



In Honor of

Colonel
John W. Hall
United States Army



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United States Central Command
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MacDill Air Force Base

RETIREMENT CEREMONY

Colonel John Hall

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General Kenneth F. McKenzie, Jr.

Commander, U.S. Central Command



General Kenneth F. McKenzie, Jr. is the Commander, United States Central Command.

A native of Birmingham, Alabama, upon graduation from The Citadel in 1979, Gen McKenzie was commissioned into the Marine Corps and trained as an infantry officer.

He has commanded at the platoon, company, battalion, Marine Expeditionary

Unit (MEU), and component levels. As a LtCol, he commanded First Battalion, Sixth Marines. As the Commanding Officer of the 22d MEU (SOC), he led the MEU on combat deployments to Afghanistan in 2004 and Iraq in 2005-06. In 2006-07 he served as the Military Secretary to the 33rd and 34th Commandants of the Marine Corps. In July 2007, upon promotion to BGen, he served on the Joint Staff as a Deputy Director of Operations within the National Military Command Center. In June 2008, he was selected by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to be the Director of the Chairman's New Administration Transition Team (CNATT). In this capacity, he coordinated the efforts of the Joint Staff and the combatant commands in preparing for and executing a wartime transition of administrations. In June 2009, he reported to the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Kabul, Afghanistan to serve as the Deputy to the Deputy Chief of Staff (DCOS) for Stability. Upon his return from Afghanistan, in July 2010 he was assigned as the Director, Strategy, Plans, and Policy (J-5) for the U.S. Central Command. In August 2012, he reported to Headquarters Marine Corps to serve as the Marine Corps Representative to the Quadrennial Defense Review. In June 2014, he was promoted to LtGen and assumed command of U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Central Command. In October 2015, he was assigned to the Joint Staff to serve as the Director, J-5, Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Staff. In July 2017, he was named the Director, Joint Staff. Gen McKenzie was promoted to his current rank and assumed command of U.S. Central Command in March 2019. Gen McKenzie is an honors graduate of the Armor Officer Advanced Course, Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and the School of Advanced Warfighting. He was selected as a CMC Fellow in 1999, and served as a Senior Military Fellow within the Institute for National Strategic Studies at the National Defense University. He has a Masters in Teaching with a concentration in History.

Colonel John W. Hall

Historian & Speechwriter Commander's Action Group



John W. Hall is a distinguished graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, from which he was commissioned as a second lieutenant of Infantry in 1994.

Upon graduation from Ranger School, he served as a rifle platoon leader, support platoon leader, and air operations officer in the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). He subsequently served as a battalion motor officer and rifle

company commander in the 3rd Infantry Division, with which he deployed to Kosovo.

After attending graduate school, he joined the faculty of the U.S. Military Academy, where he directed the West Point Summer Seminar in Military History and received an Excellence in Teaching Award. Colonel Hall concluded his active-duty army career in 2009 as the chief of the Future Studies Branch of the Future Warfare Division, U.S. Army TRADOC. He subsequently became the inaugural holder of the Ambrose-Hesseltine Chair in U.S. Military History at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he co-chairs the War in Society and Culture Program.

As an Army Reserve officer, he served as a historian for the West Point Department of History and U.S. European Command. In 2017, he was recalled to active duty as a historian on the Joint Staff; he joined the Central Command staff in 2020 at the request of Gen McKenzie. Colonel Hall is a past president of the Society for Military History and an Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lecturer. A recipient of the Order of Saint Maurice and an Army Historical Foundation Distinguished Writing Award, he is the author of *Uncommon Defense: Indian Allies in the Black Hawk War* (Harvard, 2009) and numerous essays on American military history. He holds a PhD in History from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. A native of Eagle, Wisconsin, Hall is married to the former Heidi C. Miller of Waukesha, Wisconsin. They have a twenty-three-year-old son, Connor.



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Arrival of Official Party

Ruffles and Flourishes

National Anthem

Invocation

Chaplain Kurt A. Mueller

Remarks

General Kenneth F. McKenzie Jr.

Retirement Award

Certificates and Gifts

Remarks

Colonel John W. Hall (USA Retired)

Army Song

Benediction

Chaplain Kurt A. Mueller

Reception