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Introduction.

In support of United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM), Alaskan Command (ALCOM) (a subordinate unified command reporting to USNORTHCOM) is hosting a two-(partial) day Arctic Senior Leader Summit 2021 (ASLS21) via a virtual event on 10-11 March 2021.

The following are biographies listed in Alphabetical order of the Arctic Symposium’s speakers and invited participants.

MR. EDWARD ALEXANDER
Co-Chair (Alaska), Gwich’in Council International

Ed Alexander is Gwich’yaa Gwich’in from Fort Yukon, Alaska. He is passionate about his language and ensuring that the next generation has access to quality educational opportunities rooted in their language and culture. He advances this goal, in the classroom and by working to provide Gwich’in language resources to the communities, which he has done in his capacity as a teacher, principal, and language coordinator; currently employed as the Yukon Flats Centre Coordinator at the University of Alaska (Fairbanks) and to co-chairman of Gwich’in Council International.

MS. MICHELLE ANDERSON
President, Ahtna Inc.

An Ahtna shareholder, Michelle Anderson is the President of Ahtna, Inc. Michelle is a member of the Udzisyu (Caribou) clan.

Raised in the Ahtna region, Michelle graduated from Glennallen High School in 1987. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Alaska Anchorage and a Master of Arts in Rural Development from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.
MAJ. GENERAL. PETER B. ANDRYSIAK, USA
Commander, United States Army Alaska, and Deputy Commander, Alaska
Command Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska.

Major General Peter B. Andrysiak is the Commander United States Army
Alaska and Deputy Commanding General Alaskan Command. He is a
graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, and is a
Registered Professional Engineer in the state of Maryland.

In his nearly three decades of service, Major General Andrysiak has served
in numerous command and staff positions, including as the Chief of Staff,
U.S. Army Pacific; Deputy Commanding General – Operations, 25th
Infantry Division; Commanding General, Pacific Ocean Division, USACE;
Chief of Staff, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia; USFOR-A JTF-3;
Commander, 2nd Engineer Brigade, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson,
Alaska; Executive Officer to the Chief of Engineers/Commanding General,
Washington D.C.; Commander, 20th Engineer Battalion (Combat Effects),
Fort Hood, Texas; Deputy Commanding Officer, 1st Brigade Combat Team,
previously Executive Officer, 1st Special Troops Battalion, and Operations
Officer, 20th Engineer Battalion, all at 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood,
Texas; Deputy District Engineer/Program Manager, Baltimore District,
North Atlantic Division; Commander, A Company, 11th Engineer Battalion
(MECH), Fort Stewart, Georgia; Brigade Engineer, Headquarters, United
States Army Southern European Task Force Infantry Brigade, Vicenza, Italy;
and Platoon Leader, Combat Support Company, 3rd Battalion, 325th
Infantry Regiment (Airborne Battalion Combat Team), Vicenza, Italy.

His previous operational assignments include Operation Support Hope,
Rwanda ’94; Operation Desert Thunder, Kuwait ’98; two tours in support of
Operation Iraqi Freedom, Iraq ’04 to ’05 and ’06 to ’07; two tours in
support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan ’10 to ’11 and ’14;
and Operation Freedom’s Sentinel, Afghanistan ’15.

DR. ALYSON AZZARA
International Trade Specialist at US Maritime Administration, USDOT

Dr. Aly Azzara serves as International Trade Specialist at the US Maritime
Administration, USDOT. In this position, Dr. Azzara focuses on Arctic trade
issues including vessel safety, navigation, infrastructure, and
environmental stewardship. Provides additional policy expertise on trade
issues impacting the US flag fleet.
She has a Ph.D. in marine biology from Texas A&M University at Galveston, with research focused on the interaction between large vessel noise and sperm whale communication in the Gulf of Mexico.

**MR. JAMES H. BAKER**

*Director, Office of Net Assessment, Department of Defense*

Mr. Jim Baker is the Director of the Office of Net Assessment (ONA), the Department of Defense’s source of deep, long term future thinking on strategies and opportunities that improve the U.S. position in military-economic-political competition. As the Director of ONA, Mr. Baker is responsible for providing the Secretary of Defense and other senior leaders with independent comparative assessments of the prospects of the military capabilities of the United States relative to other actors, as well as the political, economic and regional implications of those assessments. He previously served as Strategist and advisor to two Chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He holds four graduate degrees, two in engineering disciplines and two in security studies from military institutions.

**MR. JAMES BALLAS**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Security Cooperation, Department of Defense*

Mr. James Ballas is the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Security Cooperation. In this role, Mr. Ballas supervises the Department’s multi-billion dollar security cooperation enterprise and provides guidance to the Department on security cooperation priorities globally. His office manages the implementation of wide-ranging reforms to the Department’s security cooperation authorities pursuant to Title 10, Chapter 16, Security Cooperation, including oversight of strategic policy and resource allocation.

Mr. Ballas previously served as the Director for China, Taiwan, and Mongolia in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs. Mr. Ballas joined the Office of the Secretary of Defense in 2008 as a Presidential Management Fellow and was assigned to the Department of State and the Department of Treasury before permanent assignment to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.
LT. GENERAL. STEVEN L. BASHAM  
Deputy Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe-Air Forces Africa

Lt. Gen. Steven L. Basham is the Deputy Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe-Air Forces Africa, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. As the air component to U.S. European Command and U.S. Africa Command, USAFE-AFAFRICA is responsible for providing full-spectrum warfighting capabilities to both combatant commanders throughout their area of responsibility, which encompasses 104 countries in Europe, Africa, Asia and the Middle East, the Arctic and Atlantic oceans, and possesses more than a quarter of the world’s population and world’s gross domestic product.

Lt. Gen. Basham was commissioned in 1989 through Officer Training School. He has completed numerous flying, staff and command assignments and is a command pilot with more than 3,400 flying hours in the B-1, B-2 and B-52. Prior to his current assignment, the general was the Director, Legislative Liaison, Office of Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia.

REAR ADMIRAL MATTHEW T. BELL JR.  
Commander of the United States Coast Guard, District 17

Rear Adm. Bell assumed the duties of Commander, 17th Coast Guard District in May 2018. He is responsible for US Coast Guard operations throughout Alaska, the North Pacific Ocean, Arctic Ocean, and Bering Sea, which includes protecting life and property, enforcing federal laws and treaties, preserving living marine resources, and promoting national security. Rear Adm. Bell is a 1984 graduate from Northern Arizona University. He entered the Coast Guard through the Recruit Training Center in 1985 and received his commission in 1986 upon graduation from Officer Candidate School. Rear Adm. Bell has over 12 years of sea service including three afloat command tours; much of his time at sea was spent patrolling the Pacific and Bering Sea waters. He has also served as the Commander of the Personnel Service Center, Chief of Staff of Pacific Area, and Commodore of Patrol Forces Southwest Asia in Manama, Bahrain.
DR. WALTER BERBRICK
Assistant Professor, Director of Arctic Studies Group, Naval War College

Walter Berbrick is as an associate professor in the War Gaming Department, founding director of the Arctic Studies Group and co-lead scholar of the Newport Arctic Scholars Initiative. He has authored many reports and publications on defense and foreign policy issues and is the co-author of the forthcoming book “Newport Manual on Arctic Security.” Most recently, he served as the senior arctic policy advisor to the Secretary of the Navy and special representative for the Arctic region at the U.S. State Department. He is an international affairs fellow and member with the Council on Foreign Relations, holds a doctorate from Northeastern University and has served 10 years in the U.S. Navy.

COM. Sgt. Maj. Philip B. Blaisdell
Senior Enlisted Leader USARAK

CSM Blaisdell enlisted in the United States Army in November 1992 and attended One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he trained as an Infantryman. SGM Blaisdell has served in every position from Rifleman to Command Sergeant Major. His assignments include Rifleman, A Co, 1st Battalion, 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fort Polk, LA; Rifle Team Leader, B Co, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, Camp Casey, Korea; Squad Leader and Scout Squad Leader, CCO/HHC, 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, NC; U.S. Army Ranger Instructor, C Co. 4th Ranger TRNG BN, Ranger TRNG BDE, Fort Benning, GA; Rifle and Scout Platoon Sergeant, B Co/HHC, 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 101st ABN DIV (AASLT), Fort Campbell, KY; First Sergeant, D CO/BCO, 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 101st ABN DIV (AASLT), Fort Campbell, KY; First Sergeant, HHC 1-507th, Parachute Infantry Regiment, Maneuver Center of Excellence, Fort Benning, GA; HHC First Sergeant/Operations Sergeant Major, 3-509th Airborne Infantry Regiment, JBER; Operations Sergeant Major, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 10th MTN (LI) DIV, Fort Drum, NY; Command Sergeant Major, 3rd Battalion, 13th Infantry, Fort Jackson, SC; Command Sergeant Major, Leader Training Brigade, Fort Jackson, and, G-3/5/7 Sergeant Major, United States Army Pacific Command, Fort Shafter, HI.

CSM Blaisdell's military and civilian education includes all levels of the Noncommissioned Officer Education System, and to United States Army Sergeants Major Academy (Class 63). SGM Blaisdell is a graduate of the First Sergeant Course, Basic Airborne School, Air Assault School, Combat Lifesaver Course, Emergency Medical Technician Course, Nuclear,
Biological and Chemical Defense Officer/NCO Operations Course, Pre-Ranger Course, U.S. Army Ranger School, Instructor Training Course, Tactics Certification Course, Jumpmaster Course, Battalion and Brigade Pre-Command Course, CSM/SGM Legal Orientation Course and the Nominative Leaders Course. SGM Blaisdell has earned an Associate’s degree with Excelsior College in Applied Science and is currently pursuing a Bachelor’s degree.

CSM Blaisdell's military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (1 OCL), Bronze Star Medal (V-devise/3 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (4 OLC), Good Conduct Medal (8th award), National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Kosovo Campaign Medal with Bronze Star, Iraq Campaign Medal (3 CS), Afghanistan Campaign Medal (1 CS), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 5), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 5), NATO Medal, Multinational Force and Observers Medal, Army Valorous Unit Award, Army Meritorious Unit Commendation (1 OLC), Ranger Tab, Expert Infantryman Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge (2nd Award), Basic, Senior, and Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, German Schutzschnur Badge Bronze, and German Parachutist Badge.

SGM Blaisdell is a recipient of the Order of Saint Maurice (Centurion) Medal and has been inducted as a Distinguished and Honorary member of the 502nd Infantry Regiment.

**MR. TROY BOUFFARD**

**University of Alaska Fairbanks School of Management**

Troy J. Bouffard, MSG (Ret.) U.S. Army, has a BA in Political Science, and MA in Arctic Policy. He is currently working on a PhD with a focus on Russian Arctic Defense strategy and international law. As a defense contractor, he has helped lead the DOD Arctic regional and security studies course for the last six years. Within the UAF Homeland Security and Emergency Management program, Mr. Bouffard’s portfolio includes development and delivery of an Arctic Security graduate concentration and certificate. As a Research Fellow with the Centre for Defence and Security Studies at the University of Manitoba, he has co-authored articles in several Canadian publications, including a book with the Canadian Global Affairs Institute, Vanguard magazine, and the Canadian Naval Review. Among his other academic activities, he is currently serving as the contracted supervisor and chief editor for a NATO Arctic research project.
DASD Spencer Boyer
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for European and NATO Policy

Spencer P. Boyer is the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Europe and NATO Policy. Directly before joining DoD, he was the Director of the Washington Office of the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law; a Senior Fellow at the Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement at the University of Pennsylvania; and an Adjunct Professor at the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. Mr. Boyer’s government service includes senior roles in both terms of the Obama administration. From 2009 – 2011, he served as a Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs, where his areas of responsibility included Western Europe, public diplomacy, and public affairs. From 2014 – 2017, he was the National Intelligence Officer for Europe in the National Intelligence Council—the center for long-range strategic thinking within the U.S. Intelligence Community.

Mr. Boyer has been the executive director of a Georgetown University-based NGO and a senior analyst or visiting scholar with numerous think tanks, including the Center for American Progress, the Center for Transatlantic Relations at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and the Brookings Institution. He began his career as a lawyer with international courts and tribunals in The Hague, Zurich, and Paris. He has been a guest analyst with numerous news outlets, including CNN, BBC, MSNBC, FOX, ABC, and Voice of America, and is frequently quoted in print and online media around the world.

DR. LAWSON BRIGHAM
USARC Advisor; Global Fellow, Wilson Center Polar Institute

Dr. Lawson W. Brigham is Distinguished Professor of Geography and Arctic Policy at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and Senior Fellow at the Institute of the North. He is currently a Commissioner on the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission and a member of the U.S. Delegation to the International Maritime Organization in London. During 2005-2009 he was chair of the Arctic Council’s Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment and Vice Chair of the Council’s working group on Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment. Dr. Brigham, a native of Shelter Island, New York, was a career U.S. Coast Guard officer serving from 1970-95 and retiring with the
rank of Captain. He commanded four Coast Guard cutters including the patrol cutter Point Steele, Great Lakes icebreaker Mobile Bay, the medium endurance cutter Escanaba and the polar icebreaker Polar Sea; he also served as Chief of Strategic Planning at Coast Guard Headquarters. He has participated in more than 15 Arctic and Antarctic expeditions, and during summer 1994 Polar Sea crossed the central Arctic Ocean for science with the Canadian Coast Guard icebreaker Louis S. St-Laurent.

Dr. Brigham has been a research fellow at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, a faculty member of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and the Naval Postgraduate School, and Alaska Office Director of the U.S. Arctic Research Commission. He is a graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy (B.S.), a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Naval War College, and holds graduate degrees from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (M.S.) and the University of Cambridge (MPhil and Ph.D). His research interests have focused on the Russian maritime Arctic, Arctic climate change, marine transportation, Arctic futures, remote sensing of sea ice, and polar geopolitics. Captain Brigham was a 2008 signer of the American Geographical Society’s Flier’s and Explorer’s Globe, the Society’s historic globe of exploration. This signing was in recognition of Polar Sea’s 1994 voyages becoming the first ship in history to reach the extreme ends of the global ocean. He was named the 2010 Distinguished Alumnus of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and in 2013 was selected a member of the Norwegian Scientific Academy for Polar Research. Dr. Brigham is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a member of the World Economic Forum’s Global Agenda Council on the Arctic.

VICE ADMIRAL SCOTT BUSCHMAN
HQ USCG Deputy Commandant for Operations

Vice Admiral Scott A. Buschman assumed the duties of the Coast Guard Deputy Commandant for Operations in June 2020. In this capacity, he is responsible for the development of operational strategy, policy, guidance, and resources that address national priorities. This oversight of Coast Guard missions, programs, and services includes: intelligence; international affairs; cyber; the maritime transportation system; commercial regulations and inspections; search and rescue; maritime security; law enforcement; defense operations; environmental response; contingency planning; and the operational capabilities of cutter, boat, aviation, shore, and deployable specialized forces.
Prior flag officer assignments include Atlantic Area Commander, headquartered in Portsmouth, VA, where he served as the operational commander for all Coast Guard missions from the Rocky Mountains to the Arabian Gulf, spanning across five Coast Guard Districts and 40 states. He also served as the Deputy Commander of Atlantic Area and the Commander of the Seventh Coast Guard District, headquartered in Miami, Florida, where he was responsible for all Coast Guard operations in the Southeast United States and the Caribbean Basin including Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands and Commander Force Readiness Command. His first flag assignment was the Commander of Coast Guard Force Readiness Command.

As a Cutterman, Vice Admiral Buschman served as a Deck Watch Officer aboard USCGC SHERMAN, Navigation Officer in Charge aboard USCGC ESCANABA, Boston, MA and Commanding Officer aboard USCGC VASHON. His other operational assignments include Deputy Commander, Coast Guard Group Key West and Commander, Coast Guard Sector Key West. Prior staff assignments include: Coast Guard’s Deputy Assistant Commandant for Capability, Coast Guard Seventh District’s Chief of Staff, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Commandant for Operations, Program Reviewer at Coast Guard Headquarters Office of Programs, Liaison Officer to the U.S. Department of State, Chief of Congressional Hearings Section, and Deputy Chief of the Office of Budget and Programs.

Vice Admiral Buschman holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy; a Masters of Public Administration from The George Washington University; and a Masters of Business Administration from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as part of the Sloan Fellows Program. He is originally from Peterborough, New Hampshire, and received his commission in 1984 after graduating from the United States Coast Guard Academy.

Vice Admiral Buschman’s personal awards include the Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medal, six Legions of Merit, five Meritorious Service Medals, three Coast Guard Commendation medals, the Transportation 9/11 Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and the Commandant’s Letter of Commendation as well as various service and unit awards.
**BRIG. GEN. J.B.P. CARPENTIER**  
CD, Commander, Joint Task Force North

BGen Carpentier was commissioned in the Canadian Forces in 1986, following the Basic Air Weapons Control Course in North Bay, Ontario. Throughout his career, he has served in various positions across the globe, including postings in Canada, the United States, Greenland, Germany and France.

Over five AWACS tours with NATO, the French Air Force and the United States Air Force, BGen Carpentier has amassed over 3480 flying hours and 186 combat and combat support missions in the Balkans, Afghanistan and Iraq.

 Having served twice before North of 60, in 2018 BGen Carpentier was honoured to assume command of Joint Task Force North located in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, where he currently resides with his wife.

BGen Carpentier holds a BA in Political Science, an MSc in Aerospace Administration and is a graduate of the Canadian Armed Forces Joint Command and Staff Program and of the United States Air Force Air War College.

**DR. DOUGLAS CAUSEY**  
Arctic Domain Awareness Center (ADAC) Principle Investigator; University of Alaska Anchorage

Douglas Causey is Professor of Biological Sciences and Principal Investigator of the Department of Homeland Security Arctic Domain Awareness Center of Excellence. He also serves as Senior Advisor on Arctic Policy to the Chancellor at the University of Alaska Anchorage. He arrived to UAA in June 2005 from Harvard University where he was Senior Fellow of the Kennedy School of Government and Senior Biologist at the Museum of Comparative Zoology. From 1995 - 2000, Doug represented the National Science Foundation at organizational meetings leading to the formation of the Arctic Council and was NSF’s Arctic Representative during the Gore-Chernomyrdin negotiations on US-Russian Science Policy. His research focuses on the environmental correlates of Arctic climate change, and he and his students are actively conducting research in the Aleutian Islands, the northern Bering Sea, and Northwestern Greenland. His Greenlandic research efforts are funded by the National Science Foundation and are components of the Piniariarneq and Pikialasorsuaq initiatives. He has published extensively on policy issues related to the
Arctic environment, Arctic environmental security, and bioterrorism and public health. He and Maj Gen (ret.) Randy Kee jointly offer the policy course “Arctic Environmental Security” through the University of Alaska and the UArctic, with enrollment by students throughout the Arctic region.

REAR ADMIRAL. DANIEL CHEEVER
Director, J5, U.S. Northern Command

Rear Adm. Dan “Undra” Cheever is a native of Downers Grove, Illinois, and is a 1986 graduate of Western Illinois University with a Bachelor of Business. After college, he worked for a Fortune 500 corporation and attended the University of Hawaii. He joined the Navy in 1988 and was designated a Naval aviator in 1990.

Cheever’s operational sea tours include his air wing commander tour with Carrier Air Wing 8 in Oceana, Virginia on USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77) from 2012 to 2015; commanding officer tour with Strike fighter Squadron (VFA) 147 in Naval Air Station (NAS) Lemoore, California on USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) from 2005 to 2008; department head tour with VFA-147 from 2000 to 2002; Strike Fighter Tactics Instructor tour with VFA-146 from 1998 to 2000; junior officer tour with VFA-195, Atsugi, Japan on USS Independence (CV 62) from 1991 to 1995.

He served as the naval amphibious liaison element for Commander, U.S. 6th Fleet at 17th Air Force, Ramstein, Germany, and as the battle director at the Combined Air and Space Operations Center, U.S. Central Command in 2011.

His shore tours include commander, Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center, Fallon, Nevada from 2017 to 2019; department head for Topgun and Strike at the Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center in Fallon, Nevada from 2008 to 2011; aide de camp to Gen. Richard B. Myers, U.S. Air Force, 15th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon from 2002 to 2004; instructor, Navy Fighter Weapons School, Miramar, California / Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center, Fallon, Nevada from 1995 to 1998; VFA-125, NAS Lemoore, California from 1990 to 1991.

Cheever has accumulated over 5,000 flight hours and over 1,100 carrier-arrested landings. His decorations include the Legion of Merit (3), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3), Air Medal Strike/Flight and various campaign, unit and service awards.
BRIG. GENERAL. LAURA CLELLEN
Adjutant General Colorado National Guard

Brigadier General Laura Clellan is the 44th Adjutant General of Colorado. Appointed by the Governor of Colorado, General Clellan serves as the Executive Director of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and is a member of the Governor’s Cabinet. The DMVA consists of the Colorado National Guard, the Division of Veterans Affairs, and the Colorado Wing of the Civil Air Patrol totaling more than 6,700 Soldiers, Airmen, State employees, and Volunteers. As Adjutant General, General Clellan is responsible for the operation and management of readiness, fiscal, personnel, equipment, and real property resources of the Department, and ensures the training readiness of all personnel to accomplish both state and federal missions. Additionally, General Clellan is responsible for supporting the State Partnerships with Slovenia and Jordan and a strategic partnership with Israel’s Home Front Command.

LT. GENERAL. CHRISTOPHER J. COATES
Canada, Commander, Joint Operations Command (CJOC)

Lieutenant-General Christopher J. Coates is a military officer of the Royal Canadian Air Force. In July 2020 he replaced Lieutenant-General Michael Rouleau as commander of Canadian Joint Operations Command. From July 2018 until July 2020, he was the deputy commander of North American Aerospace Defense Command succeeding Lieutenant-General Pierre St-Amand.

He graduated from post-secondary education at University of Calgary in chemistry and bio-chemistry.

He was trained as a pilot upon joining the RCAF, starting as a reconnaissance pilot flying light observation helicopters with 444 Squadron in Lahr, Germany, 430 Squadron in Valcartier, Québec, 408 Squadron in Edmonton, Alberta and 427 Squadron in Petawawa, Ontario.

He was the operations officer with 10 Tactical Air Group in St Hubert, and director of CAOC in Winnipeg, 1 Wing in Kingston.
MS. HEATHER CONLEY
Senior vice president for Europe, Eurasia, and the Arctic and director of the Europe Program, CSIS

Heather A. Conley is senior vice president for Europe, Eurasia, and the Arctic and director of the Europe, Russia, and Eurasia Program at CSIS. Prior to joining CSIS as a senior fellow and director for Europe in 2009, Conley served four years as executive director of the Office of the Chairman of the Board at the American National Red Cross. From 2001 to 2005, she was deputy assistant secretary of state in the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs with responsibilities for U.S. bilateral relations with the countries of Northern and Central Europe. From 1994 to 2001, she was a senior associate with an international consulting firm led by former U.S. deputy secretary of state Richard L. Armitage. Ms. Conley began her career in the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. She was selected to serve as special assistant to the coordinator of U.S. assistance to the newly independent states of the former Soviet Union, and she has received two State Department Meritorious Honor Awards. Ms. Conley is frequently featured as a foreign policy analyst and Europe expert on CNN, MSNBC, BBC, NPR, and PBS, among other prominent media outlets. She received her B.A. in international studies from West Virginia Wesleyan College and her M.A. in international relations from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS).

VICE ADMIRAL SCOTT CONN
Commander, THIRD Fleet

Vice Adm. Scott Conn is a native of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and a 1985 graduate of Millersville University of Pennsylvania. He was designated a naval aviator in May 1987. Conn is also a graduate of the Naval War College.

Conn’s command tours include Carrier Strike Group 4; Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center, Carrier Air Wing 11, the FA-18 series Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS) Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 106; and VFA-136.

Conn’s sea tours involved seven deployments on five different aircraft carriers in support of Operations Deliberate Force, Southern Watch, Deny Flight, Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. He has flown in excess of 100 combat missions, has accumulated over 4,700 flight hours and 1,000 arrested landings.
Ashore, Conn had multiple flying tours involving flight in the A-4, F-5, F-16 and FA-18 series aircraft. His staff tours include serving as the staff general secretary and U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM) event planner at the Joint Warfighting Center; as the executive assistant to Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command; and as the strike branch director for Director, Air Warfare (N98) and most recently completed a tour as the Director, Air Warfare (N98) on the staff of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. He assumed duties as the 30th Commander U.S. Third Fleet in September 2019.

Conn was the recipient of the 2004 Vice Adm. James Bond Stockdale Inspirational Leadership award and is authorized to wear the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (six awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal (five Strike Flight), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (five awards, one with Combat “V”) and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, as well as various service and campaign awards.

**MS. LAURA COOPER**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense DASD for Russia, Ukraine and Eurasia, U.S. Department of Defense*


Laura Cooper is currently serving as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Russia, Ukraine, Eurasia. Ms. Cooper is a career member of the Senior Executive Service. She has responsibility for policy concerning Russia, Ukraine, Eurasia, and Western Balkans as well as Conventional Arms Control. Ms. Cooper previously served as a Principal Director in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Global Security Affairs. Prior assignments in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy include: Director of the Strategy office, where she helped manage the 2010 Quadrennial Defense Review; Acting Director for South Asia; and Afghanistan Team Chief, Stability Operations Office.

Prior to joining the Department of Defense in 2001, Ms. Cooper was a policy planning officer at the State Department in the Office of Coordinator for Counterterrorism. Ms. Cooper has a Master of Science in Foreign Service degree from Georgetown University, a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy degree from the Industrial College of Armed Forces at National Defense University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Northwestern University.
CAAPT. (RET.) THOMAS J. CULORA  
Dean of the Center for Naval Warfare Studies, US Naval War College  

Dean Culora is a retired Navy captain and naval aviator with over 2500 flight hours. He has served in numerous operational billets including commanding officer of a helicopter maritime strike squadron (HSM-47), air boss on USS Peleliu (LHA-5) and executive officer then commanding officer of USS Boxer (LHD-4), an amphibious assault carrier. His staff tours include the Joint Chiefs of Staff where he helped shape and coordinate national and military policy during the groundwork initiatives to expand NATO in the mid-1990's and as flag secretary to the chief of naval education and training. He also served as both acting director and deputy director for Strategy and Policy on the Navy staff.

Dean Culora was a Federal Executive Fellow at Harvard University's Olin Institute from 2001-2002 during which time he focused primarily on leadership issues. From 2005 to 2007 he was a Military Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York where his work examined global leadership, humanitarian assistance and U.S. maritime strategy.

DR. DALEE SAMBO DOROUGH  
International Chair, Inuit Circumpolar Council  

Dr. Dalee Sambo Dorough (Inuit-Alaska) is the newly elected International Chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Council, a non-governmental organization that represents approximately 165,000 Inuit from the Russian Far East, Alaska, Canada and Greenland. She holds a Ph.D. from University of British Columbia, Faculty of Law (2002) and a Master of Arts in Law & Diplomacy from The Fletcher School at Tufts University (1991). She is affiliated with the University of Alaska Anchorage where she served as an Assistant Professor of International Relations within the Department of Political Science from 2008-2018; former Chairperson (2014) and Expert Member of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (2010-2016); and co-Chair of the International Law Association (ILA) Committee on Implementation of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Research interests relate to Indigenous peoples and Arctic issues. Her recent publications include “The Rights, Interests and Role of the Arctic Council Permanent Participants” R. Beckman, T. Henriksen, K. Kraabel, E.J. Molenaar and J.A. Roach (eds) Governance of Arctic Shipping. Balancing Rights and Interests of Arctic States and User States (Brill: 2017); and
“Indigenous Peoples’ Right to Cultural Heritage”, co-authored with Siegfried Wiessner, University of Miami School of Law, chapter on Oxford Handbook on Cultural Heritage Law, A. Vrdoljak, ed, forthcoming. Dr. Dorough lives in Anchorage, AK with her husband, Luke Dorough (Waccamaw Siouan) and their 23-year old daughter, Hannah, who is embarking upon a Master’s degree in the UK.

Dr. Dalee Sambo Dorough, Chairperson, Inuit Circumpolar Council. She received a PhD in Law from University of British Columbia, Faculty of Law (2002) and a Master of Arts in Law & Diplomacy, The Fletcher School, Tufts University (1991). Presently, a Senior Scholar and Special Advisor on Arctic Indigenous Peoples, University of Alaska Anchorage, where she was an Assistant Professor of International Relations. Dr. Dorough was Chairperson (2014) and an Expert Member of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (2010-2016); and is now co-Chair of the International Law Association (ILA) Committee on Implementation of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

MR. JAMES P. DEHART
U.S. Coordinator for the Arctic Region, Department of State

Jim DeHart is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service with 28 years of experience as a U.S. diplomat. He holds the rank of Minister Counselor. Jim was appointed as U.S. Coordinator for the Arctic Region in July, 2020. He brings significant experience in regional security, civilian-military cooperation, and international negotiations. A hallmark of his career has been close collaboration with U.S. allies and partners to advance our shared interests and values.

As Senior Advisor for Security Negotiations and Agreements from 2019-2020, Jim led the negotiation of status of forces, defense cooperation, and burden-sharing agreements worldwide. He served twice in Afghanistan – as Assistant Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul (2018-2019) and in Panjshir Province as Director of the only civilian-led U.S. Provincial Reconstruction Team (2009-2010). From 2015–2018, Jim served as Deputy Chief of Mission in Oslo, Norway, with extended periods as Chargé d’Affaires. Previously, he was Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Department of State’s Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) where he oversaw assistance programs in Afghanistan and Pakistan and global programs targeting corruption, money laundering, and organized crime. From 2010-2013, Jim was Director of the Office of Afghanistan Affairs reporting to the Department’s Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan (SRAP).
Jim was a Rusk Fellow at Georgetown University where he taught a graduate-level course on NATO enlargement and wrote for publication. He served as Director for Central Asia on the National Security Council Staff at the White House and as Deputy Director for Caucasus and Central Asian Affairs at the State Department. He worked for two Under Secretaries of State as Special Assistant for Europe and Eurasia and served overseas at NATO Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium; in Melbourne, Australia; and in Istanbul, Turkey. He also served as desk officer for Greece and in the State Department Operations Center.

Jim was raised in a Foreign Service family in Australia, Hong Kong, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Washington, DC and Central Oregon. He holds a B.A. from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington and a Masters in International Affairs from The Elliott School at George Washington University.

VICE ADMIRAL MICHAEL J. DUMONT

Vice Admiral Michael J. Dumont is the Deputy Commander, U.S. Northern Command, and Vice Commander, U.S. Element, North American Aerospace Defense Command at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. As Deputy Commander, Admiral Dumont assists the Combatant Commander in anticipating, preparing for and responding to threats against North America and within Northern Command’s assigned area of responsibility. Additionally, he provides oversight of U.S. Northern Command’s mission to provide Defense Support to Civil Authorities.

Dumont graduated from the University of Southern Maine and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He served five years on active duty as an Army aviator and paratrooper in the 82d Airborne Division, holding positions as a company executive officer, flight platoon leader in the Middle East, and task force executive officer in Central America. Upon leaving the Army in 1990, he affiliated with the U.S. Navy Reserve as a naval aviator.

Dumont has commanded five organizations, including an aviation squadron and the joint reserve unit of the U.S. Military Delegation to the NATO Military Committee in Brussels, Belgium.

In subsequent assignments, Dumont served as special assistant to the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe (SACEUR) and commander, U.S. European Command (USEUCOM); chief of staff, Office of the U.S. Defense
Representative to Pakistan; deputy chief of staff for stability operations with the International Security Assistance Force Joint Command in Kabul, Afghanistan; and chief of staff as well as deputy chief of staff for strategy, resources and plans (N5/N8), U.S. Naval Forces Europe and Africa. While assigned to the Joint Staff, he served as J5 deputy director for politico-military affairs; J5 deputy director for strategic initiatives; and as the vice director of the Joint Staff.

As a senior executive in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Dumont served as principal director for Special Operations & Counterterrorism; defense policy advisor to SACEUR and commander, USEUCOM; Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Afghanistan, Pakistan & Central Asia; and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations. Before joining the Department of Defense, Dumont served as a Federal prosecutor in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

In addition to a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Southern Maine, Dumont holds a Juris Doctor from Suffolk University Law School, a Master of Science (M.S.) in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College and an M.S. in National Security Strategy from the National War College.

COMMAND MASTER CHIEF JASON DUNN
Command Master Chief, Navy Region Northwest

Command Master Chief Jason Dunn, a native of Columbus, Ohio, attended basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois in 1991. He attended Fire Controlman “A” School and subsequently completed Tomahawk “C” School in San Diego, California.

During his time in the Navy, he served as Tomahawk Lead Petty Officer (LPO) and acting Leading Chief Petty Officer (LCPO) onboard USS Fife (DD 991) and USS John S. McCain (DDG 56), promoting to Chief at Commander, U.S. Seventh Fleet onboard the USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19). He served as Division Leading Chief Petty Officer (DLCPO) of Weapons Department and attained his SUWC, AAWC, CSC and TAO qualifications during his tour onboard USS Russell (DDG 59). His two shore tours included Command Senior Enlisted Leader (CSEL) at Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific (ATG MIDPAC) and CSEL at U.S. Strategic Command (STRATCOM) Cruise Missile Support Activity.

In 2013, he was selected for Command Master Chief and stood up the first Command Master Chief billet at Commander, Destroyer Squadron Fifteen (CDS 15), embarking onboard the USS George Washington (CVN 73) and
further facilitating the staff migration and hull swap to USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) during his tour.

In October 2015, he reported as Command Master Chief, USS Chancellorsville (CG 62). During that time, the ship earned the Spokane Trophy, awarded by U.S. Pacific Fleet to the surface combatant ship considered to be the most proficient in overall combat systems readiness and warfare operations.

In June 2018, he reported as Command Master Chief, Naval Base San Diego. At the end of his first year, the base earned the Dept. of Defense Installation Award and Presidential Award for Installation Excellence in 2019.

In January 2020, he assumed the duties as Command Master Chief, Navy Region Northwest.

Dunn is an Honor graduate of the U.S. Air Force Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, Class 2011-A, Flight 02 and earned his degree from Wayland Baptist University in Information Systems Management. His personal awards include: Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4 awards), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy Achievement Medal (8 awards) and various unit and campaign awards.

DR. HAO EICKEN
Professor of Geophysics and Director of the International Arctic Research Center, University of Alaska Fairbanks

Hajo Eicken is Professor of Geophysics and Director of the International Arctic Research Center at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. His research focuses on sea ice geophysics, Arctic coastal processes, and their importance for human activities and ecosystems. In Alaska he has helped lead efforts to advance collaborative research with Indigenous knowledge holders and to enhance use of scientific data by Arctic communities and government agencies. For more than a decade, he has worked with colleagues to establish a sea-ice observatory at Utqiagvik/Pt. Barrow. Other collaborative efforts include his involvement in helping launch the Arctic Sea Ice Outlook and Sea Ice Prediction Network, his co-leadership of the Arctic Observing Summit, and service as Chair of a National Academies Standing Committee on Offshore Science and Assessment.
MR. MIKE D. EMERSON  
**Director, HQ USCG Maritime Transportation Systems**

Mike Emerson is the Director for Marine Transportation Systems and Senior Arctic Policy Advisor at Coast Guard Headquarters. He manages a broad portfolio of marine navigation, waterway, and bridge programs, and is also responsible for a wide variety of Polar and Arctic safety and security initiatives. Emerson returned to Coast Guard Headquarters in August 2015, following a three year assignment in the Office of Operations at the Department of Homeland Security Headquarters.

Emerson retired from the Coast Guard in 2014, after 30 years of service. His tours of duty included Senior Fellow for the CNO Strategic Studies Group in Newport, Rhode Island; Chief of Aviation Forces at Coast Guard Headquarters; Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater, Florida; Chief of Drug Interdiction at Coast Guard Headquarters; four tours in aviation as a C-130 pilot, and two tours at sea.

Emerson graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1984 with a Bachelor of Science in Government Degree and has since received a Masters Degree in Military Studies from the Marine Corps University, and a Masters Degree in Business Administration from American Military University.

VICE ADMIRAL. LINDA L. FAGAN, USCG  
**Commander, Pacific Area, Commander, Coast Guard Defense Force West, United States Coast Guard**

Vice Admiral Fagan assumed command of the Coast Guard Pacific Area in June 2018 where she serves as the operational commander for all U.S. Coast Guard missions from the Rocky Mountains to the waters off the East Coast of Africa. She concurrently serves as Commander, Defense Force West and provides Coast Guard mission support to the Department of Defense and Combatant Commanders.

Vice Admiral Fagan is the Coast Guard’s first-ever Gold Ancient Trident, as the officer with the longest service record in the Marine Safety Field. As such, she advocates for and advises the Prevention workforce. Vice Admiral Fagan reports to the Pacific Area from her tour as the Deputy Commandant for Operations, Policy, & Capabilities, responsible for establishing operational strategy, policy, capability, and resources to meet national priorities. Prior flag officer assignments were Commander, First Coast Guard District where she oversaw multi-mission operations across New England, and Deputy
Director of Operations for Headquarters, United States Northern Command, advising the Commander on mission operations.

Admiral Fagan has served on all seven continents, from the snows of Ross Island, Antarctica to the heart of Africa, from Tokyo to Geneva, and in many ports along the way. She commanded Sector New York, with responsibility for all Coast Guard missions in the greater New York metropolitan area and as far north as Albany. Additional operational assignments include sea duty on board the USCGC Polar Star, and more than 15 years as a Marine Inspector. Vice Admiral Fagan’s staff tours include Executive Assistant to the Commandant and Vice Commandant, and Division Chief of the Foreign and Offshore Compliance Office.

Vice Admiral Fagan has extensive interagency as well as intergovernmental experience. She has worked with both the International Maritime Organization and International Labor Organization on flag state and port state issues, including the development of the International Ship and Port Security Code (ISPS), and the Consolidated Maritime Labor Convention.

Vice Admiral Fagan has a Bachelor’s Degree in Marine Science from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, a Master’s Degree in Marine Affairs from the University of Washington, and a Master’s Degree in National Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. She has earned numerous personal and team awards during her 38 years of Coast Guard service.

**DR. JOHN FARRELL**  
*Executive Director of the U.S. Arctic Research Commission*

Dr. John Farrell is the executive director of the US Arctic Research Commission, an independent federal agency of Presidential appointees that advises the White House and Congress on Arctic research and works with executive branch agencies to establish and execute a national Arctic research plan. Farrell previously served as Associate Dean at the University of Rhode Island’s Graduate School of Oceanography, and Director of the international Ocean Drilling Program which advanced scientific understanding of the Earth. He earned ScM and PhD degrees in geological sciences from Brown University, and a BA in geology from Franklin and Marshall College. He was an NSF-funded postdoctoral fellow at Brown, an NSERC-funded senior research associate at the University of British Columbia, and a science fellow at the US Embassy in Berlin, Germany. He’s spent 4 months on icebreakers in the high Arctic. In 2019 he received a Presidential Rank Award as a Distinguished Executive.
BRIG. GEN. PETER "COACH" FESLER
Deputy Director of Operations, Headquarters North American Aerospace Defense Command

Brig. Gen. 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 United States North American Aerospace Defense Command Regions within the bi-national command.

Brig. Gen. Fesler graduated in 1994 from the University of Utah with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science, and earned his commission through ROTC that same year. Brig. Gen. Fesler 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.

Brig. Gen. Fesler has served in a variety of flying and non-flying operational, educational, and staff assignments including multiple tours in both the F-15C Eagle and F-22A Raptor. Brig. Gen. Fesler has commanded at both squadron and wing level. Brig. Gen. Fesler has participated in multiple deployments, numerous joint and coalition exercises, and has flown more than 50 combat missions in the skies over Iraq. Prior to his current assignment, Brig. Gen. Fesler was the Vice Director of Operations, NORAD, Peterson AFB, Colo.

MS. IRIS FERGUSON
Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, HQ USAF Pentagon, Washington D.C.

Iris Ferguson serves as a Senior Advisor to the U.S. Air Force, responsible for advising the Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategy on Arctic strategy, operations, and international partnerships.

Prior to her current position, she served as Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment, & Energy, focusing on energy security, resilience and sustainability policies.

Ms. Ferguson also served for the Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration, structuring and implementing the first federal investment promotion program, SelectUSA; and as national security and foreign policy legislative aide for then Senator Joseph Biden on the Senate
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Foreign Relations Committee. She holds an MA from Johns Hopkins SAIS and BA from the University of Arkansas.

**ADMIRAL. (RET.) JAMES G. FOGGO III**

**Former NAVEUR Commander**

James Gordon "Jamie" Foggo III is a retired United States Navy admiral who last served as commander of United States Naval Forces Europe-Africa and commander of Allied Joint Force Command Naples. He previously served as the director of Navy Staff. Prior to that, he served as the commander of United States Sixth Fleet. He assumed his last assignment on October 20, 2017. On July 17, 2020, he relinquished command of United States Naval Forces Europe-Africa and Allied Joint Forces Command Naples to Admiral Robert P. Burke.

Foggo's sea duties include tours aboard USS Sea Devil (SSN-664), USS Mariano G. Vallejo (SSBN-658) and USS Narwhal (SSN-671). He commanded the attack submarine USS Oklahoma City (SSN-723) in 1998, which was awarded the Submarine Squadron (SUBRON) 8 Battle Efficiency award and the Commander Fleet Forces Command Admiral Arleigh Burke Fleet Trophy for being the most improved ship in the Atlantic Fleet. Foggo completed his major command tour of SUBRON-6 in 2007.

Ashore, Foggo has served as special assistant in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology; senior member of the Atlantic Fleet Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board at Commander Fleet Forces Command; executive assistant to the director of Naval Nuclear Propulsion (NAVSEA 08); division chief, Joint Staff (J5) for Western Europe and the Balkans; director, executive assistant to chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; executive officer to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR) and commander, United States European Command, Director, Assessment Division (N81) and assistant deputy chief of naval operations (operations, plans and strategy) (N3/N5B).

In Naples, Italy, Foggo served as commander, Submarine Group 8; commander, Submarines, Allied Naval Forces South; deputy commander, United States Sixth Fleet, and director of Operations, Intelligence (N3), United States Naval Forces Europe-Africa. During this period, he served as the operations officer (J-3) for Joint Task Force Odyssey Dawn (Libya). Additionally, Foggo was a NATO Commander Task Force commander in Joint Task Force Unified Protector (Libya). In most recent assignment, Foggo commanded the United States Sixth Fleet, Naval Striking and Support Forces NATO; deputy commander, United States Naval Forces...
Europe; deputy commander, United States Naval Forces Africa; and Joint Force Maritime Component Commander Europe.

Foggo was responsible for conducting the NATO exercise Trident Juncture from 25 October to 7 November 2018.

COL (RET) KEN FLOWERS
Vice President, Government Business Development

Ken Flowers is the Vice President, Government Business Development at Iridium Communications Inc., the only satellite communications company that offers truly global voice and data coverage. In this role, he is responsible for developing strategic plans for and marketing to U.S. and foreign governments, with emphasis on increasing applications and use of Iridium in the U.S. Department of Defense. Ken is an executive with both Profit and Loss and Business Development experience. Prior to joining Iridium, Ken worked as a Director of Business Development at Exelis Corporation where he led the strategic and tactical Business Development efforts associated with Exelis' family of multi-band/multi-channel tactical radios with sales in excess of $500M. Ken also worked at ITT Corporation and the Office of the Secretary of Defense. As a Product Manager at Manportable Satellite Systems, he successfully produced a Secure Enroute Communications terminal for Airborne Contingency Forces in response to a Post 9/11 Urgent Operational Need. Ken holds a Master’s degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA, a Master’s degree in Human Resource Management from Troy State University, Montgomery, AL, and a Bachelor’s degree in Communications from North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro, NC.

AGENT DANIEL A. FRI
Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection

Daniel A. Fri, a member of the Senior Executive Service, is Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. He is responsible to the Chief of Staff for leadership, management and integration of Air Force logistics readiness, aircraft, munitions and missile maintenance, civil engineering and security forces as well as setting policy and preparing budget estimates that reflect enhancements to productivity, combat readiness and quality of life for Airmen.
Mr. Fri enlisted in the Air Force in 1979 as a Munitions Maintenance Technician and served 22 years on active duty in a variety of munitions, logistics, product support and supply chain management positions at ten different locations. He retired from active duty in 2001 as a chief master sergeant and entered federal civil service at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. Mr. Fri has since held a number of logistics, supply chain management and acquisition positions at Headquarters Air Force, Air Force Materiel Command, U.S. Transportation Command and Department of the Navy. Prior to assuming his current position, he was the F-35 Assistant Program Director for Logistics and Sustainment/Product Support Manager, Joint Program Office, Department of the Navy, Arlington, Virginia. Mr. Fri was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in 2013.

MAJOR GENERAL BRADLEY T. GERICKE
Director, Strategy, Plans and Policy, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff


Education
United States Military Academy – BS – Modern History Studies (Europe)
Vanderbilt University – MA – History
United States Army Command and General Staff College – MMAS – Strategy
National Defense University – MS – National Security Strategy
Vanderbilt University – PhD – History
Armor Officer Basic and Advanced Courses
United States Army Command and General Staff College
National War College

Assignments
Aug 17 Jul 19 Deputy Director for Joint Strategic Planning, Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate, J-5, Joint Staff, Washington, DC
Sep 15 Aug 17 Deputy Director, Strategy, Plans and Policy, J-5, United States Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida
Mar 15 Sep 15 Director, Chief of Staff, Army Planning Group, Office of the Chief of Staff, Army, Washington DC
Jul 13 Mar 15 Special Assistant and Strategist to the Chief of Staff, United States Army, Washington, DC
Jul 11 Jun 13 Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5 (Strategy and Plans), Eighth United States Army, Republic of Korea
Jul 09 Jul 11 Strategist, Office of the Secretary of Defense (Policy), Washington, DC
Jun 08 Jun 09 Deputy Director, Commander’s Initiatives Group, Multi-National Force-Iraq, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq
Aug 07 Jun 08 Student, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, DC
May 05 Aug 07 Strategic Policy Analyst, Office of the Vice Chief of Staff, United States Army, Washington DC
Sep 04 May 05 Student, Training With Industry Program, Joint Advanced Warfighting Program, Institute for Defense Analyses, Alexandria, Virginia
Jan 02 Aug 04 Aide-de-Camp, later Speechwriter for the Commanding General, United States Army Forces Command, Fort McPherson, Georgia
Aug 01 Jan 02 Plans Officer, G-3, Homeland Security Division, United States Army Forces Command, Fort McPherson, Georgia
Dec 98 Jun 01 Student, Command and General Staff Officer Course, later Project Officer, Officer Personnel Management System XXI, United States Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
Jun 96 Dec 98 Instructor, later Assistant Professor, Department of History, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York
Jan 95 Jun 96 Student, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee
Dec 93 Oct 94 Commander, D Company, 2d Battalion, 72d Armor, 1st Brigade, 2d Infantry Division, Eighth United States Army, Republic of Korea
Jun 93 Nov 93 Maintenance Officer, 2d Battalion, 72d Armor, 1st Brigade, 2d Infantry Division, Eighth United States Army, Republic of Korea
Oct 92 Mar 93 Student, Armor Officer Advanced Course, United States Armor School, Fort Knox, Kentucky
Dec 88 Sep 92 Platoon Leader, later Executive Officer, A Company, later Adjutant, 2d Battalion, 67th Armor, 3d Brigade, 3d Armored Division, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany and OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM, Saudi Arabia

**MS. KAREN GILLIS**

*Executive Director at Bering Sea Fishermen's Association*

Karen Gillis serves as Executive Director at Bering Sea Fishermen's Association. She previously served as Director of Boards & Commissions for the Office of Governor Bill Walker of Alaska. She previously served as Director of Advocacy for Stop CMV from 2005 through 2014.
MS. JODI J. GREEN
Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy

As the Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy (DUSN), she serves as the (Secretary and) Under Secretary of the Navy’s primary advisor on foreign and defense policy and strategy; security cooperation and international engagement; security and space policy; intelligence and counter intelligence; intelligence oversight; defense sensitive support, signature reduction, and sensitive activities; special operations and irregular warfare; global force management and posture. Serves as the DON Security Executive. Responsible for DON interactions with the Under Secretaries of Defense for Policy and Intelligence.

Prior to her appointment as DUSN, Ms. Greene was the Senior Director for Policy in the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy (DUSN). She was the principal advisor to the DUSN on general defense and foreign policy development, responsible for coordination with the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. She supported the formulation of Department of the Navy-wide strategic plans, program objectives, policies and standards in support of major policy initiatives.

From January 2004 until August 2007, Ms. Greene served as the Country Director for Russia in the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Defense for Europe-NATO in Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) Policy. She was responsible for the formulation and implementation of United States security policy for Russia and the Eurasia region.

Ms. Greene served as the Country Director and Senior Director for Korea in the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense of Asian and Pacific Affairs in OSD Policy from 1997-2004, where she developed security policy on North Korea’s nuclear program and managed defense policies in support of the security alliance with the Republic of Korea.

From 1995-1997, Ms. Greene served as the Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs at the National Security Council (NSC). While at the NSC, she monitored the Northern Ireland Peace Process, assisted in the development of plans for the African Crisis Response Initiative, and participated in negotiations with the governments of Peru and Ecuador regarding resolution of their border dispute.
Prior to joining OSD Policy, Ms. Greene served in the U.S. Air Force from 1990-1995, with assignments at the National Security Agency, in the Offices of the Secretary of the Air Force and the Secretary of Defense.

**MR. ALAN GOROWITZ**  
**Deputy Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency**

Alan Gorowitz serves as Principal Director for Strategy, Plans, and Programs (SPP). The SPP Directorate facilitates strategic planning for security cooperation activities, integrating foreign military sales, DoD grant assistance, and State Department grant assistance. In support of U.S. national security objectives, SPP develops security cooperation administration and execution policies and supports continuous improvement efforts to improve foreign partner acquisition of U.S. defense articles and services and improve responsiveness to foreign partners and ally requirements. SPP facilitates comprehensive security cooperation program design and leads DSCA assessment, monitoring, and evaluation efforts. Mr. Gorowitz joined DSCA in 2018.

Mr. Gorowitz joined the Department of Defense in 2000, beginning his career at the George C. Marshall Center for European Security Studies in Germany, where he facilitated partner defense reform and policy implementation efforts through advising, conferences and seminars, and building national security professional networks. Returning to the U.S. in 2007, he served in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (Policy) for over ten years providing policy advice and oversight including assignments as Director, Counterterrorism Partnerships; Chief of Staff and Director, Partnership Policy and Strategy; and Domestic Terrorism and Cyber Threat Information Sharing Coordinator. Prior to joining Federal Service, Mr. Gorowitz served for five years at the Center for International Strategy, Technology, and Policy (CISTP), Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology.

Mr. Gorowitz is a graduate of the National War College. His awards include the Office of the Secretary of Defense Award for Exceptional Service (3), the OSD Achievement Award, and the Department of the Army Award for Superior Civilian Service.
COL. DAVID G. HANSON
Commander of the 821st Air Base Group, Thule Air Base, Greenland

Col. David G. Hanson is the commander of the 821st Air Base Group, Thule Air Base, Greenland. As the installation commander, he is responsible for the administration and security of the United States’ northernmost and the Department of the Air Force’s largest overseas military installation comprised of the Thule Defense Area. As the senior U.S. Department of Defense representative in Greenland, he guides international relations ensuring compliance with all agreements between the U.S., Danish and Greenlandic governments. Additionally, he directs operations of the world’s northernmost deep-water seaport, the Arctic's largest airfield and provides full-spectrum base support for more than 600 year-round residents. The base enables force projection, space superiority, and scientific research while working with various allies and supporting local communities.

Col. Hanson has commanded multiple times at the squadron and detachment levels and was most recently the Chief of Assessor and Authority Training Division, Directorate of Joint Training and Exercises, North American Aerospace Defense Command and US Northern Command (NORAD & USNORTHCOM).

Col. Hanson received his commission in 1994 as a distinguished graduate of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps at Iowa State University. He has held various assignments in nuclear operations, satellite command and control, and higher education as well as staff assignments at NORAD & USNORTHCOM and Air Force Space Command. Col. Hanson was a competitor and assistant coach with the United States Armed Forces Military Pentathlon Team, competing in Europe against other NATO nations. The team competes in military-related events including rifle and pistol marksmanship, land and water obstacle courses, advanced land navigation and combat first aid.
MR. NAGRUK HARCHAREK

Director of Barrow Operations and VP of Ukpeaġvik Iñupiat Corporation (UIC) Lands

Nagruk Harcharek, an Alaskan Native, and was born and raised in Utqiaġvik, AK. He grew up as a hunter and whaler learning all of the values that have made him who he is today. After graduation from Barrow High School, he attended Honolulu Community College and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University where he attained his Associates in Science and Bachelors of Science and Commercial Pilot Certificates. He worked as a commercial pilot for 3 years in Western, AK before moving back home to work for UIC Science, LLC as a project Manager. He is now the Director of Barrow Operations and VP of UIC Lands. In his spare time he enjoys spending time with his wife, Lisa, flying his own plane, and piloting the family boat to continue his hunting and is passing on that valuable knowledge to his 3 children.

MR. JON HARRISON

Chairperson, U.S. Arctic Research Commission

Jon Harrison is the eighth Chairman of the U.S. Arctic Research Commission. Mr. Harrison was appointed Chairman by President Donald J. Trump on August 14, 2020. In his prior public service, Harrison served as Senior Advisor for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs at the Department of State, where his portfolio included polar and ocean diplomacy; protecting the public’s health from biological threats and infectious diseases; supporting American leadership in science, space, and technology; and combating international wildlife crimes. As a diplomat, Harrison served on the US delegations to the Arctic Council, the Central Arctic Ocean Fisheries Agreement, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, the UN General Assembly, the Pacific Island Forum, and the World Meteorological Congress. Mr. Harrison also served as an ex officio member of the Arctic Subcommittee of the National Petroleum Council and of the International Wildlife Conservation Council. Mr. Harrison currently serves as a member of the board of directors of the North Pacific Research Board.

As an entrepreneur and as an executive, Harrison has helped build and lead a number of research-driven companies, including the developer of the first multitope peptide-based vaccine platform and a NASA JPL spin-out manufacturing renewable energy technologies to power underwater autonomous systems. Earlier in his career he worked on a range of
international issues inside and outside of government. Mr. Harrison received his B.S. from the University of Southampton.

**CMSGT. WINFIELD HINKLEY**  
Senior Enlisted Leader, Alaska National Guard

Chief Master Sgt. Winfield S. Hinkley Jr. is the Senior Enlisted Leader, Alaska National Guard. The Senior Enlisted Leader is a primary advisor to the adjutant general and the Commissioner Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for the state of Alaska on all matters involving joint and combined total force integration, utilization, health of the force, family matters and joint development for enlisted personnel. The Senior Enlisted Leader also serves as a spokesperson to leaders and organizations on applicable issues affecting the total enlisted force of more than 3,500 members as they support national objectives and prepare for state natural disasters. Previously he served as the 15th Commandant of the Chief Master Sergeant Paul H. Lankford Enlisted Professional Military Education Center at McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base in East Tennessee.

**LT. GENERAL S. CLINTON HINOTE**  
Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategy, Integration and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon

Lt. Gen. S. Clinton Hinote is the Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategy, Integration and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. In this position, Lt. Gen. Hinote is responsible for developing the Air Force strategy and multi-domain operating concepts, integrating through centralized design, and validating (and prioritizing) operational capabilities-based requirements to achieve national defense objectives and deliver timely and effective capability to the warfighter.

Lt. Gen. Hinote was commissioned in 1992 upon graduation from the U.S. Air Force Academy. After completing a master's degree in public policy from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, he accomplished pilot training at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, and F-16 training at Luke AFB, Arizona. His operational assignments include instructor duty at the USAF Weapons School, leader of the Air Forces Central Strategy Division, Squadron Commander, Wing Vice Commander and Wing Commander. Lt. Gen. Hinote is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Air Command and Staff College, and the School of Advanced Air and Space

Lt. Gen. Hinote is a command pilot with more than 2,000 flight hours and 240 combat hours in operations Northern and Southern Watch.

Dr. Larry Hinzman
Assistant Director of Polar Sciences in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and the Executive Director of the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee

Larry Hinzman is the Assistant Director of Polar Sciences in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and the Executive Director of the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee. He recently served as the Vice Chancellor for Research and as a Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Hinzman served as the Director of the UAF International Arctic Research Center from 2007 to 2015. Professor Hinzman’s primary research interests involve permafrost hydrology. He conducted hydrological and meteorological field studies in the Alaskan Arctic continuously for over 35 years while frequently collaborating on complementary research in the Russian and Canadian Arctic. He has served as a member of the U.S. Polar Research Board and as the U.S. delegate and president of the International Arctic Science Committee. He is strongly committed to facilitating national and international partnerships to advance our understanding of the Arctic and Antarctic systems.

Rear Admiral Michael P. Holland
Chief of Staff, North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command


He is the principal advisor to the Combatant Commander and Deputy Commander on the activities of the command staff. Additionally, he oversees command policies and programs that support the commander’s
Rear Adm. Holland graduated from Montana State University in 1987 and was commissioned at Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island.

His sea tours include division officer assignments aboard USS Pintado (SSN 672); Weapons Officer on USS Henry M. Jackson (SSBN 730)(Gold); Executive Officer on USS Dallas (SSN 700); Commanding Officer of USS Providence (SSN 719). While serving on Providence, the ship completed two deployments to the Western Pacific, including a trip around the world and a visit to the North Pole.

His shore tours include time in current operations at U.S. Strategic Command as well as being the Submarine Department Head detailer; Congressional Liaison for Submarine Matters in the Navy’s budget office; Command deputy at Submarine Development Squadron 12; Atlantic Submarine Force prospective Commanding Officer Instructor as well as Commodore of Submarine Squadrons 2 and 4 in Groton, Connecticut, and as Director for Operations in the Navy’s budget office. His Flag Officer tours include Director, Maritime Headquarters, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Commander, Submarine Group 10 in Kings Bay, Georgia and his most recent assignment as Director of Programming Division (N80), Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

Rear Adm. Holland’s awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal and Joint Commendation Medal. He is most proud of his various unit awards, including the Arleigh Burke Trophy, that reflect credit on the successful teams with whom he has served.

**MS. AMY HOLMAN**

**NOAA’s Regional Coordinator for Alaska**

Amy Holman is NOAA’s Regional Coordinator for Alaska. She is responsible for advancing agency-wide programs and projects designed to both respond to regional needs and support NOAA and national priorities in Alaska and the US Arctic. Comprised of equal parts intergovernmental affairs, strategic planning, and partnership building, her position is one of eight across the continental United States, Alaska, the Caribbean, and the Pacific Islands.

ranged from congressional affairs, program management, and policy analysis, to Chief of Staff. While she loves all of NOAA science, at home and work she is drawn to inter-organizational collaboration, decision support, incident command, and search and rescue.

**LT. GENERAL MICHAEL L. HOWARD**  
**US EUCOM Deputy Commander**


Howard was commissioned into the Infantry in 1986. He commanded 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment; 3rd Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment; 4th Brigade, 25th Infantry Division; Train, Advise, Assist Command-East (Afghanistan); and the US Army Military District of Washington. He served as the Deputy Commanding General of the 10th Mountain Division. Prior to assuming his role as the Deputy Commander, he served as the EUCOM J3 Director.

Howard's education includes a BS in Biology from Mercer University in Macon, GA and an MS in National Security Strategic Studies from the National War College at Fort McNair, DC.

Howard has served at numerous posts, camps and installations across the globe, and has seen combat in both Afghanistan and Iraq.

His awards include the Combat Infantryman's Badge (2d Awd), Ranger Tab, Master Airborne Wings, Bronze Star Medal (5th Awd). He wears eleven overseas bars.

Howard is married and has three adult children.

**DR. RICHARD J. JOSEPH**  
**Chief Scientist of the United States Air Force**

Dr. Richard J. Joseph is the Chief Scientist of the United States Air Force, Washington, D.C. He serves as the chief scientific adviser to the Chief of Staff and Secretary of the Air Force and provides assessments on a wide range of scientific and technical issues affecting the Air Force mission. In this role, he identifies and analyzes technical issues and brings them to the attention of Air Force leaders, and interacts with other Air Staff principals, operational commanders, combatant commands, acquisition and science and technology communities to address cross-organizational technical issues and solutions. He also interacts with other services and the Office of
the Secretary of Defense on issues affecting the Air Force technical enterprise. He serves on the Executive Committee of the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board. He is the principal science and technology representative of the Air Force to the civilian scientific and engineering community and to the public at large.

Dr. Joseph has more than 40 years of experience as a physicist, directed energy researcher, senior program manager, national security advisor and executive. Prior to assuming his current position, Dr. Joseph was the Chief Executive Officer for Earthstar LLC, a small consulting firm he founded in 1998. In this position, he has served government agencies, national laboratories and public companies on the development and management of programs in a broad range of technical areas.


Upon leaving active duty, Dr. Joseph joined Los Alamos National Laboratory in the Accelerator Technology group. In 1985 he was chosen as the Neutral Particle Beam program manager in the Strategic Defense Initiative Office's Directed Energy Office. While in this role he instituted and directed three major spacecraft-based programs.

In 1987 he divided his time between serving as a senior advisor to the Defense and Space Delegation in the Nuclear and Space Talks with the Soviet Union in Geneva, acting as a senior policy analyst for national security at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, and directing a large study on deployment of an initial missile defense capability for the Secretary of Defense.

Between 1988 and 1990 Dr. Joseph led multiple research programs in laser remote sensing to include an airborne laser system capable of detecting biological warfare agents at LANL. This system, designed to support Operation Desert Storm, was built and successfully tested in 28 days.

In 1992 Dr. Joseph took a leave of absence to join the National Aeronautics and Space Administration where he was part of a small group of senior managers directing the restructuring of the agency. While at NASA he also led an interagency task force on remote sensing that moved the
agency from using very large satellites for the Earth Observing System to constellations of smaller platforms.

Upon returning to Los Alamos in 1993, he directed the Laboratory's missile defense programs and in 1995 he joined the Accelerator Production of Tritium program which intended to use a new approach in a new production plant to produce material for the nuclear weapons program.

**MR. SHANNON R. JENKINS**
U.S. Coast Guard Senior Arctic Policy Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard

Shannon Jenkins serves as head of the Arctic Policy Office at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters. His responsibilities include coordinating Arctic cross-directorate actions, harmonizing Coast Guard program office and field efforts, leading Arctic policy and strategy development, and tracking Arctic implementation-plan actions and progress. Shannon provides expert assistance on Arctic topics both internal and external to the Coast Guard and advances National interests and dialogue through public, private, and international forums. His mandate is to advance the Coast Guard’s Arctic strategy of ensuring safe, secure, and environmentally responsible maritime activity in the region. Prior to his role as Senior Arctic Policy Advisor, Shannon Jenkins served as a Program Manager within the Coast Guard’s Research, Development, Test, & Evaluation Program. He managed the Arctic and the Environmental & Waterways research areas. His duties included identifying and prioritizing research needs, coordinating project execution and resource management, and addressing internal and external leadership queries. Shannon was also a member of the matrix team that developed the Coast Guard 2010 High Latitude Mission Analysis Report. Shannon Jenkins has 30+ years of Federal service, most of those with the Coast Guard. He earned a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering from Mississippi State University and a Master’s degree in National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University’s Eisenhower School.
COMMAND MASTER CHIEF HEATH B. JONES
Command Master Chief Pacific Area, U.S. Coast Guard

Command Master Chief Heath B. Jones assumed the duties as Command Master Chief of Coast Guard Pacific Area on August 5, 2019 where he serves as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader for all U.S. Coast Guard missions from the Rocky Mountains to waters off the East Coast of Africa, encompassing four Coast Guard Districts. Most recently, CMC Jones served as the 8th Coast Guard District Command Master Chief in New Orleans, La. Originally from Covington, La, CMC Jones enlisted in 1995. He has served as the Command Master Chief of Coast Guard Sector Hampton Roads, Portsmouth, Va., Officer in Charge of Coast Guard Cutter SEA HORSE, Station Pensacola, Coast Guard Cutter BOLLARD, and Station Cape Charles. He has also served as Executive Petty Officer of Station Little Creek and Coast Guard Cutter SEAHAWK, as well as First Lieutenant of Station New Orleans and Coast Guard Cutter KANAWHA.

CMC Jones is a proud graduate of the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Academy Class 124, the Coast Guard Senior Enlisted Leadership Course class 48, and he is a Keystone 18-1 Fellow. He holds both a Bachelor and a Master of Arts Degree in Organizational Management with a specialty in Human Resource Management. He also holds a Certificate of Apprenticeship as a Master Homeland Security Specialist from USMAP. CMC Jones’s personal awards include three Meritorious Service Medals, five Coast Guard Commendation Medals, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals, the Command Afloat and Ashore Devices, and the permanent Cutterman, Coxswain, and Advance Boat Forces insignia. He is the recipient of the 2012 Signalman First Class Douglas Munro Inspirational Leadership Award and the 2006 Master Chief Petty Officer Angela McShan Inspirational Leadership Award.

He has been married to the former Carol Ann Clarke of Folsom, La since 1996. They are the very proud parents of son Christian and daughter Sidney, who are both currently attending Louisiana State University.
MAJ. GENERAL. DAVID J. JULAZADEH
Chief of Staff, Headquarters United States European Command

Maj. Gen. Dave Julazadeh is the Chief of Staff, Headquarters United States European Command, Patch Barracks, Stuttgart, Germany. He exercises day-to-day supervision of the staff, is responsible for management of all matters involving daily operations of the U.S. European Command, and provides counsel and advice to the Commander, Deputy Commander, and Civilian Deputy on all matters affecting the command. Maj. Gen. Julazadeh also conducts regular coordination with and between the Office of the Secretary of Defense staff, Joint Staff, other combatant and functional commands, component commands, and the USEUCOM joint staff.

Maj. Gen. Julazadeh entered the U.S. Air Force in 1990 following graduation from Kansas University and commissioning through ROTC. He served as an F-16 Instructor Pilot, Functional Check Flight Pilot, and Flight Examiner logging more than 2,500 flight hours and 600 combat hours during operations Provide Comfort, Deny Flight, Northern Watch, Allied Force, and Freedom’s Sentinel. He also participated in Operation Uphold Democracy while serving as an Air Liaison Officer with the 1st Ranger Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment.


MAJ. GENERAL. (RET) RANDY "CHURCH" KEE
Commissioner, U.S. Arctic Research Commission and Executive Director, Arctic Domain Awareness Center, a DHS S&T Center of Excellence hosted by the University of Alaska

Maj Gen Randy "Church" Kee, United States Air Force (ret) serves as a U.S. Arctic Research Commissioner. He was appointed to the Commission by President Trump on November 10, 2020. General Kee is also the Executive Director of the Arctic Domain Awareness Center (ADAC) at the University of Alaska, a DHS Science and Technology (S&T) Office of University Programs Center of Excellence in Maritime Research, a position he has held since January 4, 2016. During his 30-year military career, General Kee led at the Squadron, Group, Wing and Air Ops Center levels. General Kee’s staff assignments include U.S. Transportation Command, Headquarters USAF,
and the U.S. Joint Staff in both Operations plus Strategic Plans and Policy Directorates. He culminated his military service as Director of Strategy, Policy, Planning and Capabilities for U.S. European Command (EUCOM) in Stuttgart, Germany. Church is a Global Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson Center Polar Institute, a Network Member of the Canadian hosted North American and Arctic Defense and Security Network at Trent University, Peterborough Ontario, and the U.S. designated lead for a technology working group for the U.S. Navy Office of Naval Research International Cooperative Engagement Program for Polar Research. Church also leads ADAC and associated university efforts in conducting Arctic Senior Leader Summits and Symposiums for Alaska Command, a Sub-Unified Command of U.S. Northern Command headquartered at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Alaska. Finally, he is also the co-chair of the State of Alaska Civilian Armed Services Team (ACAST) an advisory board to the Governor of Alaska on defense and security matters.


**MAJ. GENERAL E.J. KENNY, MSC, MSM, CD**

1 Canadian Air Division / Canadian NORAD Region Commander

Major-General Eric Kenny joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1989 and graduated from the Royal Military College (RMC) of Canada Kingston with a degree in Computer Engineering. He completed pilot training at 15 Wing Moose Jaw in 1995 and was selected to fly the CF18.

Following graduation, he served as a CF18 line and instructor pilot at 433 and 410 Tactical Fighter Squadrons (TFS) in 3 Wing Bagotville and 4 Wing Cold Lake. Throughout that period he filled the positions of Squadron Operations Officer, Squadron Standards and Training Officer, Officer Commanding (OC) Fighter Weapons Instructor Course (FWIC) and OC Fighter Operational Test and Evaluation.

Major-General Kenny held a number of command positions including Commanding Officer of 409 TFS in Cold Lake and 4 Wing Commander Cold Lake. His staff tours consist of Deputy Wing Operations Officer in Cold Lake, A3 Fighter at 1 Canadian Air Division Headquarters (1 CAD HQ) in Winnipeg, Director Air Force Readiness in the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) HQ in Ottawa, and Deputy Director J7 at NORAD-USNORTHCOM HQ in Colorado. As a Brigadier-General, he held the positions of Deputy Commander Force Generation at 1 CAD HQ in Winnipeg, and subsequently as Director General Air Readiness at RCAF HQ in Ottawa.
Major-General Kenny has deployed numerous times and participated in multiple operations. He deployed to Aviano, Italy twice to participate in Operation ECHO (Bosnia) and Operation ALLIED FORCE (Kosovo) where he took part in combat missions, and he was the Deputy Director of the Air Operations Control Centre at the International Security Assistance Force HQ in Afghanistan. His deployed command tours include: Task Force Commander for Operation IGNITION in Iceland; Detachment Commander of the CF18s and C130HT/C150Ts in Trapani, Italy where he took part in combat missions for Operation MOBILE (Libya); Commander Air Component Coordination Element in Poggio-Renatico, Italy, also for Operation MOBILE; and, Commander of ROTO 0 Air Task Force – Iraq for Operation IMPACT.

In July 2020, he was promoted to Major-General and appointed Commander 1 Canadian Air Division/Canadian NORAD Region. Throughout his career, Major-General Kenny has accumulated 2,900 flying hours, 2,200 of them in the CF18. He is a graduate of the NATO Tactical Leadership Program, FWIC, Canadian Forces Command and Staff Program, USAF Air War College, USAF Combined Force Air Component Commander course, US CAPSTONE course, and has a Master of Defence Studies from RMC.

THE HONORABLE SENATOR ANGUS KING
US Senator Maine

On January 3, 2013, Angus S. King, Jr. was sworn in as Maine’s first Independent United States Senator. Senator King joins a long line of independent leaders from the State of Maine. He is a steadfast believer in the need for greater bipartisan dialogue and relationship building among legislators. Senator King began his career as a staff attorney for Pine Tree Legal Assistance in Skowhegan.

In 1972, he served as chief counsel to U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Alcoholism and Narcotics in the office of former Maine Senator William Hathaway. In 1975, he returned to Maine to practice with Smith, Loyd and King in Brunswick. In 1983, he was appointed Vice President of Swift River/Hafslund Company, an alternative energy development company working on hydro and biomass projects in Maine and New England. Six years later, he founded Northeast Energy Management, Inc., a developer of large-scale energy conservation initiatives at commercial and industrial facilities in Maine.

In 1994, Senator King was elected Maine’s 71st Governor. During his two terms in the Blaine House, he focused on economic development and job
creation, and also achieved significant reforms in education, mental health services, land conservation, environmental protection, and the delivery of state services. He was re-elected in 1998 by one of the largest margins in Maine’s history. Senator King was born in Alexandria, VA in 1944.

He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1966 and from University of Virginia Law School in 1969. Senator King is married to Mary Herman and has four sons, Angus III, Duncan, James, and Ben, one daughter, Molly, and five grandchildren. He lives in Brunswick.

**MS. JULIE KITKA**
**President, Alaska Federation of Natives**

Julie Kitka serves as the long-time President of the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN). AFN is the largest representative statewide Indigenous organization in Alaska, representing over 140,000 Inupiats Eskimos, Yupik Eskimos, Aleuts, Athabaskan Indian, Tlingit and Haida Indians, and Tsimshian Indians.

Ms. Kitka has a BA from Alaska Pacific University and two Honorary Doctorates from the University of Alaska – one in Humane Letters and one in Law.

She works from a place of respect and trust, uniting the Native people of Alaska to address challenges and to go beyond survival to meet head-on the challenges faced. She does extensive work with the Congress and State government and works within a network across the North and the United States.

**BRIG GEN (RET) KEITH KLEMMER**
**Director, National Guard Programs, BAE Systems**

Keith Klemmer serves as the Director for National Guard Programs for BAE systems in Washington D.C. He previously served within the Arkansas National Guard as Assistant Adjutant General and earlier as Chief of Staff. He holds a Master of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College and a Bachelor of Science from Arkansas State University.
LIEUTENANT GENERAL DAVID KRUMM, USAF


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

Lt. Gen. Krumm entered the Air Force as a distinguished graduate of the Air Force ROTC program at Auburn University. He has served in a variety of flying, staff and command assignments and has commanded at the flight, squadron and wing level. Prior to his current position, Lt. Gen. Krumm was the Director of Global Power Programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. He was responsible for the direction, planning and programming of more than 150 Air Force, joint service and international programs which include the F-15, F-16, F-22, F-35, Minuteman III, B-1, B-2, Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile, Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missile, B61 and Ground Based Strategic Deterrent programs with a $22 billion annual budget.

Lt. Gen. Krumm is a command pilot with more than 3,000 hours in the T-37, T-38, F-15C and F-22. During his career he flew combat missions in support of Operation Southern Watch.
**DR. NETTIE LA BELLE-HAMER**

*University of Alaska Fairbank’s (UAF’s) Vice Chancellor of Research and Director of the Alaska Satellite Facility*

Dr. La Belle-Hamer is the University of Alaska Fairbank’s (UAF’s) Vice Chancellor of Research and Director of the Alaska Satellite Facility. A lifelong Alaskan, Dr. La Belle-Hamer received her bachelor’s degree in physics from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1985, and both her master’s and her PhD in space physics at UAF in 1988 and 1994, respectively. Under her direction since 2002, ASF has grown into a strong program with a bright future in remote-sensing data access that now includes two ground stations, a large NASA data center, and developing CubeSat support. Dr. La Belle-Hamer is leading the UAF collaboration efforts with Sandia National Labs and private industry partners, bringing together many disparate discipline experts at UAF. As UAF’s lead in forming the Arctic GeoData Cooperative, she is working to bring together commercial, educational, and governmental partners to produce, enhance, and maintain authoritative, dynamic, geospatial information for the Arctic.

**DR. WHITNEY LACKENBAUER**

*Professor at Trent University and Network Lead, North American and Arctic Defense and Security Network (NAADSN)*

Prof. Lackenbauer specializes in Arctic governance issues, modern Canadian military and diplomatic history, and Indigenous-state relations. He has made a major impact in the fields of Arctic studies, the history of Canada’s North, Indigenous-military relations and Northern public policy. In its millennium issue, Maclean’s Magazine cited him as a “Canadian to watch” in the 21st century.

Prof. Lackenbauer is also an award-winning author. He has published a wide range of books, edited books, articles, book chapters, and policy papers on themes related to Canada’s Arctic and the country’s place in the broader circumpolar world. His books include The Canadian Rangers: A Living History, Canada and the Changing Arctic, and Arctic Front: Defending Canada in the Far North.

In recognition of his longstanding work with the Canadian Rangers, Prof. Lackenbauer has served as the honorary lieutenant colonel for 1st Canadian Ranger Patrol Group, based in Yellowknife and spanning Canada’s three northern territories, since 2014. He also sits on various national boards and working groups dedicated to Canadian Arctic affairs.
including the Arctic Security Working Group and Canadian Arctic Resources Committee.

**REAR ADMIRAL MARTIN LA COUR-ANDERSEN**

_Danish Defence Attaché to the United States and Canada_

Rear Admiral Martin la Cour-Andersen, Danish Defence Attaché to the United States and Canada since September 1st 2018. The Defense Attaché serves as liaison between the Danish Ministry of Defense, Defence Command Denmark, the three Danish Services and the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the United States and Canada in terms of defense and national security policies and operations. Other responsibilities include defence equipment and Danish defence export.

In 1987, Admiral la Cour graduated as number one at the Royal Danish Naval Academy as a Lieutenant. He later graduated as number one with the National Staff Course and advanced tactical officers Course in 1992. In the ten years following his graduation as lieutenant, Admiral la Cour had a traditional navy career as a surface warfare officer and subsequently Commanding Officer of various types of ships. He later went on to serve as Military Assistant for the Danish Chief of Defence and subsequently four years as Military Advisor to the Danish Prime Minister. Admiral la Cour has served in London, and in both NATO and the EU on the political side. In the fall of 2018 Admiral la Cour moved to Washington DC where he is currently serving as Defense Attaché at the Royal Embassy of Denmark, Washington DC.

Admiral la Cour masters three different languages, Danish, English and French, and speaks Spanish and German. He is married to Christine with three sons, Alexander (29), Christopher (24) and Adam (19).

**BRIG. GENERAL. LOUIS M. LAPointe**

_Deputy Commanding General, Operations_

Brigadier General Louis Lapointe grew up in Shawinigan-Sud, Quebec. He joined the Canadian Forces in 1991 as an infantry officer at Royal Military College of Canada (RMC) Saint-Jean.

As a junior officer he served in the Royal 22e Régiment as a mechanized and airborne Platoon Commander. As a junior officer he also completed an extra regimental employment as an instructor at the Infantry School. Brigadier General Lapointe served as a company commander in 1st Battalion Royal 22e Régiment and commanded the battalion from 2011 until 2013. Following his unit command, he was transferred to Garrison
Petawawa to be the Deputy Commander of the 4th Canadian Division Support Group until 2015.

During his career, Brigadier General Lapointe held different staff appointments with the 5th Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group, the Canadian Army Headquarter and the Strategic Joint Staff. Brigadier General Lapointe deployed on the United Nations security mission in Haiti in 1997, in Kandahar, Afghanistan, with Task Force 3 07 in 2007 and on various domestic operations such as the Red River Floods in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1997 and the Ice Storm in 1998.

Of note, Brigadier General Lapointe completed the U.S. Army Ranger course in 2003 and was awarded the Ralph Puckett and William O. Darby awards. In 2007, during his deployment to Afghanistan, he was awarded the Medal of Military Valour and the Meritorious Service Medal for his performance as the Commander of the Police Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team (P-OMLT).

Brigadier General Lapointe holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration and Master in Defence Studies from the Royal Military College of Canada (RMC) Kingston. He is in the process of completing his master in public administration. He is a graduate of the Joint Command and Staff program 36 and the National Security Program 9.

In 2017, after a short service as the Army G3, Brigadier General Lapointe became the Commander of 4th Canadian Division Support Group. Following three years of command in Petawawa, he is promoted to the rank of Brigadier General and posted to the United States of America where he will be the Deputy Commanding General – Operations for the United States Army Alaska (USARAK).

Brigadier General Lapointe moved to Anchorage with his awesome spouse, Lieutenant-Colonel Angie Lapointe and their two daughters Charlotte and Chloé.

**VICE ADMIRAL. ANDREW LEWIS**

**Commander, U.S. Navy 2nd Fleet**

Vice Adm. Andrew Lewis is a native of Los Altos, California, and a 1985 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. He was designated a Naval Aviator in April 1987.

His command tours include Carrier Strike Group 12, Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center, Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 3, Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 106, and Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 15.

Lewis’ operational sea tours include Attack Squadron 72, 800 Naval Air
Squadron, and VFA-192. Other deployed tours have been as a battle director at the Combined Air Operations Center in Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, and as the maritime operations center director at U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/U.S. 5th Fleet/Combined Maritime Forces.

Ashore, Lewis served at Training Squadron 23, at Joint Warfare Analysis Center, Naval Air Forces (Atlantic), Naval Air Forces/Naval Air Forces (Pacific), and the Joint Staff. As a flag officer, Lewis has served as the deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans and Strategy (OPNAV N3/N5), vice director for Operations (J3), and director of Fleet Training (N7) at Fleet Forces Command.

He has flown over 100 combat missions in Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Southern Watch, Deny Flight, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. He has accumulated over 5,300 flight hours and 1,100 arrested landings. He was the recipient of the Naval Air Forces Pacific Pilot of the Year in 1996.

Lewis assumed duties as commander, U.S. Second Fleet in August 2018 and was named Commander, Joint Forces Command Norfolk in October 2018.

His personal awards include the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal (two awards), Legion of Merit (six awards), Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal (seven Strike Flight and four Individual with Combat “V”), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards; two with Combat “V”), and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, as well as various service and campaign awards.

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**DR. SCOTT LINDSEY**

Hydrologist-in-Charge at NOAA, Anchorage, Alaska

Dr. Scott Lindsey serves as Hydrologist-in-Charge and Service Coordination Hydrologist at NOAA Anchorage. In this position he is responsible for management and leadership of the Alaska Pacific River Forecast Center of the National Weather Service. He is also responsible for outreach and coordination with emergency managers and communities who are affected by flooding in the state of Alaska. The Alaska Pacific River Forecast Center of the National Weather Service is responsible for river forecasts for all of Alaska.
DR. LIZA MACK
Executive Director, Aleut International Association

Dr. Liza Mack serves as the Executive Director of the Aleut International Association, one of the six Permanent Participants to the Arctic Council. She is Unangax, born and raised in the Aleutians and has over 20 years experience working in and around Native organizations and communities. Dr. Mack received her PhD in Indigenous Studies from the University of Alaska Fairbanks where her research focused on political ecology, natural resource management, knowledge transfer and engagement of Native communities in the regulatory process and how that may or may not affect the Native Cultures of Alaska. She has an A.A. in Liberal Arts from UAS Sitka, a B.A. and M.S. in Anthropology from Idaho State University and has been an adjunct professor at UAF, teaching Native Cultures of Alaska and Intro to Unangam Tunuu.

Liza’s work is focused on cultural revitalization and community involvement in the regulatory process. She possesses knowledge of Alaska Native Cultures and is familiar with the local, regional, state, federal and international board processes that take place in Alaska and the Circumpolar North. She values the importance of engaging Native people in these settings.

MR. RICHARD MARSHALL
Director of Operations National Security Agency, Alaska

Richard Marshall serves as the Director of Operations for the National Security Agency in Alaska. Previously he served as Industry and Academic Engagement Manager for the NSA from 2016 until June 2019. He spent eight years in Germany serving as Operations and Liaison Officer. He holds a B.A. in International Relations from Tufts University and a Masters in Political Science from the University of Hawaii Manoa.
MAJ. GEN. DAVID MAXWELL
Vice Director for Logistics, J4 Joint Staff

Major General Maxwell graduated from the Naval Academy in 1988. He is currently assigned as the Vice Director for Logistics, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

After completing The Basic School and Logistics Officer Course, he reported to 3rd Landing Support Battalion in Okinawa where he was a Platoon Commander and Company Executive Officer of a Support Equipment Company. In 1991, he was transferred to be the Assistant Logistics Officer for 9th Marine Regiment. Completing studies in Defense Systems Analysis and Financial Management at Naval Post Graduate School in 1994, Major General Maxwell was assigned as the Assistant Program Objective Memorandum Development Officer for Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, VA until 1998.

Moving to the Carolina MAGTF, he served in logistics billets with Marine Wing Support Squadron 274, Cherry Point; Marine Aircraft Group 26, New River; and 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune.

In 2003, Major General Maxwell transferred to Marine Corps Forces Korea as the Logistics Officer and subsequently assumed command as the Inspector Instructor for Headquarters and Service Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics Group in Marietta, GA in 2004. After graduating with distinction from the National War College in 2007 he proceeded to the J-4 Logistics Staff, U.S. European Command in Germany as the Deputy Division Chief, Logistics Support Division and the Chief, Joint Logistics Operations Center where he was promoted to Colonel.

After deploying with 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward) as the AC/S G-3 Operations Officer for Operation Enduring Freedom 2011, he served as Commander, Marine Corps Base Quantico until 2015.

On promotion to Brigadier General, he was assigned as the Combined Joint Director of Logistics (CJ-4) for NATO Resolute Support, Afghanistan. From 2016 to 2018, he commanded the 2nd Marine Logistics Group, Camp Lejeune NC. Following this, he served as the Assistant Deputy Commandant, Installations and Logistics (Plans, Policies and Strategic Mobility) before assuming his current duties in July 2020.

Major General Maxwell's personal decorations include: the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and the Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.
Major General Maxwell, an Oregon native, is married to the former Jennifer Diane Walsh of Ellicott City, MD. They have two daughters.

**MS. KATHY MAYO**  
Principal Manager, Kathy Mayo Associates

Kathy Mayo serves as Managing Principal for Kathy Mayo and Associates. Kathy Mayo and Associates assists to advance complex projects in Alaska and beyond—often reflecting Alaska’s business, geography, political or natural resources position in the global economy or strategic security.

She also serves as Executive Director of PODS Association, oversees technical strategy and runs the day-to-day operations of the PODS Association.

Kathy Mayo is a lifelong Alaskan. She understands the state and the multiple roles of stakeholders. Kathy is a tribal member of Eagle Village and a shareholder of Doyon, Limited (regional Native corporation) and Hungwitchin (village corporation). She is currently on the Red Cross of Alaska Board and the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce Board.

**DR. ROBERT P. MCCOY**  
Director, Geophysical Institute, University of Alaska Fairbanks

Bob McCoy is the Director of the Geophysical Institute (GI), home to more than 300 faculty, staff and students who study a wide range of geophysical phenomena in Alaska: volcanoes; earthquakes; snow, ice and permafrost; atmospheric science; and space weather. The GI manages a diverse set of operational facilities that monitor volcanos and earthquakes, launch rockets, fly unmanned aircraft, downlink satellite data and monitor ultrasound around the world.

Prior to coming to Alaska Bob worked for the Navy for 30 years as a space scientist. He has a Ph.D. in Astro-Geophysics from the University of Colorado Boulder and has several awards from the Naval Research Lab, NASA, and he is a Fellow of the American Meteorological Society.
**SGT. MAJ. PAUL MCKENNA**  
**Command Senior Enlisted Leader, North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command**


He is the principal advisor to the Commander on all enlisted matters. His responsibilities include providing the Commander with the enlisted perspective on strategic vision, goals, objectives, theater security cooperation, and enlisted professional development. Additionally, he is responsible for mentoring Senior Enlisted Leaders throughout the Component Commands and JTF’s as well as coordinating with Headquarters Staff Agencies, Commanders, and Senior Enlisted Personnel on matters pertaining to the command’s mission, vision, core values, commander’s intent, enlisted utilization and implementation of command policy.

Sergeant Major McKenna is a native of Trenton, NJ., where he enlisted in the Marine Corps on 18 March 1986.

**MR. JASON METROKIN**  
**President & CEO, Bristol Bay Native Corporation**

Jason Metrokin was born and raised in Anchorage, Alaska. He earned his bachelor’s degree in business administration from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and his MBA from Alaska Pacific University. After serving for 5 years on the board of directors, and as director of shareholder & corporate relations for Bristol Bay Native Corporation (BBNC), he was named as President and Chief Executive Officer in January 2009. His family hails from Kodiak Island and Bristol Bay Alaska as well as Massachusetts. As a beneficiary of his late grandfather’s shares in BBNC, Jason is a Bristol Bay descendant and is the first non-original shareholder of an Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) regional corporation to become President/CEO. He also currently serves as Chairman of the ANCSA Regional Association; an organization representing the CEOs of each of the 12 Alaska Native regional corporations.

Mr. Metrokin previously worked as vice president and development director at First Alaskans Institute, a statewide, Alaska Native leadership development and public policy organization and as a vice president and commercial relationship manager at Wells Fargo Bank (formerly National...
Bank of Alaska). In addition, Mr. Metrokin has served on a number of corporate and nonprofit boards of directors including BBNC subsidiary companies, United Way of Anchorage, the Alaska Community Foundation, Alaska Regional Hospital, Alaska Pacific University, Alaska Sports Hall of Fame and the Alaska Native Professional Association. In 2000, he was chosen as a Top 40 Business person under 40 and has graduated from programs such as Leadership Anchorage and BBNC’s Training Without Walls. Jason lives in Anchorage with his wife Shannon and their two sons. He enjoys the outdoors, plays hockey and continues to volunteer in the community.

THE HONORABLE SENATOR LISA MURKOWSKI
United States Senator (Alaska)

Senator Lisa Murkowski is Alaska’s senior Senator, joining the Senate in 2002. She Chairs the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and also serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee, where she is the Chairman of the Interior and Environment Subcommittee. Senator Murkowski is a member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee and also is a senior member of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee.

COL (RET) JEFFREY MURPHY
Deputy Director/Chief of Staff, William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies

Mr. Murphy began his tenure as Deputy Director/Chief of Staff in March 2015 after serving as the Assistant Dean of Management of the Center for almost six years. He arrived at the Perry Center in April 2009 after serving as a contracted Executive Officer with the Office of the Director of National Intelligence following his retirement from the US Army in October 2008. Mr. Murphy is a Distinguished Military Graduate of Marquette University and holds an MA in International Policy Studies from the Monterey Institute of International Studies.

During a distinguished military career, Mr. Murphy held a variety of administrative and command positions. Commissioned into the Adjutant General Corps, Mr. Murphy first saw service in Germany with 1st Personnel Command. During Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Mr. Murphy supported the 2nd Armored Calvary Regiment and the Dragoon Battle Group. He was then assigned to US Army Element, Supreme Headquarters
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Allied Powers Europe where he served as the Chief of Strength Management Branch and the Secretary of the General Staff.

Upon his return to the US Mr. Murphy served as a Battalion Personnel Officer and later as Company Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 96th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne). Subsequent to his selection and training as a Foreign Area Officer, Mr. Murphy was assigned to the US Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) as a political-military affairs desk officer where he worked with the nations of the Andean Ridge. Mr. Murphy then moved to Washington, DC to serve as the Deputy Director of SOUTHCOM’s Washington field office where he worked as a liaison to the US inter-agency, the services, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Staying in Washington, Mr. Murphy moved over to serve as the Executive Officer to the Chairman of the Inter-American Defense Board. His final active duty military assignment brought him to the Defense Intelligence Agency where he served as a Division Chief and as the Staff Director in the Counter-Narcotics Trafficking Office.

As the Deputy Director/Chief of Staff, Mr. Murphy supervises all aspects of WJPC’s operations, implementing guidance, priorities, and direction of the Director. He provides advice and assistance to the Director on all aspects of WJPC operations and specifically those pertaining to organization, resourcing, manning, academic programs, research activities, community relations, public affairs, business practices, and security. Since 2012, Mr. Murphy has volunteered as a member of the Speakers Bureau for the Partnership for Public Service where he has spoken at a number of colleges and universities across the country about the value of public service and offered career advice to students interested in careers with the Federal Government. Mr. Murphy has also served as a Government Mentor for current public sector employees in a mentorship program with GovLoop.Com

His numerous awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medals, the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medals, the Inter-American Defense Board Medal and he has been decorated by the governments of Argentina, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait.
MR. JOHN D. MURPHY
Chief Operating Officer, National Weather Service (NWS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

John D. Murphy is the Chief Operating Officer (COO). He has overall responsibility for day-to-day mission execution units responsible for delivering NWS weather, water, climate, and space weather products, services, and information as well as the budgetary planning for 11 National Service Programs. Prior to becoming the COO, Mr Murphy was the Director of the Office of Science and Technology (OST) where he had overall responsibility for science and technology infusion into the NWS including science and engineering planning, acquisition and refresh of critical technologies, and development of scientific techniques. He joined NWS in 2011 as Chief, Programs and Plans Division. There he managed the execution of program management and development of programs while accessing state-of-the-art science and technology options.

Mr. Murphy came to the NWS after serving more than 29 years with the United States Air Force as a career meteorologist. He topped off his military weather career while serving as Commander of the Air Force Weather Agency where he managed more than 1,400 agency personnel located at 18 geographically-separated units worldwide. Just prior to joining NWS, Mr. Murphy served as the Deputy Foreign Policy Advisor to United States Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM). He was the primary interlocutor between the command, the U.S. State Department, and foreign governments on issues related to deterrence, space, and cyberspace.

Mr. Murphy has held management and senior level executive positions at all echelons of the U.S. Air Force weather community in addition to positions held in the NWS. He served as Acting U.S. Air Force Director of Weather and was responsible for the entire career field prior to deploying to Southwest Asia where he served as the Combined Air and Space Operations Center Chief of Staff. He has a proven record of success developing and executing advanced programs, and in bringing new science to operations. He earned acquisition certifications in Program Management and Information Technologies while serving as Program Manager for the $90 million Cloud Depiction and Forecasting System II program.

Mr. Murphy received a Master of Science degree in meteorology from the Pennsylvania State University and a Master of Strategic Studies degree from the U.S. Army War College. He graduated from Lyndon State College in Vermont with Bachelor’s degrees in meteorology and mathematics, and an Associate’s degree in physics.
Mr. Murphy and his wife Susan are natives of New Jersey; they have two adult children.

VADM JOHN NOWEL JR.
Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Manpower, Personnel, Training, and Education, N1, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations/Chief of Naval Personnel

Vice Adm. John Nowell is a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Ocean Engineering and holds a Master of Science in Weapons Systems Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School.

Nowell’s operational tours have spanned the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets to include forward deployed naval forces in Europe and the Western Pacific. He served aboard USS Callaghan (DDG 994), USS Bunker Hill (CG 52), USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51), and USS The Sullivans (DDG 68). He commanded USS Porter (DDG 78), and Destroyer Squadron 60/Task Force 65. He also served as the maritime force commander (Combined Task Force-Bravo) for Joint Task Force Lebanon, Commander of Task Force West and Central Africa (CTF-365), and commander of the inaugural Africa Partnership Station deployment.

His staff assignments included tours on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations in the Surface Warfare Directorate (N86), and executive assistant to the Director of Theater Air Warfare (N865); chief of the Theater Air and Missile Defense Branch (J-38); head of the Washington Placement Branch (PERS-441), executive assistant to the Commander, Navy Personnel Command/Naval Personnel Development Command, and director, Surface Warfare Distribution Division (PERS-41). Nowell also served as director of the Navy Senate Liaison Office in Washington D.C.

As a flag officer, Nowell has served as chief of staff and director, Strategy, Resources, and Plans (N5/8) on the staff of Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe and Africa/U.S. Sixth Fleet in Naples, Italy; Commander, Amphibious Force Seventh Fleet/Expeditionary Strike Group Seven/Task Force 76 in Okinawa, Japan, and most recently as director, Military Personnel Plans and Policy (OPNAV N13).

Nowell assumed duties as the Navy’s 59th Chief of Naval Personnel May 24, 2019. Serving concurrently as the deputy chief of naval operations (manpower, personnel, training and education) (N1), he is responsible for the planning and programming of all manpower, personnel, training and education resources for the U.S. Navy. He leads more than 26,000
dedicated professionals engaged in the recruiting, talent management, training and development of Navy personnel. His responsibilities include overseeing Navy Recruiting Command, Navy Personnel Command and Naval Education and Training Command.

His awards include the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (six awards), Bronze Star, and various other personal, unit and campaign awards. Every ship that he has been assigned to has won the Battle Efficiency “E” award, and USS Porter (DDG 78) also won the Anti-Submarine Warfare “Bloodhound” award. Nowell was also the recipient of the 1987 Pacific Fleet Junior Officer Shiphandling Award.

DR. HEATHER NICOL
Director, School for the Study of Canada, and Professor, School of the Environment, Trent University

Prof Heather Nicol is the Director of the School for the Study of Canada and a Professor in the School of the Environment at Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario (Canada). She received her BA from the University of Toronto, her MES. from York University and her PhD. from Queen’s University. Her northern research interests lie in the critical geopolitics in the circumpolar North and the relationship between the interests of nation-states and peoples of the North. The geopolitical context of the North and the contemporary issues raised in the North which create puzzles for sovereignty and governance have fuelled Prof Nicol’s interest in the North. Prof Nicol is also involved in the Thematic Network on Geopolitical and Security through the University of the Arctic and the Northern Research Foundation.

FLEET MASTER CHIEF RICHARD P. O’RAWE
Fleet Master Chief, US Fleet Forces Command

Fleet Master Chief Richard P. O’Rawe, a native of Long Island, New York, was raised in Florida and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in October 1992. He began his Navy career by completing boot camp at Recruit Training Command (RTC), Great Lakes, Illinois, December 1992 (Division 011).

Upon completion of Engineman “A” and “C” School, O’Rawe reported to his first ship, USS Aubrey Fitch (FFG 34) homeported in Mayport, Florida. In December 1997 he decommissioned Fitch and then served aboard USS
Shamal (PC 13), homeported in Little Creek, Virginia. In November 1999, he transitioned to shore duty at RTC Great Lakes. Subsequent tours of duty include: USS Halyburton (FFG 40) homeported in Mayport, Florida, and RTC.

O'Rawe was selected to the command master chief program January 2008. In June 2008 he was selected as the interim command master chief of RTC Great Lakes. In February 2009, O'Rawe reported to USS Barry (DDG 52) as the command master chief where he completed two deployments and the crew earned the Battle Efficiency “E” award.

Upon completion of his command master chief tour aboard Barry, he was selected as Defense Information Systems Agency Europe’s senior enlisted advisor in Stuttgart, Germany. Following that he served as command master chief for Commander, Logistics Group Western Pacific, Singapore. In his most recent assignment, he was the command master chief for U.S. 6th Fleet in Naples, Italy.

He graduated U.S. Navy Senior Enlisted Academy, Class 143 Gold, the Command Master Chief and the Keystone Course 12-2. He qualified Enlisted Surface Warfare and Master Training Specialist.

His personal decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with two gold stars, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with one silver and four gold stars, Good Conduct Medal with one silver and two bronze stars and various unit and campaign awards.

**MS. EUGÉNIE PANITCHERSKA**

First Secretary, Embassy of Canada to the United States

Eugénie is currently First Secretary at the Embassy of Canada in Washington D.C., focusing on Arctic and Indigenous Affairs. She joined the foreign service in 2003. Her first assignment abroad was in Beijing, China (2006-2008) in the Public Affairs section responsible for media relations, communications and outreach. From 2009 to 2013, she was posted in Oslo, Norway as head of the Political and Public Affairs section, managing Canada’s political, economic and advocacy program, and where her interest for the Arctic started. During that assignment, Eugénie was also chargé d’affaires in Norway and non-resident chargé d’affaires for the Canadian Embassy in Reykjavik, Iceland. At headquarters, Eugénie has worked on a variety of issues, including security and defence (NATO/OSCE).
as well as human rights. She has a bachelor’s degree in Political Studies and International Relations and a Master’s in Public Administration.

**MS. LORI PARROTT**

*Manager, Atmospheric Sciences, Sandia National Laboratories*

Lori Parrott manages Arctic science and security initiatives at Sandia National Laboratories. She leads a department that conducts atmospheric R&D through both measurements and modeling. On behalf of the Department of Energy's Biological and Environmental Research Office, Lori’s group manages the North Slope of Alaska user facilities at Olikotk Point, Utqiagvik, and Atqasuk, Alaska, for the Atmospheric Radiation Measurement program. Her degrees are from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

**BRIG. GEN. DOUG PAUL**

*Comanding General Colorado Army Guard*

U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Doug Paul is the commanding general of the Colorado Army National Guard. Paul most recently served as the commander of Theater Special Operations Detachment-Korea. In 2018-19, Paul deployed as the deputy commander for the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan where he led a task force comprised of U.S., NATO, and Afghan special operations forces in support of U.S. and the government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan interests.

**MR. EUGENE “GENE” PELTOLA JR.**

*Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Alaska Region, U.S. Department of Interior*

Gene "Buzzy" Peltola Jr. Serves as the Regional Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the Alaska Region. The Regional Director represents the Alaska Region in dealing with other Federal Agencies as well as tribal governments and tribal organizations. The Regional Director also serves as the official with the delegated authority to work to strengthen tribal government and self-determination for all 229 Federally recognized tribes under the jurisdiction of the Alaska Regional Office. Working directly under the Regional Director are the Deputy Regional Director of Trust Services and the Deputy Regional Director of Native Services as well as an Environmental Scientist.
Peltola came to the position after 34 years of working with another federal agency: the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Most recently, Peltola coordinated and implemented subsistence management on all federal lands in Alaska as the Federal Subsistence Management Program lead.

Peltola also has a background in business and local government. He’s sat on the boards of Bethel Native Corporation and its subsidiaries Bethel Solutions, LLC, and Bethel Services Inc. For two years, from 2010 to 2012, also Peltola served as vice-mayor and council member for the City of Bethel.

**LT. GEN. KIRK S. PIERCE**  


Lt. Gen. Pierce was commissioned in May 1988 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Notre Dame. He has commanded at the squadron, group and wing level. He has served and commanded in various operational assignments in support of operations Southern Watch, Noble Eagle, Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn and Enduring Freedom. Prior to his current assignment, Lt. Gen. Pierce served as the Deputy Director, Air National Guard, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia.
DR. REBECCA PINCUS
Assistant Professor, Strategic and Operational Research, Naval War College

Rebecca Pincus is Assistant Professor in the Strategic and Operational Research Department (SORD) in the Center for Naval Warfare Studies at the US Naval War College, and a member of the Institute for Future Warfare Studies within SORD. She previously served as primary investigator (PI) at the US Coast Guard's Center for Arctic Study and Policy, located at the US Coast Guard Academy.

VICE ADM. STEVEN D. POULIN
Atlantic Area Commander, U.S. Coast Guard

Vice Admiral Poulin assumed the duties as the Atlantic Area Commander in June 2020. He serves as the operational commander for all Coast Guard missions from the Rocky Mountains to the Arabian Gulf, spanning across five Coast Guard Districts and 40 states. In addition to his duties at Atlantic Area, he serves as Commander, Coast Guard Defense Force East, which provides Coast Guard mission support to the Department of Defense and Combatant Commanders. He also has been appointed as Director, Department of Homeland Security Joint Task Force - East, responsible for achieving the objectives of the DHS Southern Border and Approaches Campaign Plan, along with, coordination and synchronization of cross-component operations and investigations in the joint operating area. Vice Admiral Poulin previously served as U.S. Southern Command's Director of Operations, directing U.S. military operations across the Caribbean Basin plus Central and South America. Previously, he was Commander of the First Coast Guard District where he directed all Coast Guard missions across eight states in the Northeast, including over 2,000 miles of coastline from the U.S. - Canadian border to northern New Jersey and 1,300nm offshore.

Vice Admiral Poulin’s other flag assignments include the Judge Advocate General and Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard, where he was responsible for the delivery of all legal services in support of the Coast Guard’s missions, its units and its people. From June 2012 to April 2014, Vice Admiral Poulin served as the Director of Governmental and Public Affairs, where he was responsible for external engagement with Congress, the media and other intergovernmental entities.

From October 2010 to June 2012, Vice Admiral Poulin served as the Chief, Office of Maritime and International Law. From April 2009 to July 2010, he was the Commander of Coast Guard Sector Mobile, where he directed...
Coast Guard operations in Mississippi, Alabama, and the Florida panhandle. He further served as the Incident Commander for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill response operations in that same geographic area from April to October 2010. His previous operational tours include Deputy Commander, Coast Guard Sector Mobile; Deputy Commander, Coast Guard Group Galveston, TX; and Law Enforcement Officer and Assistant Operations Officer at Coast Guard Group Mobile, AL. He was assigned as a Deck Watch Officer on USCG DAUNTLESS (WMEC-624) from 1984 to 1985. Vice Admiral Poulin was also a Special Advisor for Border and Transportation Security in the Office of Vice President Cheney from 2005 to 2007. From 2003 to 2004, he was the Coast Guard's liaison to the State Department's Office of Ocean Affairs, where he served on U.S. delegations to myriad committees of the International Maritime Organization (IMO). He was the Legal Counsel for the Coast Guard's Port Security Director from 2002-2003, where he helped negotiate, draft, and implement new port and maritime security requirements. From 1999-2001, he served as the Legislative Counsel in the Coast Guard's Office of Congressional Affairs. He also served on the U.S. delegation to the Legal Committee of the IMO, from 1994-1996. From 1992-1994, he was assigned to the Coast Guard's General Law Division.

He graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1984 with a Bachelor of Science in Management. He was awarded his Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, from the University of Miami School of Law in 1992. Other degrees include: Master of Law (Environmental Law), with highest honors, from the George Washington University Law School in 2002; Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College in 2005; and Master of Public Administration from the University of South Alabama in 1989. His military decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal (two awards), Legion of Merit (five awards), Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Coast Guard Commendation Medal (three awards), and Coast Guard Achievement Medal.

**MR. GREGORY RAZO**

Former Vice President, Government Relations, Cook Inlet Region, Inc., and CIRI representative with the Alaska Federation of Natives

Mr. Razo previously led CIRI's legislative initiatives and engagement with Alaska's congressional delegation and state lawmakers. Mr. Razo was also the corporation's representative with the Alaska Federation of Natives and is active within many of CIRI's nonprofit affiliates. Mr. Razo is Yup'ik and a CIRI shareholder. He grew up in Anchorage and earned a bachelor's degree in English from Gonzaga University and a Juris Doctorate from Willamette University. Mr. Razo practiced law for 21 years in Kodiak,
Alaska, prior to joining CIRI in 2005. He serves as an adjunct professor at Alaska Pacific University where he teaches a class on the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act for the MBA-level Alaska Native Executive Leadership Program. Mr. Razo is past-chair of the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission, president of the Alaska Legal Services Corporation, and vice chair of the Alaska Native Justice Center.

**REX A. ROCK, SR.**  
President/CEO, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (ASRC)

Rex Allen Rock Sr. is the president and chief executive officer of Arctic Slope Regional Corporation and oversees all aspects of ASRC’s business operations. In this role, he also helps to foster a productive relationship with the board of directors and the corporation’s approximately 13,000 Inupiat shareholders.

Rock has served on the ASRC board of directors since 1993. His board service includes work on various committees, to include: Executive, Audit, 401(k) Trustees, Shareholder Hire, Compensation, Investment and Heirship. He was elected to the position of chairman of the board in 2004, following his service as vice-chairman and 1st vice-president.

Rock previously served as president and CEO of Tikigaq Corporation, and was responsible for the overall strategic guidance and vision for the village corporation. Under his leadership, the corporation started an educational scholarship program for youth that assists current as well as future generations.

Rock served in many capacities for his hometown, including as whaling captain and head coach for the Tikigaq High School boys’ varsity basketball team – a position he held for more than 20 years. During that time, his team won four state championships. He was elected Coach of the Year numerous times by his peers, most currently in 2009 for his tireless dedication to Point Hope’s basketball program. Rock was inducted into the Alaska Sports Hall of Fame in August 2015.

A graduate of Tikigaq High School, Rock went on to attend college at the University of Alaska Fairbanks where he double majored in engineering and linguistics.

Currently, he sits on the St. Thomas Episcopal Church Council as well as the Local School Advisory Council.
Grounded in his Christian faith, Rock is honored to have married his best friend, Ramona, 30 years ago. They have four children together and are blessed with three grandchildren.

**LT. GEN. LAURA J. RICHARDSON**

*Commander, United States Army North (Fifth Army) and Senior Commander, Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis*


Prior to assuming command of U.S. Army North, she was the Deputy Commanding General then Commanding General of U.S. Army Forces Command at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Other assignments as a General Officer include Commanding General of the U.S. Army Operational Test Command at Fort Hood, Texas; Deputy Commanding General of the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas; Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications at Headquarters International Security Assistance Force in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, in Kabul, Afghanistan; and Chief of Army Legislative Liaison to the U.S. Congress in Washington, D.C.

Lt. Gen. Richardson grew up in Colorado and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Aviation upon graduation from Metropolitan State College in Denver, Colorado. She has commanded from the Company to Theater Army level. She has also served in numerous assignments including South Korea; Fort Campbell, Kentucky; Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Fort Myer, Virginia; and in Washington, D.C. at the White House, U.S. Capitol and the Pentagon.

She is married to Lt. Gen. Jim Richardson, and they have one daughter and a grandchild.
MAJ. GEN. PAUL J. ROCK JR.

Director, Strategy and Plans Division, U.S. Marine Corps


Born in Baltimore, MD and the son of a soldier, MajGen Rock was commissioned in 1988 upon graduation from the US Naval Academy. Designated a Naval Aviator in 1990, he flew the CH-46E Sea Knight while serving in HMM-263 (1991-95). Following duty as the Air Officer for 3rd Bn, 8th Mar (1995-96), he returned to the cockpit as a flight instructor at HMT-204 (1997).

Selected to conduct MV-22 Osprey operational testing at HMX-1 (1997-2000), he was then an instructor at VMMT-204 (2000-03) and a “plankowner” for the Corps’ first operational test squadron, VMX-22 (2003-05). Upon his return from 2d MAW (Forward) staff in G-3 (Plans) in Iraq (2005), he took command of VMM-263, the Marine Corps’ first operational MV-22B squadron, and again deployed to Iraq in support of OIF (2006-08).


Prior to his current assignment, Major General Rock was the Commanding General, 3d Marine Expeditionary Brigade and Deputy Commanding General, III Marine Expeditionary Force (2019-20).
REAR ADM. (RET) FRED ROSA
Senior Advisor for Homeland Security at the Johns Hopkins University
Applied Physics Laboratory

Fred Rosa is Senior Advisor for Homeland Security at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory (APL) in Laurel, Maryland. As a leading university-affiliated center for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E), APL conducts a wide range of cutting-edge homeland protection programs, focused primarily on border control, multi-modal transportation security, infrastructure resilience, cybersecurity, and national preparedness. Located just north of the National Capital Region on a 450-acre campus, APL has more than 6,500 staff members, two-thirds of whom are scientists and engineers.

In addition to his current role with Johns Hopkins APL, Fred Rosa is a Senior Fellow with the Center for Cyber and Homeland Security at Auburn University and a member of the Board of Directors for The Common Defense. He also served previously as a seminar co-presenter for the National Preparedness Leadership Initiative (NPLI), a joint undertaking of the Kennedy School of Government and the Harvard School of Public Health.

A U.S. Armed Forces veteran with extensive operational, emergency response, and national security policy experience, Rear Admiral Rosa’s military career culminated as Commander of the Fifth Coast Guard District headquartered in Portsmouth, Virginia. In this capacity, he led an integrated team of military, civilian, and auxiliary personnel in carrying out the full range of Coast Guard maritime safety, law enforcement, and security operations throughout America’s mid-Atlantic region, extending across six states from central New Jersey down through North Carolina.

Prior to the Fifth District assignment, he was Deputy Director for Coast Guard Intelligence and Criminal Investigations in Washington, DC. He also served at The White House on the National Security Council staff during two successive Administrations in several different capacities, including Director of the International Crime Group in the Transnational Threats Directorate and Special Assistant to the President for Border and Transportation Security.

Additional military assignments included: Deputy Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District, headquartered in Miami, Florida; Legal Advisor, Coast Guard Enforcement of Laws and Treaties Program, Washington, DC; and Deputy U.S. Representative, Legal Committee, International Maritime Organization, London, England.
MAJ. GEN. MICHELLE M. ROSE  
Director of Logistics and Engineering, J-4, Headquarters North American Aerospace Defense Command


Rose was commissioned in 1989 as a second lieutenant through the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering. She earned a Master of Business Administration in Management in 1997 from Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia, and graduated in 2014 from the U.S. Army War College with a Master of Strategic Studies.

MR. MARK E. ROSEN, J.D., LL.M.  
Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Center Naval Analysis, Maritime Law

Mark Rosen is an expert in maritime law and policy, maritime arms control, the Arctic and regulation of the global commons, international law and treaties, the law of armed conflict and homeland security.

Rosen's recent work includes analyses of conflicting maritime claims in the South China Sea, East China Sea, Bay of Bengal, the Arctic and the Gulf of Guinea. He is also conducting research on governance gaps that create vulnerabilities in space, cyberspace and the Arctic; effective insurgency suppression models that could be used in connection with operations in Afghanistan; an examination of U.S. options to reduce carbon emissions and dependence on foreign oil in anticipation of new international climate mandates; and the Navy's role in maritime law enforcement.

Rosen is a retired Navy captain who served with the Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps as an international law attorney and military planner. He holds an LL.M. in International and Oceans Law from the University Of Virginia and both a B.A. and J.D. from the University of Georgia.
BRG. GEN. PATRICK RYDER
Director of Public Affairs, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon

Brig. Gen. Patrick S. Ryder is the Director of Public Affairs, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. In addition to advising the Secretary, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and Chief of Space Operations on Public Affairs matters, he is responsible for developing and executing global communication processes to build understanding and support for the Air Force and Space Force. He provides guidance and support for nearly 4,500 active duty, Guard and Reserve Airmen and civilians in their mission to broadcast internal Air Force and Space Force information, conduct community and media relations, plan and synchronize Department of the Air Force communication efforts, and execute security review programs.

Brig. Gen. Ryder was commissioned in 1992 through the Air Force ROTC program at the University of Florida in Gainesville. His staff assignments include serving as the Special Assistant for Public Affairs to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Director of Public Affairs for U.S. Central Command, Director of Media Operations for the Secretary of the Air Force Office of Public Affairs, and Director of Public Affairs for the Office of Defense Representative-Pakistan. During his career, Brig. Gen. Ryder has led public affairs operations in numerous overseas contingency operations. He served as the PAO for the Air Force’s initial cadre at Taszar Air Base, Hungary, during the 1995 peace-keeping mission, Operation Joint Endeavor, and led 48th Fighter Wing public affairs operations in support of NATO during the 1999 Kosovo Air Campaign.

In support for Operation Iraqi Freedom, he served as a strategic communications planner for the Coalition Provisional Authority in Baghdad from March–July 2004 and led the DoD Public Affairs response to highlight U.S. military humanitarian support to Pakistan during floods in 2010. While at U.S. Central Command, Brig. Gen. Ryder oversaw the command-wide public affairs operations in support of the counter-ISIS campaign Operation Inherent Resolve from 2014-2016 and conducted bi-weekly press briefings with the Pentagon press corps from Headquarters U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Florida.
LT. GEN. MARC H. SASSEVILLE
Vice Chief of the National Guard Bureau

Lt. Gen. Marc H. Sasseville is the 12th Vice Chief of the National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Virginia. The VCNGB is second in charge of the National Guard Bureau which is a joint activity of the Department of Defense. The VCNGB assists the Chief of the National Guard Bureau in performing duties as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and principal advisor to the Secretary of Defense, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Secretary of the Army, and Secretary of the Air Force. The Vice Chief also serves as the principal advisor to the Secretary of the Army, Secretary of the Air Force, the Chief of Staff of the Army, and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, on matters relating to federalized forces of the Guard and its subcomponents, the Army National Guard of the United States, and the Air National Guard of the United States.

Lt. Gen. Sasseville graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science degree in International Affairs. Following pilot training, he served in various operational units in United States Air Forces Europe, Tactical Air Command/Air Combat Command, and Pacific Air Forces. After his last active duty assignment, he joined the District of Columbia Air National Guard. He has held squadron, group, wing and numbered air force command. He also served as the Senior Defense Official and Defense Attaché to Turkey.


REAR ADM. OLE MORTEN SANDQUIST
Defense and Naval Attache, Royal Norwegian Embassy

Rear Admiral Sandquist is a native of Bergen, Norway. He is a graduate of the Royal Norwegian Naval Academy and was commissioned in 1992. He is also a graduate of the Joint Services Command and Staff College in Shrivenham, UK (2007) and of the US Naval War College, Newport, RI (2011). He holds a Master of Arts (MA) in Defense Studies from King’s College Universities of London.

Sandquist’s initial sea tour was aboard submarines. He later served as Navigation Officer, Communications Officer and ASW Officer on the frigates Narvik, Bergen and Stavanger. On completion of the PWO Course, he
served as department head and Operations Officer on the frigate Trondheim. From August 2003, Commander Sandquist was Operations Officer on board the first of class AEGIS frigate Fridtjof Nansen (F310). On his return from staff college in the UK he took command of Fridtjof Nansen for three years. His time in command included taking the new frigate from sea trials through work-up at the Flag Officer Sea Training (FOST) and into operations. He conducted a 6-month deployment off the horn of Africa as a part of EUNAVFOR Operation Atalanta. He later commanded HNoMS Otto Sverdrup (F312) for a shorter period. He has more than 17 years of sea duty and has had several tours with the Standing NATO Maritime Groups.

Ashore, Sandquist served with the New Norwegian Frigate Program (P6088), where he worked with the bridge systems and CIC layout. He also served on the staff of the Chief of the Royal Norwegian Navy as senior staff officer. On completion of the US Naval Command College in Newport, Rhode Island he was promoted to Captain (N) and served three years in a Joint position as Commander J3-5 (future operations) at the National Joint Headquarters (NJHQ).

Sandquist’s assignments as Commodore (OF-6) include the position as Commander Norwegian Fleet and Commander Norwegian Task Group. He also commanded Standing NATO Maritime Group 1 (SNMG1) in 2017. Sandquist was promoted to Rear Admiral in July 2018 and serves as Norway’s Defense Attaché in Washington, DC.

His personal awards include the Defense Medal with 1 star for 30 years of service, The Norwegian Police Medal with distinction/laurel, The Navy’s Medal of Merit for commanding SNMG1, Service Medal with 3 stars for more than 15 years of service in the Navy, the Norwegian Armed Forces Operations Medal for counter piracy operations off the horn of Africa and the European Union Naval Force Medal Operation Atalanta.

**BRIG. GEN. SHAWN R. SATTERFIELD**

**Commander, Special Operations Command, NORTH Peterson AFB**

Brig. Gen. Shawn R. Satterfield has served as the Commander of Special Operations Command, North, at Peterson Air Force Base Colorado since August 2020. Previously he served as the Group Commander for the 20th Special Forces Group and earlier as the Commander of the Special Operations Detachment at MacDill Air Force Base Florida.

In his civilian life, he has served as Assistant Director (Lieutenant) for the Missouri State Highway Patrol for the Division of Drug and Crime in Jefferson City, Missouri.
REAR ADM. (RET.) LARS SAUNES
Professor and Distinguished International Fellow, International Programs, U.S. Naval War College

Rear Admiral (ret.) Lars Saunes was born in Alesund Norway. He retired from the Navy from the position as Chief of Royal Norwegian Navy August 2017 and is now CNO Distinguished international fellow at the USNWC. He is a Submariner by trade and has held different command position on Kobben and Ula class submarines. He has been the commander of the Norwegian task group, Chief Naval operations at joint HQ, Commander submarine operating authority, Commandant and commander of the Norwegian Coast guard as well as Chief of the Royal Norwegian Navy. He has served as the head naval section of the Norwegian defense high command/Join and the Norwegian defense research Institute.

VICE ADM. PHILLIP SAWYER
Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans and Strategy, N3/N5, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations

Vice Admiral Phillip G. Sawyer is a native of Phoenix, Arizona and a 1983 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Systems Engineering. He received a master’s degree in Engineering Management from Old Dominion University.

As a career submarine officer, he served as division officer on USS Bluefish (SSN 675), engineer officer on USS Florida (SSBN 728) (Blue) and executive officer onboard USS Salt Lake City (SSN 716). His afloat command assignments were aboard USS La Jolla (SSN 701) and Submarine Squadron (SUBRON) 15 in Guam.

On shore he served on the Joint Staff, Operations Directorate as branch chief for antiterrorism and force protection; deputy director for Operations at Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet; executive assistant to the Deputy Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet; submarine force placement officer and assistant captain detailer at the Bureau of Naval Personnel; instructor at Fleet Anti-Submarine Warfare Training Center, Atlantic; chief of staff of U.S. Strategic Command Special Activities and chief of staff, Submarine Force Atlantic.

As a flag officer, his tours include vice commander, Naval Mine and Anti-Submarine Warfare Command, Commander, Task Force 74/54;

Sawyer assumed duties as Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans, and Strategy (N3/N5) in October 2019.

MAJ. GENERAL TORRENCE SAXE
Adjutant General Alaska Guard & Commissioner, Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

Maj. Gen. Torrence W. Saxe is the Adjutant General, Alaska National Guard and the Commissioner, Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. As the adjutant general, he is the senior military advisor to the governor of Alaska and commander of the Alaska National Guard, responsible for overseeing the training and readiness of 3,900 Airmen and Soldiers. He also oversees the Alaska State Defense Force, Alaska Naval Militia, Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Veterans Affairs’ Office, and Alaska Military Youth Academy. Brig Gen Saxe is the official liaison between the state and federal Department of Veterans Affairs, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and all military forces in Alaska.

General Saxe entered the Air Force in 1995 as a distinguished graduate of the Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama. General Saxe joined the Alaska Air National Guard in 2004, as commander of the 213th Space Warning Squadron and the 13th Space Warning Squadron. As the 13th Space Warning Squadron commander, he was the Federal Installation Commander. He also served as the commander of the 168th Wing, Eielson AFB, Alaska. Prior to his current position, General Saxe was the commander of the Alaska Air National Guard, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska.

CAPTAIN ALAN SCHRADER
CHIEF OF STAFF, NAVY REGION NORTHWEST

Capt. Edward "Alan" Schrader graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science in Physics. Additionally, he holds a Master of Science from the University of Colorado in Electrical Engineering. His submarine assignments were as a Division Officer on USS Batfish (SSN 681), as Combat Systems Officer on USS Springfield (SSN 761), as Executive Officer on USS Kentucky (SSBN 737) (Blue), and as Commanding Officer of the USS Nevada (SSBN 733)(Blue). During his command tour, he led the combined crew through the final stages of a 27-month, $200
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Capt. Steven Schrader is a native of Roswell, New Mexico and graduated from Western New Mexico University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He also holds a Master of Science degree in Nuclear Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Master of Business Administration degree from the National Defense University.

After service as an officer in the U.S. Army, he joined the Navy’s Nuclear Propulsion Officer’s Program in 1990. He then served as an Engineer Officer at several U.S. Navy nuclear reactor plants, including the Redstone Arsenal, Alabama and the USS Hancock Gold (SSN 722). He led nuclear refueling and maintenance projects at the Seabrook and Calvert Cliffs nuclear power plants. He also served as a Reactor Site Safety Officer for the Ohio Nuclear Operating Company and retired from the U.S. Navy in 2016 with the rank of Commander.

In 2016, Capt. Schrader joined the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program as head of the strategic operations and strategic deterrent patrols team, overseeing the refueling and maintenance of ballistic and attack submarines. In May 2019, he assumed responsibility for the entire strategic operations and evaluation and Business Area within the Office of the Program Executive Officer for Submarines.

His staff and shore assignments include as Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Instructor at the University of Colorado; Executive Officer of Moored Training Ship (MTS 635); Action Officer and Executive Assistant to the Director for Force Structure, Resources, and Assessment (J8), the Joint Staff; and Branch Head, Operations, Evaluation, and Training, Strategic Systems Programs (SP 205).

Most recently, from September 2016 to August 2019, Capt. Schrader served as Commanding Officer of Naval Base Kitsap. Capt. Schrader assumed his current role as Chief of Staff, Navy Region Northwest, in August 2019.

MS. GAIL R. SCHUBERT

President & CEO, Bering Straits Native Corporation, Inupiaq Executive Counselor, Arctic Domain Awareness Center, University of Alaska.

Gail Anagick Schubert is the President & CEO of Bering Straits Native Corporation (BSNC), an Alaska Native regional corporation serving seventeen villages in the Bering Straits region. She is Inupiaq and was born and raised in Unalakleet, Alaska. She serves on a number of boards including the ANCSA Regional CEOs Association and the Alaska Federation of Natives. She is also a member of the Arctic Economic Council. Schubert earned her undergraduate degree from Stanford University, an MBA from Cornell University’s Johnson School of Management, and her law degree from the Cornell Law School. She is an ATHENA society member, YWCA Woman of Achievement awardee and a 2014 recipient of the Northwest Indian Bar Association’s Unsung Hero Award.

REAR ADM. LORIN SELBY

Chief of U.S. Naval Research

Rear Adm. Lorin Selby is a native of Baltimore, Maryland and graduated from the University of Virginia with a Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Engineering and earned his commission through the Navy’s Reserve Officers Training Corps program. He also holds a Master of Science in Nuclear Engineering and a Nuclear Engineer degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
His shipboard tours include USS Puffer (SSN 652), USS Pogy (SSN 647) and USS Connecticut (SSN 22). From July 2004 to May 2007 he commanded USS Greeneville (SSN 772) in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. During these assignments, Selby conducted several deployments to the Western Pacific, Northern Pacific, Northern Atlantic and Arctic Oceans. Ashore, Selby’s staff assignments include duty as a company officer and instructor at the U.S. Naval Academy, service as the deputy director of the Navy’s liaison office to the U.S. House of Representatives and duty as the Submarine Platforms and Strategic Programs branch head in the Submarine Warfare Directorate on the Navy Staff. Following selection as an acquisition professional, he served as the program manager for both the Submarine Imaging and Electronic Warfare Systems Program Office (PMS 435) and the Advanced Undersea Systems Program Office (PMS 394).

As a flag officer, Selby served as commander, Naval Surface Warfare Centers (NSWC) from October 2014 to August 2016. In this position, he led more than 17,000 scientists, engineers, technicians and support personnel, both civilian and active duty, within eight NSWC divisions located across the country.

From June 2016 until May 2020, he served as the Navy’s chief engineer and the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) Deputy Commander for Ship Design, Integration and Naval Engineering (SEA 05), where he led the engineering and scientific expertise, knowledge and technical authority necessary to design, build, maintain, repair, modernize, certify and dispose of the Navy’s ships, aircraft carriers, submarines and associated combat and weapons systems.

In May of 2020, he assumed command of the Office of Naval Research as the 26th Chief of Naval Research.

Selby is authorized to wear the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (three awards), Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (six awards) and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards) in addition to various unit awards.
COL. PETTERI SEPPÄLÄ
Defense Attaché, Embassy of Finland, Washington D.C

Col Petteri Seppälä was born in the Arctic Circle in a town called Rovaniemi in 1969. He started his military career in 1988 as a conscript in the Finnish Defence Forces. After the military service he was accepted as a Cadet to the National Defence University and Air Force Academy. He graduated as an officer in 1993, and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant at the same time.

He started his professional career in the Finnish Air Force in the Lapland Air Command, where he served as a fighter pilot, flight instructor and Chief of Operations Control Flight. He was promoted to the rank of Senior Lieutenant in 1994, Captain in 1999, and Major in 2006. He was promoted to the rank of Colonel in 2014.

Col Seppälä returned to the Finnish Air Force Command in 2015, when he was appointed the Director of the Air Operations Center Finland. While working as a Director of the AOC, Col Seppälä also acted as the National Lead of the Finnish delegation in the US Strategic Command led Nimble Titan Campaign 2014-2016. He was additionally the Exercise Director in the multinational Arctic Challenge Exercise 2017, the biggest air power exercise in Europe at the time. He completed both the National Collective Defence Course and also the Higher Command Course (High level) in the National Defence University in 2017.

After two years in the AOC Finland, Col Seppälä was appointed Commander of the Satakunta Air Command in 2017.

He started his current positon as the Defense, Military, Naval and Air Attaché of Finland for the United States and Canada in August 2019. He was decorated with both the Cross of Merit of the Finnish Air Force and also the Commander of the Order of the Lion of Finland in 2019.

Col Seppälä flies still actively and has flown several aircraft types including F/A-18 C/D Hornet, SAAB 35 S/F Draken, BAE Hawk Mk51/Mk 51A, Pilatus PC-12NG, CASA CC-295, VALMET Vinka, Piper Arrow, Lear Jet35A/S and F-16. His total flight hours are 3 500.

Col Seppälä is married with Seija Seppälä. They have four children.
MR. DAN SHAFFER  
*Business Development Specialist, Lockheed Martin*

Dan Shaffer serves as Business Development Specialist for Lockheed Martin. In this position he collaborates with customers and thought leaders to define requirements, develops briefings, talking points and papers to inform senior executive engagement, briefs Congressional staffers, develops marketing approaches and strategic messaging for a cross-section of LM products ranging from the Aegis Franchise to surface weapons to innovative approaches to future combat systems. Previously he served as Director of Capability and Innovation for the US Fleet Forces Command and as Director of Integrated Air/Missile Defense for U.S. Naval Forces Europe and Africa in Naples, Italy. He holds a Master’s Degree in National Security Decision Making from the U.S. Naval War College and he holds a Bachelor’s Degree in English Language and Literature from the United States Naval Academy.

DR. MICHAEL SFRAGA  
*Director of the Wilson Center’s Global Risk and Resilience Program, and Polar Institute.*

Dr. Mike Sfraga is the director of the Polar Institute and director of the Global Risk and Resilience Program at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. A geographer by training, his work is focused on the changing geography of the Arctic and Antarctic landscapes, Arctic policy, and the impacts and implications of a changing climate on social, political, economic, and security regimes in the Arctic.

Sfraga is a Fulbright Scholar, having served as Co-Lead Scholar for the inaugural Fulbright Arctic Initiative I from 2015-2017, and in the same capacity for the Fulbright Arctic Initiative II from 2017 to 2019. Sfraga also serves as co-director of the UArctic Institute for Arctic Policy. He has testified before Congress and his commentary has been featured in several media outlets including MSNBC, National Public Radio, CCTV/CGTN, Bloomberg News, National Geographic Magazine, and C-SPAN.

Sfraga holds a PhD in geography and northern studies from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.
MASTER CHIEF COREY SIDLO
Command Master Chief Seventeenth District U.S. Coast Guard

Master Chief Corey Sidlo assumed the duties as Command Master Chief for the 17th Coast Guard District in June 2019. His primary responsibility is to assist and advise Rear Admiral Matthew Bell, Commander of the Seventeenth Coast Guard District, on the impact of existing or proposed policy changes and potential situations pertinent to the morale and general well-being of all Coast Guard members and their families in Alaska.

Headquartered in Juneau Alaska, the Coast Guard’s forces in the 17th District total more than 2,500 active duty, reserve, civilian and auxiliary personnel, who employ 15 cutters, 52 boats, and 17 aircraft across an area of responsibility that includes the North Pacific Ocean, Arctic Ocean and Bering Sea. The Coast Guard’s 17th District serves and safeguards the public, protects the environment and its resources, and defends the Nation’s interests in the Alaskan maritime region.

Originally from Astoria, Oregon, Master Chief Sidlo enlisted in the United States Coast Guard in June 1998. He is married to former Sharlyne Reeser, of the Philippines, and has two boys, Milo and Kirby. His previous assignments include Command Master Chief Base Charleston, South Carolina; Command Senior Chief Maritime Force Protection Unit Kings Bay, Georgia; Assistant School Chief, Storekeeper “A” School, Training Center Petaluma, California; AVDET Supervisor, Aviation Detachment Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Storekeeper duty, CGC ALERT, Astoria, Oregon; Storekeeper duty, Naval Engineering Support Unit Honolulu, Hawaii; Storekeeper duty, Aviation Detachment Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Seaman, CGC LAUREL, Mayport, Florida.

Master Chief Sidlo is a distinguished graduate of Coast Guard Basic Training where he was presented the “Best Shipmate” award at graduation. He is a graduate of various service schools including the Coast Guard Senior Enlisted Leadership Course, the Chief Petty Officer Academy, and the Navy Leading Petty Officer Leadership Course. Dedicated to the health and well-being of his shipmates, he is a certified Command Financial Specialist, trained in Critical Incident Stress Management, and Applied Suicide Intervention Skills, and completed the Navy’s Chief Petty Officer Indoctrination program serving onboard Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Master Chief Sidlo’s personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, a Joint Service Commendation Medal, two Coast Guard
Commandant’s Letters of Commendation. His other awards include six Coast Guard Good Conduct Medals, the Coast Guard Sea Service Ribbon and various unit awards.

REAR ADM. KEITH M. SMITH
Deputy Commander, Atlantic Area, USCG

Rear Admiral Smith assumed the duties of Deputy Commander, Atlantic Area in October 2020. As Deputy Commander, he is responsible for all U.S. Coast Guard missions within a geographic region spanning from the Rocky Mountains to the Arabian Gulf and encompassing five Coast Guard Districts and 40 states.

Prior to arriving at Atlantic Area, he served as Commander of the Fifth Coast Guard District where he oversaw the full range of Coast Guard maritime safety and security missions in the Mid-Atlantic region from central New Jersey through North Carolina.

Additional flag officer assignments include Commander of Coast Guard Force Readiness Command where he supported readiness for operational commanders through training, leadership development, readiness assessments, exercise support, and tactics, techniques, and procedures development and Director Joint Interagency Task Force West (JIATF West) where he executed Department of Defense counterdrug activities, defended the Homeland, and stabilized the theater by disrupting transnational criminal organizations.

Rear Admiral Smith has extensive operational experience with a specialty in tactical law enforcement and Port/Homeland Security Operations. During his 40-year career, he served as a Law Enforcement Detachment (LEDET) Officer in Charge, Operations Officer of Group Woods Hole, Massachusetts, Commanding Officer of Tactical Law Enforcement Team (TACLET) North, Chief of the Tactical Intelligence Section at JIATF East, Deputy Group Commander in St. Petersburg, Florida and plank owner Commanding Officer of Maritime Safety and Security Team (MSST) Los Angeles/Long Beach. Rear Admiral Smith served as Deputy Operations Officer for the Deployable Operations Group (DOG) and Commanding Officer of the Maritime Security Response Team (MSRT), a specialized counter terrorism unit. He also served as the Coast Guard Atlantic Area Chief of Staff from April 2013 to April 2015 and the Chief of Response and Chief of Incident Management from July 2011 to April 2013.

His personal Awards include three Legion of Merits, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, six Meritorious
Service Medals, the Global War on Terror Service Medal, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, and two Coast Guard Achievement Medals.

Rear Admiral Smith is a native of Cypress California. He enlisted in the Coast Guard in September 1980 and served as an air crewman on both HH-3F helicopters and C-130 aircraft before receiving his commission in 1987.

A graduate of California State University Long Beach, Rear Admiral Smith holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice and Master’s degree in Homeland Security.

**REAR ADmiral Philip SoBeck**

Commander, Expeditionary Strike Group THREE

Rear Adm. Philip E. Sobeck is a native of Boyertown, Pennsylvania, and enlisted in the Navy 1985 as a Machinist Mate (Nuclear). He is a 1991 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and earned a Master of Science in Organizational Management from the George Washington University. He has also served as a fellow for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI Strategic Studies Program.

He is a surface warfare officer whose operational assignments include USS Hawes (FFG 53), USS Gonzalez (DDG 66), USS McFaul (DDG 74), Destroyer Squadron FIFTY (CDS 50) and the First Combined United States and United Kingdom Destroyer Squadron (1 CDS) embarked on USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75). He commanded USS Avenger (MCM 1), USS Ardent (MCM 12), USS Farragut (DDG 99), and Destroyer Squadron 50/Task Force 55. During these tours, he was forward deployed nine times and participated in a multitude of Joint and Combined operations.

Assignments ashore include PERS 410B, Bureau of Naval Personnel, executive assistant (EA) to the Commandant of Midshipman; deputy director for Maritime Security (Political Military International Security Office, U.S. State Department; EA to Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) executive learning officer, assistant deputy director Flag Officer Management and Detailing (PERS N00F); senior military assistant to Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness); deputy EA to Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces; director, Future Fleet Design and Architecture OPNAV (N3/N5); military assistant to the 76th Secretary of the Navy; special assistant to the Digital Warfare Office (N2/N6).
His previous flag assignments include director, 21st Century Sailor Office (OPNAV N17). He assumed command of Expeditionary Strike Group THREE in April 2020. His awards are based on being surrounded by incredible shipmates and they include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, and various unit and campaign awards.

**BRIG. GENERAL WILLIAM E. SOUZA III**  
**Deputy Commander, Marine Corps Forces Command (MOB)**

Brigadier General William Souza entered boot camp in 1984 and completed his enlistment in 1988 with the 2nd Marine Air Wing, after which he joined the Marine Corps Reserves and attended college with the intent of gaining a commission.

Brigadier General Souza was commissioned and after his training he was assigned as a Platoon Commander with Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton. He subsequently left active duty and worked for a Fortune 100 Corporation. In such time he joined the Marine Corps Reserve and served two tours as a Company Commander within 4th Marine Division. Brigadier General Souza served a short tour in the Philippines with III Marine Expeditionary Forces. Brigadier General Souza was then augmented to the Coalition Military Advisory Training Team. Once back from Iraq, he served as a Battalion Executive Officer with Landing Support Battalion until he attended the resident Top Level School at the Naval War College. Brigadier General Souza subsequently deployed to Afghanistan with US Army Special Operations Command until he took his Battalion command tour within 4th Marine Division. Relinquishing command, he was assigned as the AC/S G-3 for the Division. Brigadier General Souza was selected for command as the Senior Reserve Advisor (Deputy) for 23rd Marines and assumed those duties, but was subsequently assigned as Commander of 25th Marines. After which, Brigadier General Souza returned to his duties with 23rd Marines. Brigadier General Souza was promoted to his current grade, assumed the duties as Deputy Commander, Marine Forces Reserve and Marine Forces North and has since slated as Deputy Commander, Marine Forces Command (Mobilization).

Brigadier General Souza is a graduate of Central Washington University, and holds a BA Degree in History. He is a graduate of Amphibious Warfare School and the Command and Staff College, attained a MA degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College and is a graduate of National Defense University's Capstone course.
BRIG. GENERAL ADRIAN L. SPAIN
Director of Plans, Programs, and Analyses, United States Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa

Brigadier General Adrian L. Spain is the Director of Plans, Programs, and Analyses, United States Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. As Director, General Spain leads theater engagement throughout Europe and Africa by managing unit basing, organization and force structure. He is responsible for developing and directing the command’s resource capability processes, doctrine review, strategy initiatives and political-military affairs program, as well as overseeing command analyses and lessons learned. He is also responsible for command transformation, as well as implementing U.S. and NATO strategy and ensuring arms control treaty obligations are met. General Spain entered the Air Force in 1994 through the ROTC program, graduating from Villanova University with a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering. He is a Command Pilot with more than 2300 hours in multiple aircraft, primarily the F-15C and F-22. He is a 2001 graduate of the USAF Weapons School and F-15C flying award winner. As Weapons Officer for the 58th FS, he led the nation’s first Operation NOBLE EAGLE deployment to the National Capitol Region, and the first missions under wartime ROE while deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. He would later serve as an instructor at the USAF Weapons School in the 433d Weapons Squadron.

General Spain has commanded at the Squadron, Group and Wing levels. He led the 94 FS “Spads” to the Pacific and the first trip to mainland Japan and Korea for the F-22. He served as Commandant of the USAF Weapons School, building the next generation of leaders and tactical experts covering 18 squadrons & 6 MAJCOMS and across all AF warfighting domains. As the 53d Wing Commander, he led 70+ units across the CONUS devoted to Operational Test and Evaluation (OT&E), weapons evaluation, electronic warfare and mission data development across all fighter, bomber, PR, high-altitude ISR, space and electronic warfare weapons systems for the USAF. Prior to his current position General Spain was the Commander, 380th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates.
MR. KEN STOLWORTHY  
Director of Russia Strategic Initiative, USEUCOM

Ken Stolworthy has served as Director of the Russia Strategic Initiative for USEUCOM in Stuttgart, Germany since June 2017. Previously he served as National Intelligence Manager for Europe/Eurasia for ODNI and Deputy Assistant Director of the FBI. He served as a U.S. Army Officer for 27 years before retiring in 2007. He holds a Master’s Degree from Georgetown University.

THE HONORABLE SENATOR DAN SULLIVAN  
US Senator Alaska

Senator Sullivan became Alaska’s eighth US Senator in January 2015. He serves on four Senate committees vital to Alaska: the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee; the Armed Services Committee; the Environment and Public Works Committee; and the Veterans’ Affairs Committee. Earlier, Senator Sullivan served as Alaska’s Attorney General where his number one priority was protecting Alaskans, their physical safety, financial well-being, and individual rights. As Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Senator Sullivan managed one of the largest portfolios of oil, gas, minerals, renewable energy, timber, land, and water in the world. Senator Sullivan has a distinguished record of military and national security service. He is currently an infantry officer and Lieutenant Colonel in the US Marine Corps Reserves. He earned a bachelor’s degree in economics from Harvard University in 1987 and a joint law and Master of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University in 1993.

MR. BJARTMAR SVEINBJÖRNSSON  
Icelandic Honorary Consulate in Anchorage, United States

Bjartmar Sveinbjornsson is a professor of biological sciences and the director of the Environment and Natural Resources Institute at the University of Alaska Anchorage. He mentors students in the National Science Foundation’s program Research Experience for Undergraduates.
THE HONORABLE MEAD TREADWELL
Former Lt Gov, State of Alaska, Former Chair, U.S. Arctic Research Commission, President and CEO Qilak LNG

Mead Treadwell was the 11th Lieutenant Governor of Alaska (2010-2014) and Chair of the US Arctic Research Commission (2006-2010) under Presidents George W Bush and Barack Obama. In those positions, he helped develop and implement the US Arctic policy adopted in 2009, expanded Asian observer participation in the Arctic Council, and funded and advanced the eight-nation Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment, which set a blueprint for marine safety and reliability in the newly-accessible Arctic Ocean.

In advancing Arctic cooperation and sustainable development, he chairs the satellite firm Iridium’s Polar Advisory Board, co-chairs the Washington, DC based Woodrow Wilson Center’s Polar Initiative, chairs the Iceland-based Arctic Circle’s Mission Council on Shipping and Ports, and is a member of the International Advisory Board of the UK-based Polar Research and Policy Initiative.

He is a frequent speaker in academic and military settings regarding Arctic economic and security issues. He was also a member of the World Economic Forum’s Global Agenda Council on the Arctic that prepared the Arctic Investment Protocol: Guidelines for Responsible Investment in the Arctic. In business, he is principal at Treadwell Development, a investment and advisory firm helping to establish Arctic infrastructure projects in energy and transportation. He served as President of Pt Capital, the world’s first Arctic-focused private equity fund, with investments in hotels, telecommunications and other service industries in Alaska, Iceland and Finland, and advisory activity across the Arctic. He is the Founder and CEO of Venture Ad Astra, an Anchorage-based company which invests in and develops new geospatial and imaging technologies, including Immersive Media which pioneered StreetView for Google. He is also one of the founders of Digimarc, a NASDAQ-listed firm whose digital watermarking system is used to provide anti-counterfeiting protection on currencies and helps provide copyright protection on DVDs. He serves on the board of Ryan Air, an Alaska based cargo airline. He helped found and develop natural gas pipeline and telecommunications ventures in Alaska sold to global public firms. Early in his civic career, Treadwell served as the city of Cordova’s Director of Oil Spill Response in the wake of the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill and is a co-founder of the Prince William Sound Science Center. He was appointed to serve as Deputy Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation under Gov. Wally Hickel, where
he helped form the Northern Forum, joined US delegations on the Arctic Environmental Protection Strategy, precursor to the Arctic Council.

In the late 1980’s, he established the Alaska State Chamber’s Siberia Alaska Gateway Project, which worked to open the US-Russia border with the 1988 Friendship Flight and follow-on exchanges in 1988 and 1989. While Lt. Governor of Alaska, he was Chair of the Aerospace States Association, and led the development of model state-based safety and privacy rules for UAVs. He was Managing Director and later a Senior Fellow of the Institute of the North, where—with the Independent Working Group on Missile Defense—he helped bring about the US Missile defense system in Alaska and advanced state-level participation in US security issues. Treadwell received his BA from Yale University and his MBA from Harvard Business School. He is winner of the Alaska SeaLife Center’s Walter J. Hickel Ocean Leadership Award, the Northern Forum Walter J. Hickel Medal, the Alaska Outdoor Council’s Sydney Huntington Award, the Foreign Minister’s Commendation of Japan, and the Blethen Award, Top Prize for Investigative Reporting in the Pacific Northwest. He is Chapter Chair of the North Pacific Alaska chapter of the Explorers Club.

CAPTAIN DAN B. TERMANSEN
Captain Royal Danish Navy

Captain Dan B. Termansen joined the Royal Danish Navy officer training program in 1984. After graduation from the Naval Academy in 1988 he served on the Fast Patrol Boat DRYADEN patrolling the Baltic and later as 2nd Operations Officer in the Arctic Patrol Frigate THETIS deploying to the Arctic. He was in 2000 promoted to Commander and posted at the Royal Danish Defence College as Deputy Head of Faculty for Political Science and Strategy and served as Assistant Course Director for the Joint General Staff Course.

In 2004 he joined the Danish Institute for International Studies in Copenhagen as Military Analyst where he published reports on Information Operations and several Research Briefs on various military subjects. In 2005 he took a position as Assistant Defence Attaché and Naval Attaché to Germany and was posted at the Royal Danish Embassy in Berlin. During this period he also served as the Danish Liaison Officer to the German Joint Operations Command in Potsdam. Mid 2007 he returned to Denmark and was assigned as Director of Staff Operations at the Admiral Danish Fleet Headquarters. Beginning of 2009 Captain Termansen assumed command of the Frigate ABSALON and deployed to the Horn of Africa as part of Coalition Task Force 151 engaged in Counter Piracy Operations.
January 2012 Captain Termansen was appointed as Strategic Communications Advisor to Chairman of NATO Military Committee and to the Director General International Military Staff and served at the same time as the Spokesperson for the Military Committee and the Chairman. Captain Termansen returned to Denmark in July 2015 where he took up the position as Head of International Operations PLANS at the Joint Defence Command in Copenhagen.

1st October 2020 Captain Termansen was appointed as Vice Chief Danish Joint Arctic Command in Nuuk, Greenland.

**COMMODORE. ANGUS TOPSHEE**
Commander, Canadian Pacific Fleet at Royal Canadian Navy

Commander Angus topshee serves Commander of Canadian Pacific Fleet at Royal Canadian Navy in Victoria, Victoria British Colombia. He has served as a Naval Officer in the Royal Canadian Navy for over 30 years. He holds a Master’s Degree in Strategic Studies from the University of Aberdeen and a Bachelor’s from the Royal Military College of Canada in Military and Strategic Studies.

**GENERAL GLEN D. VANHERCK**
Commander, United States Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command

Gen. Glen D. VanHerck 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. VanHerck is a graduate of the University of Missouri and commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program. He has a diverse background that includes operational and training assignments in the F-15C Eagle, F-35A Lighting II, B-2A Spirit and B-1B Lancer aircraft. He has served as an instructor pilot and flight examiner in the F-15C, B-2A and T-6A Texan II. Additionally, he served as a U.S. Air Force Weapons School instructor in the F-15C and the B-2A.
He has commanded at the squadron, group and twice at the wing level, including the 325th Weapons Squadron, the 71st Operations Group, the 7th Bomb Wing, the 509th Bomb Wing. As a major general, he commanded the U.S. Air Force Warfare Center. His staff assignments include tours as the Chief of the B-2 Program Element Monitor at Headquarters Air Combat Command, the Director of Operations at Headquarters Air Force Global Strike Command, the Director of Plans and Integration at U.S. Strategic Command, the Vice Director of Strategy, Plans and Policy (J5) at the Joint Staff, and the Vice Director of the Joint Staff.

Prior to his current assignment, Gen. Glen D. VanHerck was the Director, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. In this role, he assisted the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in his role as advisor to the President and Secretary of Defense, coordinated and directed the activities of the Joint Staff in support of the Chairman and served as the Staff Inspector General.

BRIG. GENERAL EDWARD L. VAUGHAN, IV
Senior U.S. military officer in Canada and Deputy Commander, Canadian North American Aerospace Defense Region, and Deputy Joint Force Air Component Commander for 1 Canadian Air Division

Brig. Gen. Edward L. “Hertz” Vaughan is the senior U.S. military officer in Canada and serves as Deputy Commander, Canadian North American Aerospace Defense Region, and Deputy Joint Force Air Component Commander for 1 Canadian Air Division, Winnipeg, Manitoba. He assumes command of coalition forces assigned to Canadian NORAD Region in the Canadian commander's absence. General Vaughan leads force employment of airpower, while ensuring that 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.

General Vaughan is a combat fighter pilot and polar airlifter. Following Air Force ROTC, he was commissioned as top graduate from Air National Guard officer training. He held leadership roles at the squadron, group, wing, and air division levels. He planned/executed global operations for Defense Support to Civilian Authorities, humanitarian assistance, and disaster relief. His staff work includes Office of the Secretary of Defense, Indo-Pacific Command, Headquarters Air Force and the National Guard Bureau. General Vaughan has experience leading change in cross-cultural, multi-lingual environments, including regional competencies in Latin America, Southeast Asia, and Africa.
Prior to his current assignment, General Vaughan served as AF Deputy Director of Training and Readiness, where he launched the AF Physiological Episodes Action Team and deployed as special Air Advisor to the Puerto Rico Adjutant General. As a drill status member of the ANG, he had a decade of private sector experience in engineering, manufacturing, cross-cultural negotiation, and marketing. His contingency experience includes operations Iraqi Freedom, Tomodachi, Southern Watch, Noble Eagle, Coronet Oak, Enduring Freedom, Uphold Democracy, Katrina, Deep Freeze and Maria Relief Puerto Rico.

MR. REY A. VELEZ
DIA Senior Representative to U.S. European Command

Mr. Velez, “Rey”, was appointed the Defense Intelligence Agency Senior Representative to U.S. European Command by the Director DIA in March 2018. On 1 October 2019, he also assumed duties as Assistant J2, EUCOM. Prior to this, he served as the Director of the Defense Attaché Service (DAS) and the Director of the Americas Regional Center where he was the senior manager and focal point for the synchronization of DIA Integrated Intelligence Center for the Americas. Prior to that position, he served as the Senior Advisor to the Vision 2020 Task Force, Director DIA’s number one priority, from October 3, 2012 to February 2013. From September 2011 to May 2012, Rey deployed to Afghanistan in support of Task Force 5-35, Bagram, Afghanistan. Prior to assuming those duties, he served as Chief, Enterprise Operations Division, an office whose primary purpose was the integration of operational support to HUMINT and CI. From January 2009 to December 2010, he served as Senior Expert for Intelligence Support to the National Joint Operations Intelligence Center (NJOIC). The NJOIC is a robust operations center that monitors and facilitates Joint Staff functions and interaction with Combatant Commanders, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Intelligence Community and the White House Situation Room to ensure the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff has the information he needs in a timely fashion. From February 2010 to September 2010, Rey deployed once again to Afghanistan to serve as the principal advisor to the ISAF and USFOR-A Commander. He coordinated with ISAF components and other organizations the gathering, compiling, and sharing of civil-military information that enables U.S. and Coalition counter-insurgency operations. He supervised the day-to-day activities of a multi-million dollar program consisting of over 500 personnel focused on the social and cultural environment as it pertains to stability, governance, economic and corruption within Afghanistan.
Rey previously served in the U.S. Army for almost 26 years. In 1982, he attended the Military Intelligence Officers' Basic Course at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. Rey is married to the former Katherine Crooks and he has two daughters: Cristina, 32 and Yashira, 30.

**REAR ADMIRAL JOHN WADE**

**USFF Director of Maritime Operations**

Rear Adm. John F.G. Wade is a native of Port Washington, New York. He is a 1990 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy with a Bachelor’s degree in Economics. He also holds a Master’s degree in Information Systems Technology from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, and a Master’s degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College in Washington, District of Columbia.

His assignments at sea include tours aboard USS Arthur W. Radford (DD 968), USS Benfold (DDG 65), and executive officer of USS Cape St. George (CG 71). He commanded USS Firebolt (PC 10), USS Preble (DDG 88), Destroyer Squadron 28, and Carrier Strike Group 12 embarked aboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72). Over the course of his career, he completed multiple deployments supporting overseas operations to include Desert Storm, Southern Watch, Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Ashore, Wade served on the personal staff of the Chief of Naval Operations; executive assistant to the director of the Quadrennial Defense Review Team; deputy executive assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; chief of staff to Commander, Naval Surface Forces / Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet; commander, Naval Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center / Navy Global Mine Warfare Battle Staff; and, director, Maritime Operations, U.S. Fleet Forces Command / U.S. Naval Forces Northern Command. He also served with the Army’s 10th Mountain and 82nd Airborne Divisions as commanding officer of the Joint/Interagency Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) – Khost, Afghanistan. He assumed his current duties as director, Joint Operations, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command in October 2020.

Personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Army Combat Action Badge, and various meritorious, service and campaign awards. He is also the recipient of the Vice Adm. E.C. Waller and Vice Adm. John D. Bulkeley leadership awards.
DR. ROBERT S. WEBB
Director, Physical Sciences Laboratory, NOAA

Robert S. Webb is Director of the NOAA Physical Sciences Laboratory (PSL) in Boulder, Colorado. His laboratory analyzes and interprets physical processes that influence weather and climate from hours to decades to provide scientific information to support NOAA’s mission. Under Webb’s direction, PSL works to improve predictions on weather-to-climate time scales by identifying early warning indicators in atmosphere and ocean patterns that cause extreme events (such as floods, droughts, and heat waves). The laboratory’s research strives to improve observations, process understanding, modeling and predictions of weather, water and climate variations and extremes, and their related impacts.

MAJ. GENERAL JOHN M. WHITE
Air National Guard Assistant to the Commander, Air Combat Command

Major General John M. White is the Air National Guard Assistant to the Commander of Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. As the Assistant to the Commander, he is responsible for advising the Commander and his staff on all issues impacting the Air National Guard and provides administrative oversight of assigned Air National Guard personnel. He ensures requirements and coordination for Air Combat Command gained Air National Guard units are included in the planning, programming, and execution phases of the Air combat Command mission elements.

General White received his commission through Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corp as a distinguished graduate. Upon completion of undergraduate pilot training at Williams Air Force Base, Arizona in April 1978, he received his pilot wings and was assigned there as a T-38 instructor pilot. His experiences have encompassed a myriad of assignments within both active and reserve components, serving as an F-16 Instructor Pilot, F-16 Demonstration Pilot, Squadron Commander, Group Commander, Wing Commander, and Assistant Adjutant General for Air, Acting Adjutant General, and Chief of Staff, Alabama Air National Guard prior to assuming his current position in June 2008.
CMSGT. TONY L. WHITEHEAD

Command Chief Master Sergeant for the Air National Guard Readiness Center

Chief Master Sergeant Tony L. Whitehead is the Command Chief Master Sergeant for the Air National Guard Readiness Center, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. He is the principal advisor to the ANGRC Commander on all enlisted matters. His responsibilities include keeping the commander informed of all issues affecting the health, morale, welfare, readiness, and proper utilization of enlisted personnel assigned to the Air National Guard Readiness Center and its Operating Locations.

Chief Whitehead entered the Air Force in December 1982 and served as Security Specialist. His background encompasses a myriad of positions and assignments in the Security Specialist and Security Forces career field. He has participated in Operations SOUTHERN WATCH AND ENDURING FREEDOM. During these operations Chief Whitehead performed duties as First Sergeant, Security Forces Manager, and Senior Enlisted Advisor to the 10th ASG Provost Marshal. He served 10 years on active duty. After a small break in service he joined the Florida Air National Guard. Chief Whitehead was activated as the ARC First Sergeant for the 125 Fighter Wing on 11 Sept 2001. In Sept 2003 he was hired as the Operations Superintendent for the 125 Security Forces Squadron. In April 2010, Chief Whitehead was selected as the Air National Guard Security Forces Career Field Manager, representing over 7300 ANG Defenders, Air National Guard Readiness Center, Joint Base Andrews. He also served as the Superintendent to the Director, Installations and Mission Support for the Air National Guard on all enlisted matters. In May 2013, he was selected for his present position.

GENERAL KENNETH S. WILSBACH

Commander, Pacific Air Forces; Air Component Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command; and Executive Director, Pacific Air Combat Operations Staff

Gen. Kenneth S. Wilsbach is the Commander, Pacific Air Forces; Air Component Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command; and Executive Director, Pacific Air Combat Operations Staff, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. PACAF is responsible for Air Force activities spread over half the globe in a command that supports more than 46,000 Airmen serving principally in Japan, South Korea, Hawaii, Alaska and Guam.

Gen. Wilsbach was commissioned in 1985 as a distinguished graduate of the University of Florida’s ROTC program and earned his pilot wings in
1986 as a distinguished graduate from Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas. He has commanded a fighter squadron, operations group, two wings, two Numbered Air Forces and held various staff assignments including Director of Operations, Combined Air Operations Center and Director of Operations, U.S. Central Command. Prior to his current assignment, Gen. Wilsbach was the Deputy Commander, U.S. Forces Korea; Commander, Air Component Command, United Nations Command; Commander, Air Component Command, Combined Forces Command; and Commander, Seventh Air Force, Pacific Air Forces, Osan Air Base, South Korea.

Gen. Wilsbach is a command pilot with more than 5,000 hours in multiple aircraft, primarily in the F-15C, F-16C, MC-12, and F-22A, and has flown 71 combat missions in operations Northern Watch, Southern Watch and Enduring Freedom.

**CMSGT DAVID R. WOLFE**  
President of the Sealaska Heritage Institute of the Sealaska Corporation

Chief Master Sergeant David R. Wolfe is assigned as the Senior Enlisted Leader of the Alaskan NORAD Region, Alaskan Command, and the Command Chief Master Sergeant, Eleventh Air Force; Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. He directly supports the mission of providing the Pacific and Northern Command combatant commanders, and Pacific Air Forces’ commander with ready forces and infrastructure for homeland defense, decisive force projection, and defense support to civil authorities, when requested. He facilitates mission requirements and advises the commander on matters of force utilization, morale, and welfare of the Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen and their families assigned throughout the Alaska Joint Operations Area, Hawaii and Guam.

Chief Wolfe entered the Air Force in February 1992. His background includes missile security, elite guard, protective services, space warning security, training and standardization evaluation, security forces operations, logistics, professional military education, and security forces pre-deployment sustainment training. Chief Wolfe has served in Wyoming, Alaska, Illinois, and Florida, as well as overseas in Italy and Germany. He has deployed in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH, IRAQI FREEDOM, and INHERENT RESOLVE.

Before assuming his current position, he served as the Command Chief Master Sergeant, 1st Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, Florida. He assumed his current position in July 2018.
DR. ROSITA WORL
President of the Sealaska Heritage Institute of the Sealaska Corporation

Rosita Worl, whose Tlingit names are Yeidiklásókw and Kaaháni, is Tlingit, Ch’áak’ (Eagle) moiety of the Shangukeídí (Thunderbird) Clan from the Kawdlíyaaayí Hít (House Lowered From the Sun) in Klukwan. Yeidiklatsókw serves as the president of Sealaska Heritage Institute. She is an anthropologist and for many years served as assistant professor of anthropology at the University of Alaska Southeast. Yeidiklatsókw has a Ph.D. and a M.S. in anthropology from Harvard University, and a B.A. from Alaska Methodist University. She also holds an honorary doctor of sciences degree from the University of Alaska Anchorage. Dr. Worl has received many honors and works with several different Native organizations. She is an accomplished lecturer and author.

THE HONORABLE CONGRESSMAN DON YOUNG
Alaska’s Representative to the United States House of Representatives

First sworn in as a freshman to the 93rd Congress after winning a special election on March 6, 1973, Congressman Young is today the Dean of the House and the longest serving member of the current Congress.

Congressman Young served as Chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee from 1995 to 2001 and then as the Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee from 2001-2007. In the 110th Congress, Representative Young returned to the helm of the Resources Committee to lead his fellow Republicans as the Ranking Member. In the 112th Congress, he was chosen to serve as the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs (IIANA) – a position he held until January 2017. After fulfilling a successful 6-year term as Chairman of the IIANA Subcommittee, Congressman Young was named Chairman Emeritus of the full House Committee on Natural Resources – a role that allows him to bring his years of experience and knowledge to all five of the panel’s Subcommittees. Today, Congressman Young currently serves as the most senior Republican on both the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and House Natural Resources Committee.