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SPEAKERS



Major General Rick Burr, AO, DSC, MVO

Deputy Chief of Army, Australia

Major General Burr is the Deputy Chief of the Australian Army, a position he has held since January 2015.

Graduating from the Royal Military College, Duntroon in 1985, his diverse career encompasses unique service as Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army, Pacific, command of the 1st Division/Deployable Joint Force Headquarters and command of the Special Air Service Regiment. His operational commands have included the International Security Assistance Force Special Operations Forces (ISAF SOF) in Afghanistan and Australian Special Forces Task Groups in Afghanistan and Iraq.

His broad experience also includes senior adviser in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet,

Director General of Military Strategic Commitments, Director General of Preparedness and Plans (Army), Chief Instructor of the Australian Defence Force Warfare Centre, instructor at the Royal Military College, Duntroon, and Equerry to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Major General Burr is a Distinguished Graduate of the United States Marine Corps Command and Staff College and graduate of the USMC School of Advanced Warfighting. He holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Military Studies. In 2016 he completed the Harvard Business School, Advanced Management Program. His personal awards include the Officer of the Order of Australia, Distinguished Service Cross, Member of the Royal Victorian Order and a number of foreign awards for distinguished service. He is Patron of Defence Australian Rules Football and a Director of the Australian American Education Leadership Foundation.



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.



Commander Benjamin Espinosa

Program Manager, Weapons of Mass Destruction Defense Operational Medicine & Capabilities De- velopment Navy Bureau of Medicine & Surgery

CDR Benjamin Espinosa was born in Pasadena, California, received a Bachelor of Arts in Molecular, Cellular, Developmental Biology from the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colorado and a PhD in Microbiology from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado where his work focused on novel vaccine development for tuberculosis. He joined the Navy as a direct com-

mission in March of 2005.

CDR Espinosa reported to his first assignment as the Deputy of Bacteriology at the Naval Medical Center Research Detachment (NMRCDD) in Lima, Peru. Subsequent assignments included Director of Parasitology at NMRCDD-Peru; microbiologist and laboratory director at the Navy Environmental Preventive Medicine Unit 2 in Norfolk, Virginia; Assistant Officer-in-Charge of the Forward Deployable Preventive Medicine Unit in Camp Buehring, Uday, Kuwait (two tours); and Head of Operations at the Naval Medical Research Center - Biological Defense Research Directorate in Frederick, Maryland. CDR Espinosa's current assignment is as a subject matter expert and Program Manager in the Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction (CWMD) branch.

CDR Espinosa's humanitarian assistance and disaster response experience includes on-site coordination of Navy assistance during the 2007 earthquake in Ica, Peru, which measured 8.0 and killed over 500 people; various disease outbreaks in the Peruvian Amazon; the 2009 H1N1 pandemic influenza response in Kuwait and West Africa; multiple norovirus outbreaks and epidemiological investigations among US military members; and most recently, serving as the Officer-in-Charge of the Navy's deployable diagnostic laboratory during the 2014 Ebola crisis in West Africa. CDR Espinosa also served three years as the Navy Gatekeeper for the CDC's Laboratory Response Network where he managed the US Navy's laboratory diagnostics response to the H7N9 and MERS-CoV outbreaks.

CDR Espinosa's awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (five awards), Joint Service Achievement Medal, and other unit and campaign awards.



Dr. Sheri Fink

Pulitzer Prize winner and Author, *Five Days at Memorial*

Sheri Fink is the author of *The New York Times* bestselling book, *Five Days at Memorial: Life and Death in a Storm-Ravaged Hospital* (Crown, 2013) about choices made in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. She is a correspondent at *The New York Times* where her and her colleagues' stories on the West Africa Ebola crisis were recognized with the 2015 Pulitzer Prize for international reporting, the George Polk Award for health reporting, and the Overseas Press Club Hal Boyle Award. Her story "The Deadly Choices at Memorial," co-published by *ProPublica* and *The New York Times Magazine*, received a 2010 Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting and a National Magazine Award for reporting. A former relief worker in disaster and conflict zones, Fink received her M.D. and Ph.D. from Stanford University. Her first book, *War Hospital: A True Story of Surgery and Survival* (PublicAffairs), is about medical professionals under siege during the genocide in Srebrenica, Bosnia-Herzegovina. *Five Days at Memorial* was the winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award for nonfiction, the PEN/John Kenneth Galbraith Award for nonfiction, the Ridenhour Book Prize, the J. Anthony Lukas Book Prize, The Los Angeles Times Book Prize, the Southern Independent Booksellers Alliance Book Award, the American Medical Writers Association Medical



Dr. Russell W. Glenn

Director, Plans and Policy G-2

U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command

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*.



Thomas F. Greco

Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2 U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command

Mr. Thomas F. Greco serves as the Director of Intelligence, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2 for the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC G2). This is a Tier Two Defense Intelligence Senior Executive Service (DISES)

position. He is the Army's lead for developing, defining, and applying current and future threats and environments in support of Army leader development, concept development, capability design, training readiness, and experimentation. He also leads the Army's enterprises for Critical Thinking, Mad Scientist Initiative, University of Foreign Military & Cultural Studies, Foreign Military Studies Office, Global Cultural Knowledge Network, and the Operational Environment Center. TRADOC G-2 supports the Army's Combat Training Centers, deployed forces, all of the Army's educational institutions and capability development activities.

CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

- 2012 – Present: G-2, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command
- 2004 – 2011: Special Assistant to the G-2, U.S. Army Europe
- 2007 – 2008: Senior Intelligence Officer, Assistant CJ2, Multinational Forces, Iraq
- 2003 – 2004: Chief, G-2 Operations and Intelligence (Analysis) Division, Headquarters, U.S. Army Europe, Heidelberg, Germany
- 2002 – 2003: Chief of Intelligence Futures, Rapid Prototyping and Technology Insertion, Headquarters, U.S. Army Europe, Heidelberg, Germany
- 2001 – 2002: Chief, Intelligence Plans, Operations, Exercise and Architecture, U.S. Army Europe, Heidelberg, Germany (Retired from active duty Army service)
- 2001 – 2001: G-2, Task Force Falcon, Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo
- 2000 – 2001: Chief, G-2 Plans, Operations and Exercises, U.S. Army Europe, Heidelberg, Germany
- 1999 – 2000: CJ-2, Combined Joint Task Force, Sarajevo, Bosnia
- 1998 – 1999: G-2, 1st Armored Division, Bad Kreuznach, Germany
- 1998 – 1998: G-2, Task Force Eagle, Tuzla, Bosnia
- 1996 – 1998: Chief of Intelligence Operations, Plans and Exercises I (U.S.) Corps, Fort Lewis, WA
- 1994 – 1996: Student, Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS
- 1993 – 1994: Chief of Military Information and Liaison, UNPROFOR, Skopje, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia



Jim Hake

Chief Executive Officer, Spirit of America

Jim founded Spirit of America (SoA) in response to the attacks of 9/11. SoA is a citizen-funded 501c3 nonprofit that provides humanitarian, economic and non-lethal assistance in response to needs identified by deployed US troops and diplomats.

Spirit of America has established a groundbreaking partnership with the US military and is the only private nonprofit with personnel working alongside deployed military teams and providing assistance in support of their missions. SoA is a 'not-neutral' NGO; it only provides assistance in support of the safety and success of US troops and diplomats and the local people they seek to help. This is a new model of providing private assistance in support of national security objectives that General (Ret.) Stanley McChrystal calls "an innovation important to our country's future."

Prior to Spirit of America Jim was an Internet entrepreneur. He founded Access Media, one of the first Internet media companies, and sold it to SOFTBANK Forums. It was later incorporated into Ziff Davis. In 2000 and 2001, Jim was named a "Technology Pioneer" by the World Economic Forum. Jim is a Member of the Council on Foreign Relations and Honorary Member of the US Army Civil Affairs Regiment. He is a contributor to *Warriors and Citizens* – a book on civil-military relations and has been published in *The Wall Street Journal*.

Jim received a BA and graduated with distinction in Economics from Dartmouth College. He earned an MBA from the Stanford University Graduate School of Business.



James E. Leonard

Chief of Department, New York City Fire Department (FDNY)

The Chief of Department, appointed by the Fire Commissioner, is the highest ranking uniformed member of the Department, overseeing 15,000 uniformed Firefighters and EMS personnel. The current and 35th Chief of Department is James E. Leonard. Chief Leonard was appointed by Commissioner Nigro in 2014.

Chief Leonard's career with the Department began as a Firefighter with Engine 310 in Brooklyn in 1979. In 1986, he became a Fire Marshal and was assigned to the "Red Cap" street patrol, which was created to fight the arson blight that had plagued parts of the City at that time. In 1987, he returned to firefighting, serving on Staten Island with Ladder 85. He returned to Brooklyn when he was promoted two years later, in 1989, to Lieutenant and assigned to Ladder 168 and, with his promotion to Captain in 1993, he led Engine 243. Following his promotion to Battalion Chief in 1996, he served at Battalion 31 in Brooklyn, Battalion 22 in Staten Island and Battalion 2 in Manhattan. In 2002, he was promoted to Deputy Chief and worked in Division 8, which covers Staten Island and southern Brooklyn.

In 2010, Chief Leonard was appointed Deputy Assistant Chief and assigned as Brooklyn Borough Commander with overall responsibility for the Department's largest field force by borough with more than 75 units and 2,000 Firefighters and Fire Officers. He also responded City-wide to all major emergencies while serving simultaneously as a City-wide Tour Commander, including as the Incident Commander at the March 12, 2014, explosion and collapse in East Harlem. During Hurricane Sandy in October 2012, Chief Leonard supervised all fire operations and response in Brooklyn as Borough Commander.

Chief Leonard holds an associate's degree in Criminal Justice and a bachelor's in Sociology, both from St. Francis College, and a MS degree in Fire Protection Management from John Jay College. A native New Yorker, Chief Leonard lives on Staten Island with his wife, Patricia.



CAPT Joel Montgomery, PhD

Chief, Epidemiology, Informatics, and Surveillance Lab Branch, Division of Global Health Protection

CAPT Joel Montgomery, PhD, is chief of the Epidemiology, Informatics, and Surveillance Lab Branch (formally Global Disease Detection Branch) in CDC's Division of Global Health Protection. Dr. Montgomery brings many years of in-depth global experience as a laboratorian/microbiologist and epidemiologist to his role where he is responsible for coordinating scientific efforts in 10 Global Disease Detection country offices and implementing technical aspects of the Global Health Security

Agenda.

For the past 16 years, Dr. Montgomery has played a key role in CDC's global health protection efforts. Most recently, he served as director of the division's programs in [CDC-Kenya](#) and principal deputy director for Kenya's country office where he led a staff of over 500 diverse professionals and managed a budget of over \$20 million. In Kenya, he oversaw and directed public health research activities in two large population-based cohorts: a rural site in Western Kenya and an urban settlement (Kibera slum) in Nairobi. These sites provided a strong foundation for understanding the burden and etiology of infectious diseases in Kenya and for evaluating strategies to reduce morbidity and mortality.

Dr. Montgomery's efforts to build public health capacity extended beyond Kenya's borders. He helped lead [CDC's Ebola response](#) and deployed to Liberia three times during the 2014 outbreak. He also helped recognize, respond to, and characterize a large dengue outbreak in Somalia and Kenya and implemented the first ever surveillance for dengue and other infectious diseases in Mogadishu, Somalia.

Prior to his appointment in Kenya, Dr. Montgomery served for 5 years as director of the [Department of Emerging Infections](#) at the US Naval Medical Research Unit Six (NAMRU-6) in Lima, Peru. In this position, he directed an innovative study in the Amazon looking at changes in human land use patterns on disease transmission.

At CDC, Dr. Montgomery has worked closely with the [Influenza Division](#) to better define the burden of influenza and other respiratory diseases, seasonal transmission dynamics, and risk factors for infection. Dr. Montgomery is an alumnus of CDC's [Epidemic Intelligence Service](#) (EIS) program. He received his training in the Viral Special Pathogens Branch where he was involved with several high-profile international outbreaks including SARS in Vietnam, Monkeypox and Nipah virus in Bangladesh and Marburg hemorrhagic fever in Angola.

Dr. Montgomery has received numerous awards for outstanding public health service, including the US Naval and US Public Health Service Commendation Medals. He has a PhD in Molecular Parasitology from the University of Texas and is an adjunct faculty member at both the University of Washington and Tulane University. Dr. Montgomery serves as editor for several scientific journals and has published over 100 scientific papers. He is also a seasoned public speaker and was recently featured in a *New Yorker* article, "[When the Fever Breaks.](#)"



J. Scott Norwood

Strategic Effects Director, U.S. Army Pacific

Mr. Norwood serves as Strategic Effects Director, U. S. Army Pacific (USARPAC). In this role, he advises the Commander with respect to the theater environment, campaign strategy, and the synchronization of campaign activities and communications with theater partners. He also advises the Commander on development of future force concepts and capabilities, with specific emphasis on Multi-Domain Battle and Strategic Programs.

Mr. Norwood joined USARPAC following his assignment as Executive Director of Strategy, Policy, and Plans, Combined Security Transition Command, Afghanistan. Prior assignments as an SES include a Fellowship at the Naval Postgraduate School and a five-year tour of duty as Deputy Director for Global Security Affairs, Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Staff.

Mr. Norwood served 27 years in the U.S. Air Force as a fighter pilot before becoming an SES. While on active duty, he served as a policy and issues analyst for the Secretary of the Air Force; as commander of a USAF fighter and bomber test group; as Director of Operations, Cheyenne Mountain, NORAD/USPACECOM during 9/11; and as Senior Military Assistant to the Administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority during the occupation of Iraq.

Mr. Norwood's wife, Carol Ann, is a school teacher who originally hailed from Newport, Arkansas. They have two children, Matthew (26) and Samantha (24).

CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

- 2015-Present: Strategic Effects Director, U.S. Army Pacific
- 2013-2014: Executive Director of Strategy, Policy, and Plans; Combined Security Transition Command, Afghanistan
- 2010-2013: DoD Fellow in Security Studies, Naval Postgraduate School
- 2005-2009: Deputy Director for Global Security Affairs, Strategic Plans and Policy; the Joint Staff
- 2004-2005: Chief, Central and South Asia Division, Directorate for Strategic Plans and Policy, the Joint Staff
- 2003-2004: Senior Military Assistant to the Administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq
- 2002-2003: Military Assistant to the Principle Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Office of the Secretary of Defense
- 2000-2002: Director of Operations, Cheyenne Mountain, NORAD/USPACECOM

POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION:

- 1993, Master of Arts Degree, Air and Space Studies, US Air Force School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, *Top academic graduate*
- 1992, Master of Arts Degree, National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College, *Graduate of Highest Distinction and the Recipient of the Colbert Memorial Prize*
- 1985, Master of Science Degree, Systems Management, University of South California

AWARDS AND HONORS:

- U.S. State Department Superior Honor Award
- CJCS Joint Distinguished Civilian Service Award
- U.S. Army Meritorious Civilian Service Award
- Colbert Memorial Prize, Naval War College, 1992
- U.S. Air Force Lance Sijan Award, 1991
- Defense Superior Service Medal (4)
- Distinguished Flying Cross
- Air Medal (3)



James P. O'Neill

Police Commissioner, NYPD

James P. O'Neill was appointed the 43rd police commissioner of the City of New York by Mayor Bill de Blasio in September 2016. He had served previously as chief of department, the NYPD's highest uniformed rank. He was instrumental in developing neighborhood policing, which is renewing and recasting the NYPD's patrol function to provide greater police and community interaction and collaboration.

Widely experienced in both the patrol and the investigative sides of the department, Commissioner O'Neill is a hands-on police practitioner and a dedicated police reformer. He speaks with urgency about the need for police to evolve if they are to succeed in connecting with communities and about keeping people safe in the 21st century.

Police Commissioner O'Neill began his law enforcement career in 1983 with the Transit Police, which was then an independent police department. He credits his time on patrol on the trains and platforms of the subway system with helping him learn how to interact and communicate with a wide range of people, a skill he regards as essential to successful police work. He had risen to lieutenant by the time of the 1995 merger of the Transit Police with the NYPD.

As a lieutenant in the NYPD, he worked at the police academy and the warrant squad before being promoted to captain and executive officer in the 52nd Precinct in the northern Bronx. He served as the commanding officer of three successive precincts: Central Park, the 25th Precinct in eastern Harlem, and the 44th Precinct in the western Bronx. He was C.O. of the 25th Precinct during the attacks of September 11th and remembers being proud of the way his fellow officers from all across the department came together to help and protect people during that crisis.

It was as C.O. of the 44th Precinct, one of the busier commands in the city, that Commissioner O'Neill began to think seriously about reforming the NYPD patrol model. The precinct workload in the NYPD had long been divided between patrol officers who answered a steady stream of calls for service and specialty officers who worked at correcting conditions and community outreach. As Commissioner O'Neill saw it, police departments had been asking their patrol officers to connect with community members for generations without ever giving them the time or the opportunity to do so. He envisioned a model with fewer specialists and more generalist officers who answered calls, worked at problem-solving and local crime-fighting, and collaborated far more effectively with community members.

Promoted to inspector and then to deputy chief, Commissioner O'Neill moved to the investigative side of the department, serving tours as commanding officer of the Vice Division, the Narcotics Division, and the Fugitive Enforcement Division. He worked in all three divisions to keep cases focused on reducing crime and supporting the priorities of precinct commanders. In March 2014, he was appointed commanding officer of Police Commissioner William Bratton's office and played a key role in the department's reengineering process, concentrating on operational reforms. As chief of patrol from June 2014, he began the development of neighborhood policing by anchoring officers in sectors and providing them with off-radio time to connect with community members and work at local problem-solving and crime-fighting.

He was appointed chief of department in December 2014, and early on in his term, he helped lead the department through the shock and mourning that followed the assassinations of Detectives Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu.

Neighborhood policing—which is a crime-fighting plan above all else—has been implemented in more than half of New York City precincts as well as all of the NYPD Housing Bureau police service areas, and is serving more than three million New Yorkers. It is the largest, best-funded, best-staffed community-policing initiative ever undertaken in the United States. Commissioner O'Neill's reforms are taking hold and will have a far-reaching and positive influence all across New York City.

Commissioner O'Neill grew up in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn and was one of seven children. He has two sons, Daniel and Christopher. He is an avid hockey player and motorcyclist.

Commissioner O'Neill has a clear vision of where he is taking the New York City Police Department.

"Fighting crime is what we get paid to do," he says. "But we can't do that unless we achieve full partnership with the community. Unless we have that connectivity, it's not going to work."



General Stephen J. Townsend

Commanding General, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command

General Stephen J. Townsend assumed duties as Commander, United States Army Training and Doctrine Command on March 2, 2018 after serving as Commander, XVIII Airborne Corps, the U.S. Army's rapid deployment contingency corps, and Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Raised in an Army family, General Townsend calls Griffin, Georgia his hometown. He commissioned into the Infantry upon graduating from North Georgia College in 1982.

General Townsend has led and commanded troops at every echelon from platoon to corps and combined joint task force. He has soldiered with four regiments; the 505th Parachute Infantry, 21st Infantry, 31st Infantry, and 75th Ranger Regiment; and with five divisions: the 82d Airborne Division, 7th Infantry Division (Light), 10th Mountain Division (Light), 2d Infantry Division, and 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

His key staff assignments include service as a planner and operations officer at battalion, brigade, division, and joint task force levels. At U.S. Pacific Command, he was the J-5 strategy and plans officer for China and later Special Assistant to the Commander. At U.S. Central Command, he was the Executive Officer to the Commander. On the Joint Staff, he was the Director of the Pakistan-Afghanistan Coordination Cell.

General Townsend's combat and operational experience include Operation Urgent Fury, Grenada; Operation Just Cause, Panama; and Operation Uphold Democracy, Haiti. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, he led 3-2 Stryker Brigade, Task Force Arrowhead, on offensive operations across Iraq during "the Surge." He served four tours in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom culminating as Commander, 10th Mountain Division (Light). Most recently, General Townsend led all U.S. and multi-national troops fighting the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria as Commander, Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve.

General Townsend holds a bachelor's degree, two master's degrees, the Air Assault Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, the Ranger Tab, the Combat Action Badge and the Combat Infantryman's Badge with star.