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Master of Ceremonies

**Colonel Gregory P. Dewitt
Director, Peacekeeping and Stability
Operations Institute (PKSOI)**

Colonel Gregory Dewitt received his commission through the ROTC program at La Salle University in Philadelphia, PA. His military education includes the Field Artillery Basic and Advanced Courses, Operations Research Systems Analysis Military Applications Course, Combined Arms Services Staff School. COL Dewitt completed a one year Army War College Fellowship Program at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies in Washington, DC.

COL Dewitt recently served as the Deputy Director, PKSOI. Prior to his arrival at Carlisle Barracks, he was assigned to the Fires Center of Excellence as the Director of Capability Development responsible for Field Artillery and Air Defense Artillery concepts, experimentation, force design (Organization) and system (Materiel) requirements, design, procurement, fielding, and funding. He returned to Fort Sill after serving as the Chief of Staff for Deputy Commander – Army, NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan.

COL Dewitt commanded a M203 (8") battery and later a MLRS battery for a total of 25 months in 2nd Battalion, 18th Field Artillery. He commanded 1st Battalion, 79th Field Artillery at Fort Sill and served as the Deputy Commander 214th Fires Brigade until the unit redeployed. Finally, he commanded 434th Field Artillery Brigade.

COL Dewitt received his BA in Mathematics from La Salle University in Philadelphia, PA and earned a Masters in Industrial Engineering from New Mexico State University. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (2 OLC), Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (5 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (1 OLC), OIF and OEF Campaign Medals, NATO Medal and Joint Meritorious Unit Award.



GEN Carter F. Ham
U.S. Army, Retired

**President and Chief Executive Officer,
Association of the United States Army**

General Ham is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Association of the United States Army. He is an experienced leader who has led at every level from platoon to geographic combatant command. He is also a member of a very small group of Army senior leaders who have risen from private to four-star general.

General Ham served as an enlisted infantryman in the 82nd Airborne Division before attending John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio. Graduating in 1976 as a distinguished military graduate, his service has taken him to Italy, Germany, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Macedonia, Qatar, Iraq and, uniquely among Army leaders, to over 40 African countries in addition to a number of diverse assignments within the United States.

He commanded the First Infantry Division, the legendary Big Red One, before assuming duties as director for operations on the Joint Staff at the Pentagon where he oversaw all global operations. His first four-star command was as commanding general, U.S. Army Europe. Then in 2011, he became just the second commander of United States Africa Command where he led all U.S. military activities on the African continent ranging from combat operations in Libya to hostage rescue operations in Somalia as well as training and security assistance activities across 54 complex and diverse African nations.

General Ham retired in June of 2013 after nearly 38 years of service. Immediately prior to joining the staff at AUSA, he served as the chairman of the National Commission on the Future of the Army, an eight-member panel tasked by the Congress with making recommendations on the size, force structure and capabilities of the Total Army.

He resides with his wife, Christi, in Arlington, Virginia.



Anne A. Witkowsky

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Stability and Humanitarian Affairs

Anne A. Witkowsky is the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Stability and Humanitarian Affairs in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. In that capacity she has policy responsibility for humanitarian assistance and disaster response; DoD support to the security of U.S. embassies; peacekeeping and stability operations; and international humanitarian law, rule of law and protection of human rights.

She previously served as the Acting Principal Deputy Coordinator in the Bureau of Counterterrorism (CT) at the U.S. Department of State, from August 2012-December 2013, serving also as the CT Bureau's Deputy Coordinator for Homeland Security and Multilateral Affairs from 2009. In the position of Deputy Coordinator, she was responsible for homeland security matters related to overseas counterterrorism, terrorism designations and sanctions, screening and information sharing programs, and counterterrorism policy and programs in multilateral organizations.

From 2000-2009, Ms. Witkowsky was affiliated with the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), as a Senior Fellow from 2000-2007 and as a non-resident Senior Associate from 2007-2009. At CSIS she led projects on a range of international and homeland security issues, directing the CSIS Embassy of the Future commission, which examined enhancements to the effectiveness of the U.S. overseas diplomatic presence; directing a domestic terrorist attack simulation exercise; and serving as the executive director of the Secretary of Energy-requested CSIS Commission on Science and Security. She also contributed to the Goldwater-Nichols studies on homeland and national security governance. During her CSIS affiliation, she authored a number of publications.

From 1993-2000, Ms. Witkowsky served as a Director for Defense Policy and Arms Control on the National Security Council (NSC) staff, where she was responsible for European security and conventional arms control.

Prior to taking her position on the NSC staff, Ms. Witkowsky served from 1988-2002 in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), U.S. Department of Defense, in the Office of Russia, Ukraine, and Eurasian Affairs and in the Office of European Security Negotiations. She began her career in the federal government as an OSD Presidential Management Intern.

She is a recipient of both Superior and Meritorious Honor Awards from the Department of State, and of the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Civilian Service.

Ms. Witkowsky is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. She holds a B.A. in Russian and East European studies from Yale University. She received her M.P.A., with a concentration in international security, from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.



Eric Wolterstorff, PhD

Director, Sovereignty First

Eric leads Sovereignty First, an international public interest intelligence organization that provides open and crucial information for governments and organizations to negotiate and enforce multi-party agreements.

Eric's expertise is measuring and shaping group behavior, especially at the intersection of self-governance, development, and large-scale threats or traumas. For 25 years, Eric has helped leaders manage crises, including in post-Katrina New Orleans, Germany, and Indonesia, and has conducted social trauma analyses of the United States, Germany, Israel, Japan, China, and Rwanda.

Eric deals with why people, societies, and cultures often fail to reach their objectives. In particular, he has found that systemic change is often thwarted by cultural traumas. The most useful intervention he has found is to cultivate a shared understanding among powerful actors, of threats and the capacities of cultures and organizations to adapt to those threats. Applying this intervention requires working with people across sectors, factions, and borders, a skill he has developed personally, cultivated in his team, and built into his approach.

Over the past three decades, Eric has developed a conceptual tool, the Inclusive Nationalism Country Assessment (INCA), and the Sovereignty First Framework to help leaders and other influential stakeholders deal with these problems expeditiously. He has applied and tested this new framework with businesses and partnerships in both the private and public sectors—from post-Katrina New Orleans to an Indonesian-Australian carbon market program.

Eric has led or co-led six turnarounds, five of which were successful. He has served as a C-level advisor to eighteen organizations, and presented to dozens of others. Additionally, he has co-founded three businesses and spun off two. In 2013, at the request of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction, Stuart Bowen, Eric assumed leadership of the Coalition for Stabilization Reform.



Mr. William J. Flavin

Assistant Director, Peacekeeping and
Stability Operations Institute

William Flavin assumed the job as the Assistant Director at the US Army Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute, located at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania in July 2013 after serving as the chief of doctrine and education for PKSOI since 2007.

Before his assignment to PKSOI in 2000, he was a senior foreign affairs analyst with Booz Allen and Hamilton on contract to assist the US Army Peacekeeping Institute for doctrine development.

From 1995 to 1999, he was a Colonel in the US Army serving as the Deputy Director of Special Operations for the Supreme Allied Commander Europe at the Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe.

Mr. Flavin has a BA in History from VMI and an MA in History from Emory University. He was a senior fellow at CSIS for his Army War College year and then taught at the Army War College.

Areas of Expertise:

- Interagency Planning
- Counterinsurgency/ Irregular War
- Doctrine
- UN Concepts and Planning



BIOGRAPHY

John Acree

Office Director
Office of Civilian-Military
Cooperation



John has more than 19 years of post-conflict, international development, and humanitarian assistance experience. His expertise spans a wide variety of management, technical, operational, and strategic fields including complex humanitarian relief, post-conflict operations, risk reduction strategy design, reconstruction and stabilization operation management, food security, development management, rapid needs assessments, humanitarian contingency planning, logistics, and surge capacity planning.

Mr. Acree has represented the U.S. Department of State (DOS) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in several senior level positions in Washington and abroad. Prior to his current assignment, Mr. Acree served USAID/Afghanistan as the Director of the \$1.6 billion stabilization program portfolio and supervised an immediate staff of 43 professionals where he successfully forged the Stabilization Office into a highly functional and robust team of professionals and led a strong civilian-military partnership with the U.S. military's Special Forces Command.

In 2015, he managed a \$136 million Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) program in Pakistan and has designed USAID's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) disaster risk reduction strategies and country programming plans. He also wrote the Surge Capacity Plan for the USAID Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance (DCHA).

From 2002 until 2007, Mr. Acree worked with the DOS, USAID, U.S. Military, the United Nations, and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to help design and implement Operation Iraqi Freedom's humanitarian response plan.

Mr. Acree holds a Master's degree in International Public Administration from the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey and presently resides in Vienna, Virginia with his wife, Dr. Susan Kinkead-Acree and their daughter, Nicole.



**Linda Robinson, Rand Corporation
Senior International Policy Analyst, Washington Office**

Education: B.A. in political science, Swarthmore College

Linda Robinson is a senior international policy analyst at the RAND Corporation. Her current research centers on the U.S. strategy to counter the Islamic State, gray zone conflicts, building partner capacity, and special operations forces. She recently testified before the U.S. Congress on U.S. counterterrorism policy.

Her recent publications include *Improving Strategic Competence: Lessons from 13 Years of War* (2013), a Council on Foreign Relations report on special operations, best-selling and critically acclaimed books, including: *One Hundred Victories: Special Ops and the Future of American Warfare* (2012); *Tell Me How This Ends* (2008), and *Masters of Chaos* (2004).

She is on the advisory board of the National Defense University and chair of the Army War College board. Prior to joining RAND in 2012, Robinson conducted research as a public policy scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, a senior adjunct fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, a senior consulting fellow at the International Institute of Strategic Studies, and at Booz Allen Hamilton. Prior to these positions she was a longtime foreign correspondent and a regular commentator on PBS *Washington Week in Review*.

Robinson has traveled extensively in the Middle East, South Asia, and Latin America for her work. She is a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Robinson received a B.A. with high honors from Swarthmore College in political science, was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard, and received the Maria Moors Cabot prize from Columbia University.



Honorable Kimberly Field

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations

Term of Appointment: 08/2015 to present

Kimberly Field is a Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African, East Asian, Pacific and South and Central Asian Affairs in the Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations (CSO).

Kim recently retired from the U.S. Army as a Brigadier General, last serving as the Joint Staff Deputy Director for Political-Military Affairs for the Middle East, providing planning and advice to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Secretary of Defense. Prior to this assignment, she was the Deputy Director of Strategy, Plans and Policy for the Army, where she was responsible for developing and articulating strategic plans and policies to guide the Army into the future.

Since her commissioning from West Point in 1987 as a Military Police officer, Kim served in a variety of command and staff positions in the United States, Germany, Iraq, the Balkans, Somalia, and Afghanistan. Her other assignments include: Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Sciences at the United States Military Academy at West Point; Chief of Plans and Analysis at the George C. Marshall Center; Legislative Strategist for the Army; and Executive Officer to the Commander, International Security Assistance Force Joint Command, Afghanistan. Kim also served two tours with the Department of State, first as a Council of Foreign Relations Fellow at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations and then as the senior military advisor in the Office of the Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization (S/CRS), which evolved into CSO.

Kim has a Master of Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School. Her military schools include the Military Police Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Special Reaction Team Training, Jungle Warfare School, Defense Foreign Language Institute (Russian), and Army War College Advanced Strategic Arts Program.



COL David E. Brigham

Deputy Director, Strategy, Plans and Policy
Headquarters, Department of the Army, G-3/5/7

Colonel David E. Brigham hails from Duxbury, Massachusetts and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery in May 1988 from Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont.

Colonel Brigham has served in several command and staff assignments throughout his 27-year career. His previous assignments include Platoon Leader, US Army Field Artillery Detachment in Werl, Germany; Platoon Leader, 8th Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Stanley, Korea; Special Forces Operational Detachment Commander, First Special Forces Group (Airborne) in Fort Lewis, Washington; Liaison Officer, Russian Airborne Division in Bosnia; Defense Attaché and Senior Defense Official in Tajikistan; Afghanistan Country Director, USCENTCOM; Pakistan Country Director, USCENTCOM in Tampa, Florida; US Army Liaison and Plans Officer in Islamabad, Pakistan; Chief, Border Operations and Plans Officer in Kandahar, Afghanistan; Foreign Area Officer Branch Chief at the Human Resources Command in Alexandria, Virginia; Pakistan Division Chief of the Pakistan-Afghanistan Coordination Cell of the Joint Staff in Washington, D.C.; Director of the Commander's Action Group (CAG) at the International Security Assistance Forces Headquarters in Kabul, Afghanistan; Executive Officer to the Commander of NATO's Allied Land Command in Izmir Turkey. Colonel Brigham is currently the Army's Deputy Director, Strategy, Plans and Policy.

Colonel Brigham's military education includes the Artillery Officer Basic Course, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Infantry Officer Advanced Course, United States Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia; Special Forces Qualification Course, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; the Defense Language Institute for French, Russian and Persian Farsi; the Command and General Staff College at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island.

He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Norwich University, and a Master's Degree from the Naval War College. Additionally, Colonel Brigham was a National Security Fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and a Chief of Staff of the Army Senior Fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C. Colonel Brigham has been inducted into the Bridgton Academy and Norwich University Athletic Halls of Fame.



Victoria K. Holt

**Deputy Assistant Secretary
Bureau of International Organization Affairs**

Victoria K. Holt joined the Bureau of International Organization Affairs as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in August 2009. Ms. Holt is responsible for the international security portfolio, overseeing offices that address UN political affairs and the Security Council, peace operations, sanctions, and regional organizations.

Prior to assuming this position, Ms. Holt was a Senior Associate at the Henry L. Stimson Center, a Washington-based think tank where she co-directed the Future of Peace Operations program. During her tenure at Stimson, Ms. Holt wrote and spoke on peace and security issues, including the UN and regional peace operations, protection of civilians, targeted sanctions, rule of law and U.S. policy.

Ms. Holt previously served at the State Department, where in 1999-2000 she was Senior Policy Advisor in the Bureau of Legislative Affairs. Prior to that experience, Ms. Holt directed programs at Washington-based policy institutes on international affairs, and served for seven years as a senior Congressional staffer. She is a graduate of the Naval War College and Wesleyan University.



COL Aaron W. Reisinger

**OSD(P) Stability and Humanitarian Affairs (SHA)
Peacekeeping and Stability Operations (PKSO)**

Colonel Aaron Reisinger is currently a strategist within the Stability and Humanitarian Affairs office of Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. He develops policy and strategy in support of peace and stability operations.

Colonel Reisinger is an U.S. Army Engineer officer who has commanded from platoon to battalion. From 2012 to 2014, he commanded the 84th Engineer Battalion at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He served as a mechanized company commander in the 299th Engineer Battalion at Fort Hood, TX from 2000 to 2002 and a wheeled platoon leader and executive officer in the 14th Engineer Battalion from 1994 to 1998.

Colonel Reisinger previously served as an observer/trainer at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, California; as an action officer in the Joint Staff, Plans and Strategy within the Deputy Directorate for the War on Terrorism; as a Military Transition Team Chief embedded with an Iraqi Infantry Battalion; as the operations officer in the 65th Engineer Battalion and the 130th Engineer Brigade; and the Chief of Operations for the 8th Theater Sustainment Command.

Colonel Reisinger is a 1994 graduate of the United States Military Academy with a degree in mechanical engineering. In 1999, he earned a Master of Science degree in Engineer Management from the University of Missouri at Rolla. In 2004 he completed the Army's Joint Staff intern program and earned a Master of Science degree in Public Policy from Georgetown University. He is a 2015 distinguished graduate of the U.S. Naval War College with a Master of Science degree in National Security & Strategic Studies.

Colonel Reisinger completed two tours of duty to Iraq and one operational deployment to the South Pacific in support of the Navy. He earned the Ranger tab, the Sapper tab, the Parachute Badge, the Combat Action Badge, the Joint Staff Badge, and is currently authorized to wear the Office of the Secretary of Defense badge.

His awards include two bronze star medals, three meritorious service medals, two joint commendation medals, two army commendation medals, five army achievement medals, the meritorious unit commendation, and multiple Iraq campaign stars.

Aaron grew up in Adna, Washington and married Stacey of Wichita, Kansas. They have three children, Emma Vi, Avery, and Evalyn.



Dr. Paul D. Williams

Associate Professor,
George Washington University

Paul Williams is Associate Professor in the Elliott School of International Affairs at the George Washington University. Dr. Williams is also a Non-Resident Senior Adviser at the International Peace Institute in New York where he helps manage the “[Providing for Peacekeeping Project](#).”

He is the author and editor of numerous books including:

- [War and Conflict in Africa](#) (Polity, revised 2nd edition, 2016)
- [Enhancing U.S. Support for Peace Operations in Africa](#) (Council on Foreign Relations Special Report No.73, May 2015).
- [Counter-Insurgency in Somalia: Lessons Learned from the African Union Mission in Somalia, 2007-2013](#) (United States Joint Special Operations University, August 2014)
- ed. [The Oxford Handbook of United Nations Peacekeeping Operations](#) (Oxford University Press, 2015)
- ed. [Providing Peacekeepers: The Politics, Challenges, and Future of UN Peacekeeping Contributions](#) (Oxford University Press, 2013)

He is currently writing a book about the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM).

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BIOGRAPHY

Mark J. Swayne

Principal Director for Stability and Humanitarian Affairs (SHA)



CURRENT ASSIGNMENT: Mr. Mark Swayne is the Principal Director for Stability and Humanitarian Affairs (SHA) within ASD for Special Operations/Low – Intensity Conflict (SO/LIC) in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (OUSD) for Policy. SHA develops defense policy for embassy security, humanitarian assistance, peacekeeping, stability operations, international rule of law, prevention of atrocities, and women, peace and security.

PAST EXPERIENCE: Mark retired from the U.S. Navy in 2008, and he has been working defense policy issues since January 2002.

Previous civilian defense policy assignments included:

- Director for North-West-Central Africa in OUSD Policy;
- Horn of Africa Regional Director in OUSD Policy; and
- State Department / Interagency Liaison officer for the U.S. Africa Command's Pentagon Office.

Active duty defense policy assignments included:

- Special Assistant to the Commander, U.S. Africa Command in Stuttgart, Germany;
- Deputy POLAD for Africa, U.S. European Command;
- Director for African Affairs, White House National Security Council;
- Central and West Africa Branch Chief, Joint Staff J5 Africa; and
- Congressional Fellow to Senator John Warner.

Previous to working on defense policy issues, Mark's Naval Flight Officer assignments included:

- Admiral's Aide, Commander U.S. Second Fleet; and
- Radar Intercept Officer, F-14 Tomcat and Bombardier-Navigator, A-6 Intruder with 2,500 flying hours, 650 carrier traps, 4 aircraft carrier deployments flying over Iraq, Bosnia, and Somalia, and he led combat missions over Iraq.

EDUCATION: Mark was commissioned through Naval ROTC at Norwich University with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and he has a Master of Business Administration.

AWARDS: Civilian - OSD's Exceptional Civilian Service Award (2); and Military - Defense Superior Service Medal, Defense Meritorious Medal, Air Medal (3 strike flight), Joint Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (3), & Battle 'E' Awards (4).



COL Cameron (Cam) M. Cantlon

Colonel Cantlon is the Stability and Humanitarian Engagement Division Chief in the Deputy Directorate for Global Policy and Partnerships (GPP) on the Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. He advises the Chairman and Director of Strategic Plans and Policy (J5) on global, regional, and functional matters pertaining to and in support of the National Military Strategy. He provides support for interagency coordination of Coalition Affairs, Humanitarian Engagement, Stability Operations and Strategic Effects providing sound partnerships with our U.S. Government and international partners.

COL Cantlon received his commission as an Armor Officer in 1993 from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He served as a Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer in 2-72 Armor with the 2ID in Korea. Subsequently, he served as a Troop XO and Squadron Maintenance Officer in the DIV CAV (2-1 Cav and 1-10 Cav) in the 2nd Armored (reflagged as 4th Infantry) Division in Fort Hood, TX.

As a captain, he served as a battalion logistics officer, Company Commander, and Headquarters Company Commander in 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor at Fort Riley, Kansas. Following command, he served as an Armor Branch assignment officer at US Army Personnel Command (PERSCOM) in Alexandria, VA.

As a major, he was first assigned to Area Support Group – Kuwait as the Brigade S3. Following Command and General Staff College (CGSC), he was assigned as the Squadron XO in 2nd Squadron (Sabre), 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment (ACR) on Fort Hood, Texas. While deployed to Iraq, he served as 2/3 ACR's S3 and XO in Diyala and Ninewa Provinces. Upon redeployment, he served as the 3d ACR's Regiment XO.

Upon his promotion to lieutenant colonel, Cam served as the Deputy Commanding Officer for 3d ACR until assuming command of 6-9 Cavalry Squadron, 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division. While in command of 6-9 CAV, he again deployed to Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn where his squadron transitioned Wasit Province to Iraqi control in November, 2011. Following command, Cam worked as the III Corps and Fort Hood Commander's Executive Officer before attending the Army War College in Carlisle, PA.

Following the War College, Cam and his family returned to Fort Hood, TX to assume command of 3d Cavalry Regiment (Stryker). Commanding from 2013-2015, the 3d CR added to its distinguished legacy through successful deployments to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom later Resolute Support, Egypt (MFO Sinai), and Cuba.

He is a graduate of the Armor Officer's Basic and Advanced Courses, SPLC, CAS3, CGSC, and the US Army War College. He holds Masters Degrees from Central Michigan University and the Army War College. Cameron is married to the former Daphnie Weller and together they raise their four children, Delaney and Kylie (12), Michael (9), and Sawyer (8).



Lieutenant Colonel Chester J. King

Headquarters, United States Marine Corps

LtCol King is currently serving as the Maintenance Section Head within the Maintenance Policy and Capabilities branch of Headquarters Marine Corps, Installations and Logistics Division. Prior to this assignment, LtCol King served as the Chief of Military Plans and Future Operations (J5) and Senior US Military Observer for the United Nations Mission in South Sudan from May 2015 to May 2016. During this assignment, LtCol King was responsible for planning operations for a 13,000+ multinational peacekeeping force consisting of over 12 Troop Contributing Country (TCC) Infantry Battalions and 500+ multinational staff officers.

In previous operational assignments, LtCol King served as one of the founding Marines of the Marine Corps Training and Advisory Group (MCTAG) (now Marine Corps Security Cooperation Group) located at Fort Story, Virginia. This unit was responsible for the engagement, persistent presence, advisory, and conventional training of host nation security forces. During this time he deployed to and trained host nation security forces on Small Unit Infantry Tactics and Logistics concepts and employment for multiple sites in the countries of Panama, Honduras, Columbia, Brazil, Africa, and the Republic of Georgia.

LtCol King served as an Individual Augment (IA) for OIF/OEF and was assigned as the Operations Officer for MARCENT Kuwait aboard Camp Arifjan. Here he worked with a small cell of Marines to coordinate in-theater USMC sustainment and strategic lift.

In support of Humanitarian efforts, LtCol King has deployed to the General Nakar Province of the Philippines with JTF-535 as Helicopter Support Team Leader and also supported the 2004 Indonesian tsunami disaster relief efforts.