graduate of the Air Force ROTC program from Brigham Young University, Utah, in 1996. He has accumulated more than 3,000 flight hours including operational flying assignments in the F-16, F-35A and A-10C. He is a distinguished graduate and former instructor at the U.S. Air Force Weapons School, and was also in the initial cadre for the F-35A Lightning II. Brig. Gen. O'Malley has held leadership positions at the squadron, group and wing levels, and has commanded a fighter wing, and the U.S. Air Force's sole combat wing in Afghanistan, where he culminated the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing's 19 years of combat operations. Prior to his current position, he served as the Deputy Commander, Canadian North American Aerospace Defense Region, and Deputy Joint Force Air Component Commander for 1 Canadian Air Division. He has deployed in support of operations Northern Watch, Southern Watch, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, Resolute Support and Freedom's Sentinel.

EDUCATION
1996 Bachelor of Arts, Communications, Brigham Young University, Utah
2002 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2004 Distinguished Graduate, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
2005 Master of Business Administration, Trident University, distance learning program
2005 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB., Ala., by correspondence
2009 Distinguished Graduate, Master of Science, Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflicts, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif.
2013 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., by correspondence
2015 Distinguished Graduate, Master of Science, Strategic Studies, U.S. Army War College, Pa.

ASSIGNMENTS
1. October 1996–May 1997, Executive Officer, 71st Operations Group, Vance Air Force Base, Okla.
2. May 1997–September 1998, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance AFB, Okla.
3. September 1998–August 1999, Student, F-16 Initial Qualification Training, 308th Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.
4. August 1999–July 2001, Assistant Chief of Weapons and Tactics, 389th FS, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
5. July 2001–January 2003, F-16 Flight Examiner, Flight Commander, 22nd FS, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany
6. January 2003–July 2004, Student, U.S. Air Force Weapons Instructor Course, 16th Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
7. July 2004–August 2005, Chief of Weapons and Tactics, 35th FS, Kunsan AB, South Korea

8. August 2005–June 2008, F-16 Instructor, Assistant Director of Operations, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, 16th Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
9. June 2008–October 2009, Student, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif.
10. October 2009–July 2011, Deputy Operations Group Commander, 33rd Operations Group, Eglin AFB, Fla.
11. July 2011–June 2012 Director of Operations, 422nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
12. June 2012–June 2014, Commander, 59th Test and Evaluation Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
13. June 2014–June 2015, Student, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, Pa.
14. June 2015–June 2017, Senior Military Advisor for Air Warfare Systems, Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
15. June 2017–June 2018, Vice Commander, 388th Fighter Wing, Hill AFB, Utah
16. June 2018–June 2020, Commander, 20th Fighter Wing, Shaw AFB, S.C.
17. June 2020–June 2021, Commander, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing / Task Force Vulture, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan
18. June 2021–present, Deputy Commander, Canadian North American Aerospace Defense Region, and Deputy Joint Forces Air Component Commander, 1 Canadian Air Division, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
19. June 2023–present, Deputy Director of Operations, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Peterson Space Force Base, Colo.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS
1. June 2015–June 2017, Senior Military Advisor for Air Warfare Systems, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Director of Operational Test & Evaluation, the Pentagon, Va. as a colonel
2. June 2021–present, Deputy Commander, Canadian North American Aerospace Defense Region, and Deputy Joint Forces Air Component Commander, 1 Canadian Air Division, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, as a brigadier general
3. June 2023–present, Deputy Director of Operations, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Peterson SFB, Colo., as a brigadier general

FLIGHT INFORMATION
Rating: command pilot
Flight hours: more than 3,000 including 586 combat hours
Aircraft flown: T-41, T-3, T-37, T-38, F-35A, F-16C, A-10C and CF-18



MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS
Defense Superior Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters and "C" device
Legion of Merit
Distinguished Flying Cross with "V" device
Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air Medal with silver oak leaf cluster and "C" device Aerial Achievement Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air Force Combat Action Medal
Iraq Campaign Medal
Afghanistan Campaign Medal
Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) (Canada)



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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

FOREIGN SERVICE MEMBERS

AURISCH, Ellie Mae	MSM	CG:	Nil
Squadron Leader – Royal Australian Air Force	Australian Citizen	GH:	05 October 2025
Assistant Australian Defence Attaché to Canada		DOI:	October 2021 to October 2025



"Since October 2021, Squadron Leader Aurisch has served in an exceptional manner as the Assistant Australian Defence Attaché to Canada and the Australian Liaison Officer to the Canadian Joint Operations Command. In particular, she has been instrumental in strengthening senior leadership partnerships that have enabled the development of Operation HORIZON and the operationalization of Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy. Squadron Leader Aurisch's remarkable foresight and superior leadership abilities have greatly benefited both the Australian Defence Forces and the Canadian Armed Forces."

Medals: Australian Active Service – Australian Afghanistan – Australian Long Service Medal – Australian Defence – NATO with Article 5 ribbon – Canadian MSM





Squadron Leader Ellie Mae AURISCH
Commonwealth of Australia
Meritorious Service Medal

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

FOREIGN SERVICE MEMBERS

SCHERMERHORN, Jocelyn J. MSM GH: 02 November 2026
Brigadier-General – United States Air Force American Citizen GH: 20 May 2026
Evacuation of 1,500 Canadians from Israel as part of Operation Noble Eagle DOI: July 2023 to July 2025

"For Strong leadership in direction Operation Noble Eagle Responses and overseeing Royal Canadian Air Force deployments which included evacuating 1,500 Canadians from Israel as Deputy Joint Forces Air Component Commander and Deputy Commander, Canadian NORAD Region, Winnipeg, Manitoba, from July 2023 to July 2025."

"From July 2023 to July 2025, Brigadier General Schermerhorn, United States Air Force, served as Deputy Joint Forces Air Component Commander and Deputy Commander, Canadian NORAD Region. She directed Canadian and joint air operations, safeguarding Arctic sovereignty, leading Operation NOBLE EAGLE responses and advancing multinational defence exercises. She oversaw Royal Canadian Air Force deployments, including Operations REASSURANCE, NEON, and ION, evacuating 1,500 Canadians. Her leadership strengthened Canada–U.S. defence cooperation and enhanced Canadian Armed Forces' mission effectiveness."



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

Brig. Gen. Schermerhorn entered the Air Force in 1995 as a distinguished graduate of Colorado State University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. She earned her wings as a distinguished graduate of navigator training at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas and holds Master of Business Administration and Master of Strategic Studies postgraduate degrees. She has served as a flight commander, executive officer, Air Force Special Operations Command plans and programs chief of special projects, Special Operations Command South chief of air operations, squadron operations officer, squadron commander, joint special operations air component commander, faculty instructor, vice-wing commander and wing commander. Prior to taking her position in Canada, Brig. Gen. Schermerhorn was the Director of Operations, Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Florida. In July 2026, she became the Commander of the Air War College in Montgomery, Alabama.

Brig. Gen. Schermerhorn is a master navigator with over 3,500 flight hours as a C-130E evaluator navigator, a MC-130H evaluator navigator, a U-28A combat systems officer, and a UH-1N observer navigator. She has participated in a number of worldwide contingency operations and is a veteran of Operations Joint Guard, Allied Force, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and Freedom's Sentinel.

Brigadier-General Jocelyn J. SCHERMERHORN, MSM, USAF

EDUCATION

1995 Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering, Colorado State University, Fort Collins
2000 Master of Business Administration, Webster University, Mo.
2002 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2005 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2007 U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
2008 Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
2012 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2015 Master of Strategic Studies, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1995–September 1996, Student, Undergraduate Navigator Training, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.
2. September 1996–January 1997, Student, C-130E Navigator Initial Qualification, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
3. January 1997–June 2001, Navigator, Instructor, Flight Examiner, 61st Airlift Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
4. June 2001–September 2002, Navigator, Formal Training Unit Instructor, Flight Examiner, 53rd AS, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
5. September 2002–March 2003, Student, MC-130H Navigator Initial Qualification, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
6. March 2003–August 2005, Navigator, Instructor and Flight Examiner, 15th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
7. August 2005–September 2006, Wing Executive Officer, 16th Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
8. September 2006–January 2007, Chief of Special Projects, Air Force Special Operation Command Plans and Programs, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
9. January 2007–January 2008, Student, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
10. January 2008–March 2008, Student, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
11. March 2008–April 2010, Chief of J3 Air Operations, Special Operations Command South, Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla.
12. April 2010–June 2012, Director of Operations, 19th SOS, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
13. June 2012–June 2014, Commander, 19th SOS, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
14. June 2014–June 2015, Student, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.
15. June 2015–June 2017, Faculty Instructor, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.
16. June 2017–June 2020 Vice Commander, 11th Wing, Joint Base Andrews-Naval Air Facility Washington, Md.
17. June 2020–July 2022, Commander, 1st Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
18. August 2022–June 2023, Director of Operations, AFSOC, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
19. June 2023–present, Deputy Commander, Canadian North American Aerospace Defense Region, and Deputy Joint Forces Air Component Commander, 1 Canadian Air Division, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
20. On 02 September 2025, Brig. Gen. Jocelyn Schermerhorn, USAF assumed command of Air War College. As Commander, she will oversee the Air Force's premier officer professional military education institutions, including the Air War College, Air Command and Staff College, the School for Advanced Air and Space Studies, and the International Officer School. Under her leadership, we remain focused on lethality and the advancement of the art and science of airpower and joint

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. 2008–2010, Chief of J3 Air Operations, Special Operations Command South, Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla., as a major
2. 2011, Commander, Joint Special Operations Air Component Africa, Stuttgart, Germany, as a lieutenant colonel
3. 2015–2017, Faculty Instructor, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, Pa., as a colonel
4. 2020–2021, Commander, Combined Joint Special Operations Air Component Afghanistan, Bagram, as a colonel
5. 2023–2025, Deputy Commander, Canadian North American Aerospace Defense Region, and Deputy Joint Forces Air Component Commander, 1 Canadian Air Division, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, as a brigadier general
6. September 2025–present, Commander, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala

Brigadier-General Jocelyn J. SCHERMERHORN, MSM, USAF



FLIGHT INFORMATION
Rating: master navigator
Flight hours: more than 3,500
Aircraft flown: C-130E, MC-130H, U-28A, UH-1N

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS
Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster
Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster
Joint Service Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal (Military) - Canada

24 ribbons – 25 with her Canadian MSM

(Current as of November 2026)

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