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General Robert B. Brown

Commanding General, U.S. Army Pacific (USARPAC)

General Robert B. Brown assumed command of the United States Army's largest service Component command, U.S. Army Pacific (USARPAC), April 30, 2016. The command is headquartered at Fort Shafter, Hawaii with portions of the command forward-deployed and based throughout the Indo-Asia Pacific. USARPAC's 106,000 Active, Reserve Soldiers and Department of the Army Civilians support the nation's strategic objectives and commitment to the region.

Prior to this assumption of command, General Brown most recently served as the Commanding General, U.S. Army Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he led the synchronization of education; leader development; training support & development; and the development and integration of the doctrine the U.S. Army uses to fight and win our Nation's wars.

During various times during his service, General Brown has served twelve years with units focused on the Indo-Asia Pacific region, including Commanding General, I Corps and Joint Base Lewis-McChord; Deputy Commanding General of the 25th Infantry Division including a second deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom; Training & Exercises Director J7, United States Pacific Command (USPACOM); Executive Assistant to the Pacific Command Commander; Plans Officer, United States Army Pacific (USARPAC); and Commander of the 1st Brigade Combat Team (Stryker), 25th Infantry Division including a deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

General Brown was commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry from the United States Military Academy in May 1981, and has served in many leadership positions from platoon to Corps, including as Platoon Leader and Company Commander in mechanized infantry units at Fort Carson, Colorado; Battalion Commander of 2-5 Cavalry, a mechanized infantry battalion at Fort Hood, Texas including a deployment to Bosnia-Herzegovina in support of OPERATION JOINT FORGE; and Commanding General of the Maneuver Center of Excellence (Infantry and Armor Forces) and Fort Benning, Georgia.

General Brown has also served in numerous staff positions including: Assistant Professor of Military Science and Deputy Director, Center of Enhanced Performance, United States Military Academy; Plans Officer at USARPAC; Operations Officer, Executive Officer and Chief, G-3 Training in the 25th Infantry Division including a deployment in support of OPERATION UPHOLD DEMOCRACY in Haiti; Personnel Assignment Officer in Human Resources Command; Aide-de-Camp/Assistant Executive Officer to the Vice Chief of Staff, Army; Plans Officer in the Department of the Army G-3/5/7; Program Analyst in the Dominant Maneuver Assessment Division, Joint Staff (J8); Executive Assistant to the U.S. Pacific Command Commander and Director, J-7 (Training and Exercises) at USPACOM; and Chief of Staff United States Army Europe (USAREUR)/Deputy Commanding General U.S. Army NATO.

His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal (two Oak Leaf Clusters), the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (three Oak Leaf Clusters) and the Army Achievement Medal. He has earned the Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge, and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

General Brown holds a Bachelor of Science from the United States Military Academy, a Master of Education from the University of Virginia, and a Master of Science in National Security and Strategic Studies (Distinguished Graduate) from National Defense University.



Colonel Stephen Browne

Army War College Fellow, Texas A&M University

A native of Colorado, Colonel Stephen Browne received a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Infantry upon graduation from Brigham Young University in April, 1997. After attending the Infantry Officer Basic Course and Ranger Course at Fort Benning, Georgia, he served as Rifle Platoon Leader in 3rd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, later Company Executive Officer, and Operations Officer, Long Range Surveillance Detachment (LRSD), 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Upon completion of the Military Intelligence Transition and Captains Career Course at Ft. Huachuca, Arizona in 2002, Colonel Browne he served in the 1st Cavalry Division as the Battalion Intelligence Officer for 3rd Battalion, 8th U.S. Cavalry at Fort Hood, Texas. Upon deploying to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Colonel Browne served as Brigade Intelligence Officer, 4th Brigade and commanded Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 312th Military Intelligence Battalion. Upon redeployment, he later commanded the Headquarters and Service Company, 1st Cavalry Division.

Following command in 2006, Colonel Browne attended the Post Graduate Intelligence Program (PGIP) earning a Master's Degree in Strategic Intelligence from the National Intelligence University, Washington D.C. Upon completion of graduate school, Colonel Browne served as the Military Intelligence Branch Senior Major's Assignment Officer at the Human Resources Command in Alexandria, VA from 2007-2010. Upon completion of this assignment, Colonel Browne was selected for branch transfer to the Foreign Area Officer (FAO) Corps and assigned as a Northeast Asia FAO.

In 2010, Colonel Browne moved to Sendai, Japan where he completed FAO In-Region Training (IRT). As a result of the Great East Japan Earthquake (GEJE) and Tsunami disaster In March of 2011, Colonel Browne, together with the Japanese Self-Defense (JSDF) established the first ever Bilateral Coordination Action Team (BCAT) in Sendai, Japan in support of Joint Task Force-Tohoku (JTF-TH). He served as the liaison between the JSDF, JTF-TH and U.S. Forces in coordinating and planning disaster recovery and reconstruction operations as part of Operation TOMODACHI. Following this operation, Colonel Browne then served as the U.S. Army Japan (USARJ) liaison officer to the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF) Northeastern Army in Sendai, Japan until 2014.

In 2014, Colonel Browne moved to Tokyo, Japan and served as the Director for Policy and Plans, Mutual Defense Assistance Office (MDAO), U.S. Embassy, Japan where he coordinated foreign military sales (FMS) programs, U.S.-Japan S&T cooperative R&D projects, and helped the Japan Ministry of Defense work with INDOPACOM in joint security cooperation efforts in Southeast Asia. In June 2017, Colonel Browne moved to Ft. Knox, Kentucky where he served as the FAO Branch Chief at the Human Resources Command managing the assignments and professional development of all FAOs worldwide.

In June 2019, Colonel Browne moved to College Station, Texas to attend Texas A&M University in the Bush School of Government as an Army War College Fellow where he will study International Affairs with an emphasis on East Asia.



Major General Gary Brito, a native of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was commissioned an Infantry Officer through Penn State University and entered active duty in March 1987.

He most recently served as the Commanding General, Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) and Fort Polk. Previous assignments include Deputy Commanding General for Sustainment, then later Operations, 25th Infantry Division; Director, Force 2025 and Beyond, US Army Capabilities and Integration Center (ARCIC), Training and Doctrine and Command (TRADOC); and Operations Officer (G3) for III Corps, Fort Hood, Texas. In that capacity, he deployed and served as the Deputy Director, Afghanistan National Security

Forces (ANSF) Development, International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) Joint Command in Kabul, Afghanistan. Throughout his career, MG Brito has served in a variety of command and staff assignments to include Commander, 120th Infantry Brigade, First Army; Commander, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3d Brigade, 3d Infantry Division; Operations Officer (S3), 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment; and later as the Brigade Operations Officer (S3), 2d Brigade, 4th Infantry Division. Additionally, he served as the Aide-de-Camp to the III Corps Commanding General, Fort Hood, Texas; and Chief, Commander's Planning Group (CPG) and interim Executive Officer to the Commanding General, TRADOC. Major General Brito has twice served at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California: first as a Company/Team and Battle Staff Observer/Controller and later as a Senior Battalion and Brigade Combat Team Trainer. He served in multiple company grade positions at Fort Benning, Georgia, and has deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan.

MG Brito is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced courses, Airborne and Ranger Schools, Combined Arms Staff Services School, Command and General Staff Officers Course, and Senior Service College at the Joint Advanced Warfighting School (JAWS), Norfolk, Virginia. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Community Studies from Penn State University, a Master's degree in Human Resource Management from Troy State University, and a second Master's degree in Joint Strategy and Campaign Planning from the Joint Advanced Warfighting School. He is also a graduate of the MIT Seminar XXI Program.

Major General Brito is married to the former Michelle Harper of Washington, DC. They have two sons, Matthew and Patrick.



Lieutenant General(R) CHUN, In-Bum

LTG(R) Chun was commissioned an infantry officer in 1981. Early service included assignments to the ROK/US Combined Forces Command (CFC) as contingency plans officer, assistant chief-of-staff, C-5, and as the ROK aide to the deputy CINC, CFC. Upon completion of regimental command, He was later assigned as the Chief of the Election Support Branch, Civil Military Affairs/Strategic Operations Directorate at the Multi National Forces (MNF) in Iraq for which he was recognized by both the Republic of Korea and the United States for his contribution to the

first “Fair and Free” elections in Iraq with the Hwa-Rang Combat medal and US Bronze Star medal.

LTG(R) Chun’s later assignments include command of the 27th Infantry Division; Assistant Chief of Staff, Operations for the ROK/US Combined Forces Command; and Assistant Chief of Staff, Operations, Ground Component Command. He became the Deputy Chief of Staff for Combined Forces Command and the senior member of the United Nations Military Armistice Commission in 2013. He was promoted to lieutenant general and assigned as commander ROK Special Warfare Command later that year. LTG Chun served as deputy commander, First ROK Army before retiring from from active duty on 31 July 2016.

LTG(R) Chun has subsequently held concurrent fellowships with Brookings Institute and School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University. He was also a Distinguished Visiting Fellow with Georgia Tech at the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs. He is now Vice President for the Korea Freedom Federation.

LTG (R) Chun is married to Dr. Shim Hwa-Jin, former President of Sung-Shin Women’s University. They have two sons – Min-Gyu and Min-Woo – and five dogs.



Major Caleb Dexter

Caleb enlisted in the US Army Reserve following the 9/11 attacks and earned his commission from Federal Officer Candidate School in the spring of 2003.

Since graduating from the Military Intelligence Officers' Basic Course, he has served on active duty at the Defense Intelligence Agency's Joint Intelligence Task Force Combating Terrorism and Supply Chain Risk Management Threat Analysis Center, as well as in Iraq as a battalion S-2 and now as the operations officer for the Asymmetric Warfare Group's Dense Urban Terrain Detachment.

In his civilian career, he has worked as an English teacher in Japan, a reporter at the Nihon Keizai Shimbun ("Nikkei") covering United Nations headquarters in New York City, a bond rater and risk manager on Wall Street, and is currently on a leave of absence from his position as a researcher at Cornell University.

He earned his BA from Cornell and MBA from the Yale School of Management.



Peter Ford

Director, Northeast Region, Corporate Risk Services

Mr. Ford, a 32-year veteran of the U.S. Department of State Diplomatic Security Service, has served as the Regional Security Officer (RSO) at U.S. embassies in Armenia, Switzerland and Mauritania. His other overseas assignments have been Deputy RSO at the U.S. Embassy in Honduras and Lebanon. In Iraq, Mr. Ford was the Director of the Office of Hostage Affairs, U.S. Embassy Baghdad.

Mr. Ford served as the U.S. Olympic Security Coordinator for the Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games, working with local, state and federal police. Prior to the games, Mr. Ford worked with top Brazilian Olympic security officials to review security procedures at high-profile events such as the NBA All-Star Game and PGA Tour Championship. Throughout the Olympics, Mr. Ford coordinated the deployment of more than 200 U.S. federal law enforcement officers from multiple agencies.

Mr. Ford has held a variety of domestic positions, including two tours as the Director and Deputy Director of the Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) and two tours in the Protective Liaison Division, responsible for the protection of foreign embassies in the United States. In addition, Mr. Ford was the Diplomatic Security Service's representative to the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the House Homeland Security Committee.

Mr. Ford is a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, while also serving a multitude of roles, including Commander of the Capitol Hill Joint Reserve Unit.



Captain Jesse Geyer

Captain Jesse Geyer commissioned from North Georgia College and State University as a Second Lieutenant into the US Army in 2008 as a Chemical Officer.

CPT Geyer currently serves as an Integration Officer with the U.S. Army's Asymmetric Warfare Group (AWG), and he is currently working on the Dense Urban Terrain Team in AWG's Concepts Integration Squadron, commonly known as Dog Squadron.

CPT Geyer's previous assignments include 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, where he deployed to Tal Afar, Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom 09-11; 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division; and 14th Chemical Reconnaissance Detachment, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne).

CPT Geyer earned his BA in Religion and Philosophy from Barton College where he also studied Biology. His other fields of study include Political Science.



Dr. Russell W. Glenn

Director, Plans & Policy G-2, U.S. Army TRADOC

Dr. Russell W. Glenn is a graduate of the United States Military Academy. He was commissioned in the United States Army as a Corps of Engineers officer and initially served with the 1st Infantry Division. Subsequent assignments included duties as operations officer for the 2nd Engineer Group in the Republic of Korea, assistant professor of mathematics at West Point, and a three-year tour with the 3rd Armored Division headquartered in Frankfurt, Germany. His time with the division included a combat tour in Iraq during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Then Major Glenn thereafter served as an exchange officer with the British Army's Royal School of Military Engineering followed by a year as the senior army fellow at the RAND Corporation and three years with the School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS), concluding a 22-year military career as one of the initial four authors of the army's primary war fighting doctrine. Dr. Glenn was a senior defense analyst with RAND from 1997 to early 2009 at which time he joined A-T Solutions as a senior analyst. He last served as an associate professor with the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre at The Australian National University in Canberra. Current responsibilities see him in the role of Director, Plans and Policy for the G-2, US Army Training and Doctrine Command.

Past research includes published studies on counterinsurgency, urban operations, military and police training, and intelligence operations. Dr. Glenn has a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Military Academy and masters degrees from the University of Southern California (MS, Systems Management), Stanford University (MS, Civil Engineering and MS, Operations Research), and the School of Advanced Military Studies (Master of Military Art and Science). He earned his PhD in American history from the University of Kansas with secondary fields of military history and political science. Military education includes airborne, Ranger, and pathfinder qualifications. Dr. Glenn has appeared as a subject matter expert on *CNN Reports*, *MSNBC*, *National Public Radio*, and *The History Channel* in addition to being cited in *The Economist*, *Jane's Defence Weekly*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Scientific American*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and Associated Press syndicated articles. He is the author of over fifty books or book length reports in addition to many articles. His most recent book is *Rethinking Western Approaches to Counterinsurgency: Lessons from Post-colonial Conflict* (Routledge). He is an author-editor of a forthcoming volume sponsored by the Association of the United States Army entitled *Trust and Leadership: The Australian Army Approach to Mission Command*.



Lise Grande

United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator; Yemen

Lise Grande has served with the United Nations since 1994, most recently as the Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator, and UNDP Resident Representative for Yemen. Prior to this, she was the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General and UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Iraq.

Lise has also served in Armenia, Angola, Democratic Republic of Congo, East Timor, Haiti, India, Occupied Palestine, South Sudan, Sudan and Tajikistan, and has been involved in some of the United Nations' largest humanitarian and emergency operations as well as peace-keeping missions.



Charles "Sid" Heal retired as a Commander from the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department in 2008 after nearly 33 years of service, more than half of which was spent in units charged with handling law enforcement special and emergency operations. In addition, he retired from the Marine Corps Reserve after 35 years and four tours of combat. He is the author of *Sound Doctrine and Field Command*, as well as more than 190 articles on law enforcement subjects. He holds a bachelor's degree in Police Science from California State University, Los Angeles; a master's degree in public administration from the University of Southern California and a master's degree in management from California Polytechnic University, Pomona. He is also a graduate of the FBI's National Academy and the California Command College and has taught at the U.S. War Colleges for more than 20 years. He has been personally present or involved in major incidents such as the 1992 Los Angeles Riots, 1994 Northridge Earthquake, 1994 World Cup Soccer Finals, 1995 Oklahoma City Bombing, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, as well as the security of events with national and worldwide impact, to include the most watched non-sporting event in the world, the Annual Tournament of Roses Parade.

Director General for Crisis Management, Tokyo Metropolitan Government



Profile

Name: Shigeru KOBAYASHI

DOB: November 8, 1960

SOC: National Defense Academy, Class 27

(B.A. in Management Science)

POB: Miyagi Pref.

Military Career

MAR. 1984	1 st Field Artillery Regiment	(Kitafuji)
MAR. 1990	Field Artillery Department, Fuji School	(Fuji)
AUG. 1993	Personnel Assignment Division, Personnel Department, GSO	(Hinokicho)
AUG. 1995	Research Division, Defense Plans and Operations Department, GSO	(Hinokicho)
MAR. 1996	Aid-de-Camp to Director General of Defense Agency	(Hinokicho)
MAR. 1998	Commander, 2 nd Battalion, 5 th Field Artillery Regiment	(Obihiro)
AUG. 1999	Defense Planning Division, Defense Plans and Operations Department, GSO	(Hinokicho)
AUG. 2002	1 st R&D Division, JGSDF Ground Research and Development Command	(Asaka)
JUL. 2003	Operations Division, Defense Plans and Operations Department, GSO	(Ichigaya)
JUL. 2005	Commander, 9 th Field Artillery Regiment	(Iwate)
MAR. 2007	Chief, Personal Planning Division, Personnel Department, GSO	(Ichigaya)
MAR. 2009	Director, Field Artillery Department, Fuji School	(Fuji)
JUL. 2010	Director, Operations Support and Intelligence Department, GSO	(Ichigaya)
JUL. 2012	Commanding General, 15 th Brigade, Western Army	(Naha)
AUG. 2014	Commanding General, 3 rd Division, Middle Army	(Senzo)
AUG. 2015	Vice President, National Defense Academy	
JUL. 2016	Commanding General, Central Readiness Force	(Zama)
MAR. 2018	Commanding General, Ground Component Command	(Asaka)
AUG. 2018	Retirement	

Director General for Crisis Management, Tokyo Metropolitan Government



Brigadier Ian Langford, DSC and Bars

Australian Army

Brigadier Langford joined the Australian Army in 1992 and has held a range of command and staff appointments in the Army and Special Forces during his career. Brigadier Langford has served as the Commanding Officer, 2nd Commando Regiment, and has commanded multiple Special Operations Task Groups in Afghanistan, Iraq, and domestic counter-terrorism duties. He has served in Australia's Joint Operations Command, Special Operations Headquarters, and as the Plans Officer in Army's Forces Command Headquarters. Recently, Brigadier Langford led the Chief of Army's Initiative Group and assumed the role Director-General of Future Land Warfare, Army Headquarters, in December 2018.

Brigadier Langford's operational service includes multiple deployments to Timor Leste and Afghanistan, and single deployments to Bougainville, Solomon Islands, Iraq, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, and the South-West Pacific. For his service, Brigadier Langford has been awarded several Australian commendations, and the Distinguished Service Cross on three occasions.

Brigadier Langford is a Distinguished Graduate of the United States Marine Corps Command and Staff College and the School of Advanced Warfighting. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Management, a Master of Arts, a Master of Defence Studies and a Master of Strategic Studies. He has been published in multiple service journals and as an independent author, and is currently undertaking PhD studies.



Captain Jheaniell Moncrieffe

Captain Jheaniell Moncrieffe enlisted in the US Army as a 51T, Technical Engineer in 2001. In 2011, she commissioned through the University of Hawaii's Green to Gold program as an Engineer Officer.

CPT Moncrieffe currently serves as an Integration Officer with the Asymmetric Warfare Group in Fort Meade, Maryland. As a part of the Dense Urban Terrain (DUT) Team, she is involved with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) planning effort to build a DUT Training complex at the National Training Center (NTC) in California.

CPT Moncrieffe's previous assignments include the 29th, 15th, 65th and 84th Engineer Battalions and the United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission (UNC-MAC) in Panmunjom, S. Korea. She deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 05-06.

CPT Moncrieffe holds a Bachelor's Degree in Diplomacy and Military Studies from the Hawaii Pacific University



Tetsu Okumura, MD, PhD.

Current position:

Administration Officer, and Medical Director of the Japan Poison Information Centre

Brief career history:

He was born in Fukuoka (1963) and graduated from the faculty of medicine at Juntendo University. After completing his postgraduate internship through the Hawaii University Postgraduate Program at Okinawa Prefectural Central Hospital (1988-89), he joined the emergency departments of Kawasaki Medical School (1990-91), followed by St. Luke's International Hospital in Tokyo (1993-96). At the time of the Tokyo subway sarin attack in 1995, he examined numerous sarin victims at St. Luke's International Hospital and subsequently began research in the specialized field of special anti-disaster measures, crisis control, and clinical toxicology. With these careers he became one of the authorities in the field of the medical countermeasure against chemical weapon agents and counterterrorism in Japan. And he became a Professor in the Department of Crisis Management Medicine on CBRNE Threats at Saga University in January in 2007. In 2009 he came to the office of Assistant Chief Cabinet Secretary for National Security and Crisis Management, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of JAPAN. He was engaged in the governmental arrangement of the medical transportation in Fukushima at the time of the East Japan Great Earthquake.

Ryoichi Oriki



Former Chief of Staff, Joint Staff

Birth: February 10, 1950

Education: National Defense Academy (March 1972)

Military Education: The National Institute for Defense Studies (August 1990)

Professional Career:

March 1972	Joined Japan Ground Self-Defense Force
July 1996	Head, Assignment Division, Ground Staff Office
January 2001	Director of Logistics Department, GSO
March 2003	Commanding General, 9th Division
August 2004	Vice Chief of Staff, Ground Self Defense Force
July 2005	Commanding General, Middle Army
March 2007	Chief of Staff, Ground Self Defense Force
March 2009	Chief of Staff, Joint Staff
January 2012	Retired from Japan Ground Self-Defense Force
June 2012	Special Advisor of Minister of Defense Morimoto
August 2012	Joined Fujitsu LTD a Senior Adviser
April 2013	Special Advisor of Minister of Defense Onodera
July 2016	Special Advisor, National Security Agency
June 2018	Board member, Committee on National Space Policy of Cabinet Office

Commanding General, Ground Component Command Japan Ground Self-Defense Force



Profile

Name: Kazuaki SUMIDA

Rank: Lieutenant General (AUG. 4, 2015)

DOB: October 6, 1961

SOC: National Defense Academy, Class 28

(B.A. in Mechanical Engineering)

BOS: Air Defense Artillery

POB: Yamaguchi Pref.

Military Career

March	1985	Antiaircraft Training Unit	(Shimoshizu)
August	1991	Student, Command and General Staff Course, JGSDF Staff College	(Meguro)
August	1993	Instructor, Antiaircraft Artillery School	(Shimoshizu)
March	1995	Policy & Programs Division, Policy & Programs Department, Ground Staff Office	(Hinokimachi)
March	2001	Commander, 8th Antiaircraft Battalion	(Kita-Kumamoto)
August	2002	Policy & Programs Division, Policy & Programs Department, Ground Staff Office	(Ichigaya)
August	2003	General Course, National Institute for Defense Studies	(Meguro)
August	2004	Policy & Programs Division, Policy & Programs Department, Ground Staff Office	(Ichigaya)
December	2006	Commander, 8th Antiaircraft Group	(Aonogahara)
March	2008	Chief, Policy & Programs Division, Policy & Programs Department, Ground Staff Office	(Ichigaya)
March	2010	Commanding General, 1st Antiaircraft Artillery Brigade	(Higashichitose)
March	2011	Deputy Chief of Staff, Middle Army	(Itami)
August	2013	Director, Policy & Programs Department, Ground Staff Office	(Ichigaya)
August	2015	Commanding General, 2 nd Division	(Asahikawa)
July	2016	Vice Chief of Staff, Joint Staff	(Ichigaya)
August	2017	Commanding General, Eastern Army	(Asaka)
August	2018	Present Assignment	



Commanding General, 1st Division

Commanding General, 1st Division, Japan Ground Self Defense Force

Name : Ryoji TAKEMOTO
Rank : Lieutenant General
(August 1, 2018)
Date of Birth : April 3, 1964
Birth Place : Shimane Prefecture

Education :

National Defense Academy
Doctor's Course, Tsukuba University
Advanced Officer Course - Artillery
Tactical Administrator Course, GSDF Staff College
Joint Advanced Course, Joint Staff Collage
Special Course of National Institute of Defense Studies



Military Career :

Mar 1987	Officer Candidate School	(Camp Maegawara, Fukuoka)
Oct 1987	8 th Artillery Regiment	(Camp Kitakumamoto, Kumamoto)
Mar 1990	Doctor's Course, Tsukuba University	
Mar 1995	Equipment Test & Evaluation Unit	(Camp Fuji, Shizuoka)
Mar 1997	Ground Self Defense Force Staff College (Student)	(Camp Meguro, Tokyo)
Mar 1998	Assistant to Assistant Director General, Technical Research and Development Institute	(Camp Misyuku, Tokyo)
Mar 2000	Assignment Division, Personnel Department, GSO	(Camp Ichigaya, Tokyo)
Aug 2001	Commander, 112 th Artillery Battalion	(Camp Yufuin, Oita)
Aug 2003	Education Division, Education & Training Dept., GSO	(Camp Ichigaya, Tokyo)
Aug 2005	Joint Staff Collage (Student)	(Camp Meguro, Tokyo)
Aug 2006	Assignment Division, Personnel Department, GSO	(Camp Ichigaya, Tokyo)
Aug 2007	Chief, 1 st Personnel Sec., Assignment Div., Personnel Dept., GSO	(Camp Ichigaya, Tokyo)
Aug 2009	Commander, 9 th Artillery Regiment	(Camp Iwate, Iwate)
July 2010	Chief, 2 nd Operation Div., Operations Dept., Joint Staff	(Camp Ichigaya, Tokyo)
July 2012	Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations), Eastern Army HQs.	(Camp Asaka, Tokyo)
Aug 2014	Chief, Tokyo Provincial Cooperation Office	(Camp Ichigaya, Tokyo)
Aug 2015	Chief, Artillery Division, GSDF Fuji School	(Camp Fuji, Shizuoka)
July 2016	Chief, Personnel Department, GSO	(Camp Ichigaya, Tokyo)
Mar 2017	Chief, Personnel & Education Dept., GSO	(Camp Ichigaya, Tokyo)
Aug 2017	Commanding General, 11 th Brigade	(Camp Makomanai, Hokkaido)
Aug 2018	Present Assignment	(Camp Nerima, Tokyo)



Lieutenant General (Retired), Noboru Yamaguchi

Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF)

LTG YAMAGUCHI (Ret.) is now Professor at the International University of Japan and Advisor to the Sasakawa Peace Foundation. He was graduated from the National Defense Academy of Japan (NDAJ) in 1974. He received his MA from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University in 1988, and was a National Security Fellow at John M. Olin Institute for Strategic Studies, Harvard University in 1991-1992. After serving as Senior Defense Attaché at the Japanese Embassy in the United States (1999-2001), he held positions as Deputy Commandant of the GSDF Aviation School (2001-2002), Director for Research of the GRDC (2002-2005), Vice President of the National Institute for Defense Studies (2005-2006). Since 2006 he held responsibilities as Commanding General of the GSDF Research and Development Command until he retired from active duty in December 2008. From 2009 to 2015 he taught at the NDAJ. After the Great East Japan Earthquake in March 2011, he served at the Prime Minister's Office as Special Advisor to the Cabinet for Crisis Management until September. In 2017, he was appointed by the Foreign Minister as a member of the Group of Eminent Persons for Substantive Advancement of Nuclear Disarmament.



Akiko Yoshida

United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

Akiko Yoshida, a Japanese national, is currently serving as the Head of the Humanitarian Advisory Team, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), in Kobe, Japan. She has held this position since November 2018.

Over the past 15 years, Ms. Yoshida has worked with coordination of humanitarian assistance and sustainable development cooperation primarily in Asia. She has deployed in support of emergency operations in Iraq (2017 earthquake), Nepal (2015 earthquake), Philippines (conflicts, earthquake and typhoons, including Haiyan in 2013), and Japan (2011 earthquake and tsunami).

During 2008-2010 and again in 2018, Ms. Yoshida served in OCHA Headquarters in New York as Desk Officer for Asia and the Pacific and on OCHA's internal reform process. She also served in the Inter-Agency Standing Committee secretariat in Geneva in 2018 to work on communications.

Ms. Yoshida holds a master's degree in international affairs from Columbia University in New York City.