



BRIGADER GENERAL LANCE A. OKAMURA

**Commander,
Joint Task Force Guantanamo**



BG Lance A. Okamura is a Distinguished Military Graduate from Brigham Young University. He is a dual-track Military Police and Strategic Intelligence Officer and a certified Nuclear Counter-Proliferation Officer with extensive experience serving with other US Government Departments and National Intelligence Agencies.

As a Military Police Officer, BG Okamura served in several leadership, command, and staff assignments with the 25th Infantry Division (Light) at Schofield Barracks (HI), with XVIII Airborne Corps and the USA Office of Military Support at Fort Bragg (NC), and as a Phoenix Ravens Team Leader with Special Operations Command. It was in this capacity that BG Okamura served in several overseas deployments in the Balkans, Afghanistan, and Southwest Asia to include Operations PROVIDE REFUGE, JOINT GUARDIAN, and ENDURING FREEDOM and in various DSCA assignments to include the HURRICANE FLOYD Disaster Relief Mission and Operations NOBLE EAGLE.

As a Strategic Intelligence Officer and upon completing the Post Graduate Intelligence Program with the Defense Intelligence Agency, BG Okamura served as a National Intelligence Support Team Commander and Joint Operations Officer for the Chairman's Joint Chiefs of Staff Director for Intelligence, as Deputy Commander for the DIA Defense HUMINT Contingency Operating Base-Afghanistan, and as the Executive Officer for the DIA Defense Intelligence Senior Office-Afghanistan. It was in this special capacity that BG Okamura provided direct national intelligence support to Joint Special Operations Command, U.S. Southern Command, and to Other Government Agencies-Coalition Forces in various expeditionary operations.

As a Nuclear Counter-Proliferation Officer and graduate of the Defense Nuclear Weapons School, BG Okamura served as the Commander of the Weapons of Mass Destruction-Civil Support Team for the Pacific based at Barber's Point, HI.

BG Okamura's past strategic-level staff assignments include serving as the Chief of Counter-Terrorism Programs for Special Operations Command-Pacific, Deputy Director for the Joint Interagency Coordination Group and Director for the Office of FBI-Military Affairs (Counter-Terrorism) at US Pacific Command, as a Director and Assistant Chief of Staff for Headquarters US Army Pacific, as the Chief of DoD Detainee Operations and the National Detainee Reporting Center in WASH DC, and most recently as the Deputy Commander for Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

BG Okamura is a graduate of Syracuse University's Maxwell School of National Security Studies Management Program. His civilian education consists of three Master of Science Degrees from Columbus University, the National Intelligence University, and the US Army War College. His military education includes the Senior Service College, Command and General Staff College, Combined Arms Services Staff School, and other anti-terrorism, intelligence, and special operations courses. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal w/ 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Meritorious Unit Award w/ 3 Oak Leaf clusters, and other awards. He wears the Combat Action Badge (2nd Award), Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Expert Field Medic Badge, the USAF Master Force Protection Badge, Army Staff ID Badge, Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff ID Badge, and other foreign badges.

BG Okamura is a former resident of South East Asia and reads, speaks, and writes Mandarin Chinese. He is married to Tracy Dockery, a Supervisory Special Agent with the FBI. They have two children, Makayla who is completing her Juris Doctorate at the University of Michigan Law School, and Jarod who is an Air Force Cadet attending Syracuse University, College of Aerospace Engineering.