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From: Senior Advisor, Arctic Security Affairs (SAASA), Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies

Subject: VIP Biographies for the Opening Ceremony of the Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies
11 August 2022

Distinguished Senior Leaders,

The following is a list of registered distinguished visitors participating in the upcoming Ted Stevens Center Opening Ceremony on 11 August 2022 from 9-10:20 AM. This ceremony intends to serve as an introduction to the Stevens Center for the Arctic Security Community, in recognition of the TSC achieving "Initial Operating Capacity" and therefore considered a "soft" opening for the Center. A formal "ribbon cutting" event with invited International and U.S. VIPs is planned after the TSC achieves "Full Operating Capacity" and after the TSC's facility is refurbished.

The below list is in biographical order.



Gen. Carrol H. "Howie" Chandler

Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C

Gen. Carrol H. "Howie" Chandler is Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. As Vice Chief, he presides over the Air Staff and serves as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Requirements Oversight Council and Deputy Advisory Working Group. He assists the Chief of Staff with organizing, training, and equipping of 680,000 active-duty, Guard, Reserve, and civilian forces serving in the United States and overseas. General Chandler entered the Air Force in 1974 after graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy. He has commanded a major command, numbered air force, two fighter wings, a support group, and a fighter squadron. His staff assignments include tours at Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, the



Pentagon, Headquarters U.S. Pacific Command, Headquarters U.S. Military Training Mission in Saudi Arabia, and Headquarters Allied Air Forces Southern Europe. Prior to assuming his current position, he was Commander, Pacific Air Forces; Air Component Commander for U.S. Pacific Command; and Executive Director, Pacific Air Combat Operations Staff, Hickam AFB, Hawaii. The general is a command pilot with more than 3,900 flying hours in the T-38, F-15, and F-16.



Major General Brian Eifler
Commander
11th Airborne Division (Arctic)

Major General (MG) Brian Eifler assumed command of United States Army Alaska on 21 July 2021 and assumed command of 11th Airborne Division on 6 June 2022. He previously served as Army Chief Legislative Liaison, Deputy Commanding General of the 10th Mountain Division (light), and the Director, CJ3 for Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve in Iraq.

A native of Michigan, MG Eifler graduated and received his commission as an Infantry Officer from Central Michigan University. While at Central Michigan, he also graduated from Airborne and Ranger school.

He has served in command and leadership positions in the 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Michigan National Guard, the 82nd Airborne Division, 1st Ranger Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, 3rd Ranger Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, III Corps, 4th Infantry Division, 1st Armored Division, 75th Ranger Regiment Special Troops Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, 10th Mountain Division and HQDA staff. MG Eifler Commanded the 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry in Germany, the 75th Ranger Regiment Special Troops Battalion at Fort Benning, and the 3rd Brigade Combat Team 25th Infantry Division in Schofield Barracks, HI.

His operational deployments include OPERATION UPHOLD DEMOCRACY, Haiti; OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq; OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan; OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE, Iraq.

MG Eifler's education includes bachelor's degree in Interpersonal and Public Communication from Central Michigan University and a master's in strategic studies from United States Army War College. He is also a graduate of the MIT Seminar XXI National Securities Studies Program.

MG Eifler and his wife Sherry have been married for over 30 years and have three adult children: Sara, Erika, and Spencer.

MG Eifler's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, four Legions of Merit, three Bronze Star Medals, seven Meritorious Service Medals, Army Commendation Medal for Valor, four Army Commendations, three Army Achievement Medals, Humanitarian Assistance Medal, and the Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal. He is authorized to wear the Combat Infantryman Badge, the



Expert Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Ranger Tab, and the Army Staff Identification Badge. He is also a top-ten finisher at the Army's Best Ranger Competition.



Admiral Linda L. Fagan

Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard

U.S. Coast Guard

Admiral Linda L. Fagan assumed the duties as the 27th Commandant of the United States Coast Guard on June 1st, 2022. As Commandant, she oversees all global Coast Guard operations and 42,000 active-duty, 7,000 reserve, and 8,700 civilian personnel, as well as the support of 21,000 Coast Guard Auxiliary volunteers.

She previously served as the 32nd Vice Commandant. Prior flag assignments include Commander, Pacific Area, and Commander, Coast Guard Defense Force West; Deputy Commandant for Operations, Policy, and Capability; Commander, First Coast Guard District; and a joint assignment as Deputy Director of Operations for Headquarters, United States Northern Command.

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. Operational tours include Commander, Sector New York, more than 15 years as a Marine Inspector, and sea duty in USCGC POLAR STAR, a 399 ft heavy polar icebreaker. Staff assignments include Executive Assistant to the Commandant and Vice Commandant, and Division Chief of the Foreign and Offshore Compliance Office.

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

Admiral Fagan holds a Bachelor of Science in Marine Science degree from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, a Master of Science in Marine Affairs degree from the University of Washington, and a Master in National Resource Strategy degree from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. She has earned numerous personal and team awards during her 37 years of Coast Guard service. Admiral Fagan is the longest serving active-duty Marine Safety Officer and holds the distinction of being the Coast Guard's first-ever Gold Ancient Trident.





Mr. James Hursch

Director

Defense Security Cooperation Agency

Mr. James A. Hursch, a career member of the Senior Executive Service, was appointed as Director of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) on January 2, 2022. DSCA's mission is to advance U.S. defense and foreign policy interests by building the capacity of U.S. allies and partner nations to respond to shared challenges. DSCA oversees Security Cooperation programs including Foreign Military Sales, Foreign Military Financing, International Military Education and Training, and DoD Humanitarian Assistance. DSCA's component organizations include the Defense Institute of International Legal Studies, the Defense Security Cooperation University, and the Institute for Security Governance. The agency also serves as the Executive Agent for the six Department of Defense (DoD) Regional Centers for Security Studies.

Prior to joining DSCA, Mr. Hursch served as the Acting Secretary of Defense Representative in Europe and the Acting Defense Advisor for the U.S. Mission to NATO. In this position, he was responsible for the formulation, coordination, and presentation of DoD policies to the U.S. Ambassador to NATO. Mr. Hursch assumed duties as Deputy Defense Advisor at the U.S. Mission in 2013.

Mr. Hursch attended the University of Colorado where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa and magna cum laude in International Relations. He received his master's degree in Public and International Affairs from Princeton University. He has received the Swedish Order of the Polar Star and the Finnish Order of the Lion.

He has received two Presidential Rank Awards, as well as twice receiving the Secretary of Defense Medal for Distinguished Civilian Service, covering his service at DTSA and at the US Mission to NATO.



Julie E. Kitka

President

Alaska Federation of Natives

Julie E. Kitka serves as the President of the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN), Alaska’s largest statewide Native organization. AFN represents nearly 20% of the population and half of the federally recognized tribes in the country. Alaska Natives have deep relationships with the state and federal government. In many ways AFN is a network which has an outsized impact on policy and decisions because of its membership and organizational strength. As the largest private landowner, we collectively weigh critical decisions which involve use and access to a landmass one-fifth the size of the continental United States. AFN is a force for stability and harmony in Alaska during periods of rapid change. AFN works for to resolve complex and seemingly intractable problems trying to balance competing demands. As President, Julie has successfully worked to enhance and promote the cultural, economic, and political voice of the Alaska Native community. Moving beyond self-defeating strategies, dependency, or mere survival, she seeks to inspire and empower Alaska Native people to seek true self-determination and thrive. With a laser focus on ensuring those most affected have a seat at the table, allowed to share their insights and knowledge, and working to ensure governments use the full weight of their authority and resources to respond.



Lt. Gen. David A. Krumm, USAF

Alaskan Command, Alaskan NORAD Region, and 11th Air Force Commander

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.



Lt. Governor Kevin Meyer

Office of the Governor
State of Alaska
Juneau, Alaska

Alaska Lieutenant Governor Kevin Meyer serves as the state's Secretary of State and leads the state's Division of Elections handling all state elections, citizen ballot initiatives, and referenda. In his short time as Lt. Governor, Kevin has been selected to numerous national committee positions including the Cybersecurity Committee, Elections Committee, and International Relations Committee for The National Association of Secretaries of State, the Policy Resolution Committee for The National Lt. Governors Association, Vice-Chair for the Aerospace States Association, and the Executive Committee for The Pacific Northwest Economic Region. The Lt. Governor represents the Governor's Office as Ex-Officio Board member for the Alaska Travel Industry Association and the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute. Kevin has had a long career in public service. In 1993, he was elected to the Anchorage Assembly, then in 2000 to the Alaska State House of Representatives, and in 2008 to the Alaska State Senate. He has held several key leadership positions in the legislature, including Co-Chair of the House and Senate Finance Committees, Senate Majority Leader, Senate Rules Chair, and in 2015-2016 he was chosen by his colleagues to serve as President of the Senate.



The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
United States Senator (Alaska)



Lisa Murkowski, Alaska's senior U.S. Senator, is a third generation Alaskan proudly serving as the first Alaskan born senator. Murkowski was born in Ketchikan and raised in towns across the state, including Wrangell, Juneau, Fairbanks, and Anchorage. She is married to Verne Martell, and they have two grown sons. Lisa loves spending time in the Alaska outdoors. She's an avid skier, has hiked on glaciers, enjoys fall duck hunts, and has a pretty impressive King Salmon mounted on her office wall.

Since joining the Senate in 2002, Senator Murkowski has worked tirelessly for Alaskans and earned a reputation in the Senate for her ability to work collaboratively and across the aisle to reach common sense solutions. Murkowski is well-known for her love and dedication to her state, which means putting Alaska first.

A leader on energy and public lands issues, Senator Murkowski recognizes that sound national policy will promote not only job creation and economic growth, but also higher standards of living and greater global stability. She supports the safe and efficient production and use of all forms of domestic energy, as well as research to help develop emerging technologies. Senator Murkowski continues to pursue policies to advance renewable energy, increase energy efficiency, and make America's energy cleaner, more affordable, and more reliable.

Senator Murkowski has long advocated for the Arctic as a national priority and continues to push the United States to invest in the infrastructure and assets critical to supporting an Arctic strategy. She is leading the charge to recapitalize and expand America's fleet of icebreakers and has introduced legislation to raise the nation's presence in the Arctic through two bills that support responsible research and development as well as giving those who live in the region a greater voice on policy and research.



Lt. Gen. David S. Nahom, USAF

Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon
(Incoming Alaskan Command, Alaskan NORAD Region, and 11th Air Force Commander)

Lt. Gen. David S. Nahom is the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. In support of the Chief of Staff and Secretary of the Air Force, he leads the development and integration of the Air Force resource allocation plan. As the Air Force's senior programmer, he leads the development, integration, evaluation, and analysis of the Air Force Program across the Future Years Defense Plan. He directs and coordinates activities ensuring the Air Force builds and employs effective air, space, and cyber forces to achieve national defense objectives.

Lt. Gen. Nahom was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Colorado and is a distinguished graduate of both undergraduate navigator training and Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training. During his 31-year active-duty Air Force career, the general commanded at the



squadron, group and wing level and is a command pilot with more than 3,400 hours in the F-22A Raptor, F-15A/B/C/D Eagle and F-111F Aardvark.

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



Lt. Gen. Kirk S. Pierce

Commander

Continental U.S. North American Aerospace Defense Command Region - 1st Air Force (Air Forces Northern)

Lt. Gen. Kirk S. Pierce is the Commander, Continental U.S. North American Aerospace Defense Command Region - 1st Air Force (Air Forces Northern), Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. As the Combined Force Air Component Commander for North American Aerospace Defense Command, Joint Force Air Component Commander for U.S. Northern Command, and 1st Air Force Commander, he executes three distinct missions: Homeland Air Defense for the continental United States, Air Force Component support of civil authorities, and theater security cooperation for North America. As 1st AF (Air Forces Northern) Commander, he is responsible for administrative, legal, and programmatic support to Civil Air Patrol-United States Air Force, Air Force Rescue Coordination Center, and the National Security Emergency Preparedness Directorate. He approves operational Air Force-assigned missions conducted by CAP in their role as an auxiliary of the Air Force within the continental United States, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands; inland search and rescue operations coordinated by AFRCC within the CONUS; and deployment of Air Force Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officers in the U.S. and its territories.

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.





Catherine Ann Stevens, JD

Partner, Mayer Brown, LLP
Anchorage, Alaska, and Washington D.C.

Mrs. Catherine Anne Stevens is the widow of the late Senator Ted Stevens. She also serves as a counselor to Mayer Brown in Washington D.C.

Catherine Ann Stevens advises clients across a variety of issues and topics, including government-related concerns, oil and gas, natural resources, healthcare, transportation, aviation, corporate, museum administration and patrimony disputes, charitable foundations, and medical research institutions.

Catherine joined Mayer Brown in 2001. Previously, she served as Executive Director of the Terra Foundation for the Arts (1996–2000), with executive responsibility for art museums in Chicago, Illinois and Giverny, France. Catherine also served as General Counsel for the National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC (1992–1993) and for Occidental International Corporation (1989–1991). Earlier, she held the position of Alaska Counsel for a joint venture petrochemical project (1979–1980). From 1975 to 1979, she was a partner with an Alaskan law firm, with a practice in oil and gas and aviation law. Catherine also held government positions, including District Attorney for the Fourth Judicial District, State of Alaska (1974–1975); Assistant Attorney General for the State of Alaska’s Civil Division, Juvenile Court, and Consumer Protection (1972–1974); and Assistant US Attorney for the Southern District of California, Criminal Division (1970–1972). From 1965 to 1966, Catherine worked in the Office of United States Senator Ernest Gruening in Washington, DC.





Ms. Michelle Strucke

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Global Partnerships

Michelle Strucke is the DASD for Global Partnerships in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. In that capacity she has policy responsibility for security cooperation; humanitarian assistance and disaster response, including COVID-19 global response; DoD support to the security of U.S. embassies; and international humanitarian law, rule of law and protection of human rights.

Ms. Strucke is an expert on human rights, humanitarian affairs, and development issues in intersection with conflict. She comes to the role with policy, national security, and practitioner experience from her career in government, and non-profit sectors. From 2014-2021, Ms. Strucke worked for Oxfam America, a global organization working to end the injustice of poverty in more than 90 countries, as a Policy Advisor from 2014-2016, Local Humanitarian Leadership Manager from 2016-2018, and Senior Policy Manager for Aid and Development Finance from 2018-2021. In that capacity, she led Oxfam's efforts advancing policy and programmatic reforms in US and European development and humanitarian assistance impacting countries in the Middle East, Central America, West Africa, and Southeast Asia.

Prior to Oxfam, Ms. Strucke led public affairs for Islamic Relief USA, where she served as public affairs manager and lead United Nations representative, responsible for building the organization's relationships and leading advocacy with the US government and multilateral institutions. From 2011-2012, she worked for the Syrian American Medical Society (SAMS) as their first Director of Grants and Policy Advocacy, advocating alongside members of the Syrian diaspora for the protection of medical professionals in Syria, and leading humanitarian, USAID-funded programs in Syria, Jordan, and Turkey.

Ms. Strucke holds a Master of Arts degree in International Human Rights Law from the American University in Cairo, Egypt, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Ithaca College. She was a State Department Benjamin A. Gilman Scholar for study abroad in Egypt from 2005-2006. She also studied vocal performance at Ithaca College and theatre at New York University.



Senator Dan Sullivan

United States Senate (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.



Hon. Mead Treadwell, former Lt. Governor, Alaska (2010-2014)

Co-Chair, Wilson Center Polar Institute Advisory Board
Washington, DC
Chair/CEO, Qilak LNG
Anchorage, Alaska

Mead Treadwell co-chairs the Wilson Center Polar Institute Advisory Board in Washington, DC and is Chair/CEO of Qilak LNG in Anchorage, Alaska, a \$5 billion LNG export project in development. He chairs NASDAQ-listed Iridium's Polar Advisory Board and is an elected director of the Explorers Club. Treadwell was elected Lt. Governor of Alaska 2010-2014 and appointed Chair of the U.S. Arctic Research Commission (USARC) under Presidents George W. Bush and Barak Obama, 2006-2010 and a USARC Commissioner, 2001-2010. There, he helped draft current US Arctic Policy and funded the eight-nation Arctic Council's Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment. For Iceland-based NGO Arctic Circle, he chaired a mission council on Arctic shipping and ports. He was named by Governor Michael Dunleavy to a follow-on federal advisory committee on Arctic shipping created by Congress at USDOT. Treadwell was Managing Director and Senior Fellow at the Institute of the North, 1997-2010, founded by Alaska's second Governor Walter J. Hickel, where he helped found the Independent Working Group on Missile Defense. He has been deeply involved in circumpolar cooperation for over 40 years. A graduate of Yale College and Harvard Business School, Treadwell is father of three grown children (including a First Lieutenant USMC) and is married to Virginia Clay McClure.





Gen Glen VanHerck

Commander

North American Aerospace Defense Command
and U.S. Northern Command
Peterson AFB, Colorado Springs, CO

General Glen VanHerck is Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM). NORAD conducts aerospace warning, aerospace control, and maritime warning in the defense of North America. USNORTHCOM conducts homeland defense, civil support, and security cooperation to defend and secure the United States and its interests. General VanHerck is a graduate of the University of Missouri and was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program.

He has a diverse operational and training background that includes assignments in the F-15C, F-35A, B-2A, and B-1B with over 3,200 flight hours. He has served as an instructor pilot and flight examiner in the F-15C, B-2A, and T-6A. 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 then Director of the Joint Staff.





Ms. Jennifer C. Walsh

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Hemispheric Affairs

Ms. Jennifer C. Walsh serves as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Hemispheric Affairs in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. In this role she supports the Assistant Secretary of Defense and holds leadership, policy management, and advisory responsibilities for the following offices: Defense Continuity and Mission Assurance; Homeland Defense Integration and Defense Support of Civil Authorities; Western Hemisphere Affairs; and Arctic and Global Resilience.

Ms. Walsh entered federal government service in 1996 in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD). She was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in 2010. Her OSD Policy experience includes assignments in the offices for Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction, Middle East Policy, Afghanistan/Pakistan/Central Asia, Russia/Ukraine/Eurasia, Plans, Support to Public Diplomacy, Strategy, European Policy, Asia-Pacific Policy, Technology Security Policy & Counter-Proliferation, and the Defense Technology Security Administration (DTSA). She served in the role of Performing the Duties of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy from January 20 - April 29, 2021; and served as the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Global Security from April 30, 2021 - March 3, 2022. She assumed the duties of Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary (Homeland Defense and Global Security) duties in September 2020; she maintains this position following an OSD Policy re-organization and component name change to Homeland Defense and Hemispheric Affairs.

Prior to joining the Department of Defense, Ms. Walsh served as J. William Fulbright Scholar to Sweden and worked as a policy analyst for the Southern Governors' Association in Washington, D.C.

Ms. Walsh is a 2007 graduate of the National War College (NWC) at the National Defense University and served as the OSD Policy Chair on the NWC Faculty from July 2014-June 2017. She earned a Master of Public Affairs degree from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at The University of Texas at Austin and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the Louisiana Scholars' College at Northwestern State University.





General Kenneth S. Wilsbach

Commander, Pacific Air Forces

Air Component Commander, U.S Indo-Pacific Command

Executive Director, Pacific Air Combat Operations Staff, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii

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.

End of biographies.

