



Biography

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MAJOR GENERAL ERIC W. VOLLMECKE



Deputy Director for Strategic Initiatives - Joint Staff

Major General Vollmecke currently serves as the Deputy Director for Strategic Initiatives for Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia. He provides strategic direction, policy guidance, and planning focus to develop and execute the National Military Strategy. Through the Director for Strategic Plans and Policy, he enables the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to provide military advice to the President, the Secretary of Defense and the National Security Council.

General Vollmecke was commissioned in 1982 through the Reserve Officer Training Corp program at The Citadel. He began his career as a communications officer which culminated at Headquarters, United States Air Force Staff leading system development initiatives on the

Worldwide Military Command and Control System. In 1987, he transitioned to the West Virginia Air National Guard and earned his pilot wings. He has held numerous leadership and command positions at the squadron, wing, and major staff levels while also balancing a corporate career in the technology field.

General Vollmecke has served in tactical and operational roles in Panama, Desert Shield/Storm, Bosnia, Kosovo, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom to include commanding the 451st AEG, Kandahar, Afghanistan in 2005. He shaped the formulation of the Air National Guard's modernization strategy across all major weapon systems, mission areas, and warfighting mediums for overseas and domestic operations. In April 2013, he was selected as the Deputy Commanding General for United States support to French Forces conducting combat operations in Mali, later training West African Forces from 15 Countries for the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission. Before his assignment to

the Joint Staff, Major General Vollmecke served as the Air National Guard Assistant to the Commander, United States Air Forces in Europe/Air Forces Africa.

EDUCATION:

1982 The Citadel, Bachelor of Arts, Mathematics, Charleston, South Carolina
1988 George Washington University, Master of Business Administration, Washington, District of Columbia
2000 Air War College, by correspondence
2008 Joint Task Force Commander's Training Course, United States Northern Command, Colorado Springs, Colorado
2009 Senior Reserve Component Officer Course, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania
2010 George C. Marshall Center, Senior Executive Seminar, Garmisch, Germany
2011 CAPSTONE General and Flag Officer Course, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, District of Columbia
2012 Advanced Joint Professional Military Education Course, Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. November 1982-April 1983, Student, Computer Systems Development Training, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi
2. April 1983 - April 1984, Computer Systems Planning Officer, Air Force Data Services Center, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia
3. April 1984 - October 1984, Computer Systems Planning Officer, 1st Information Systems Group, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia
4. October 1984 - April 1985, Command and Control Programming Resources Officer, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia
5. April 1985 - August 1987, Programs and Resources Officer, Headquarters, United States Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia
6. August 1987 - November 1988, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Reese Air Force Base, Texas
7. November 1988 - November 1992, Pilot, C-130, 167th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Martinsburg, West Virginia
8. November 1992 - November 1993, Assistant Flight Commander, C-130, 167th Airlift Squadron, Martinsburg, West Virginia
9. November 1994 - November 1998, Pilot, C-130, Flight Commander, 167th Airlift Squadron, Martinsburg, West Virginia
10. November 1998 - October 2002, Commander, 167th Airlift Squadron, Martinsburg, West Virginia
11. October 2002 - January 2004, Air Operations Staff Director, Headquarters, West Virginia Air National Guard, Charleston, West Virginia
12. January 2004 - January 2005, Commander, 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia
13. October 2007 - October 2011, Chief of Staff, Headquarters, West Virginia Air National Guard, Charleston, West Virginia
14. October 2011 - August 2012, Assistant Adjutant General - Air, West Virginia National

Guard, Charleston, West Virginia; Dual-hatted, August 2009 - July 2012, (A5), Assistant to the Director, Air National Guard, Arlington, Virginia

15. September 2012- April 2016, Air National Guard Assistant to the Commander, United States Air Forces in Europe/Air Forces Africa, Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany

16. May 2016 - Present, Deputy Director for Strategic Initiatives for Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: 3,900 hours

Aircraft flown: C-130B/E/H2/H3, C-5, T-37, T-38

Pilot wings from: Reese Air Force Base, Texas

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit

Bronze Star Medal

Meritorious Service Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Air Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Aerial Achievement Medal

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Air Force Achievement Medal

Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (with Valor Device and 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award

Combat Readiness Medal (with 1 Silver and 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star)

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (with 2 Bronze Service Stars)

Southwest Asia Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star)

Kosovo Campaign Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star)

Afghanistan Campaign Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star)

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star)

Humanitarian Service Medal

Air Force Overseas Service Ribbon - Short Tour

Air Force Expeditionary Service Medal (with Gold Frame and 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Air Force Longevity Service Award (with 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Bronze Hourglass, M Device and Numeral 5)

Small Arms Expert Marksman Ribbon

Air Force Training Ribbon

North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal

CIVILIAN OCCUPATION:

General Vollmecke serves as a Managing Director for a global medical device company. He is a graduate of Oxford University's (UK) Executive Program for Technology Management.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS:

National Guard Association of the United States
National Guard Association of West Virginia
Association of Information Technology Professionals

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant 12 August 1982
First Lieutenant 22 August 1984
Captain 22 August 1986
Major 07 October 1992
Lieutenant Colonel 22 August 1997
Colonel 18 July 2003
Brigadier General 25 March 2008
Major General 01 September 2012

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