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Lieutenant Junior Grade Jennifer L. Barre, NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps LTJG Jennifer L. Barre serves as the Emergency Response Program Coordinator, for the Office of Response and Restoration Division (OR&R), of the National Ocean Service (NOS). Here she coordinates emergency response support activities during oil spills, chemical incidents and natural disasters. LTJG Barre is also the Continuity of Operations and Concept of Operations Coordinator for OR&R and support NOS. LTJG Barre is an active member of the OR&R Outreach Committee and the Diversity Board.

A native of Bay City, MI, LTJG Barre was commissioned in December of 2010. Her first assignment was to the NOAA Ship Gordon Gunter, a fisheries vessel in the Gulf of Mexico. Prior to her commission LTJG Barre worked for the State of Michigan, Department of Environmental Quality; where she was a Senior Environmental Quality Analyst.

LTJG Barre is a 2002 graduate from Saginaw Valley State University of Mid-Michigan with a Bachelor's of Science; major in Biology, with minors in Chemistry and Criminal Justice. Her service decorations include the NOAA Corps Achievement Award. She is a qualified NOAA Corps Dive Officer and certified Medical Person in Charge and a certified FEMA Professional Continuity Practitioner.

Captain Joseph Brenner, USN
Originally a native New Englander, Joe has spent the past 26 years in service to our country as an active-duty naval officer. Earning a B.S. in Oceanography from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1988, he went on to earn an M.S. in Meteorology and Oceanography from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. Joe also holds and M.A. in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. Joe's military career has given him the opportunity to live and serve in places such as Charleston, South Carolina, Rota, Spain, Yokosuka, Japan, Newport, Rhode Island, and San

Diego, California. Since 2008, he has been back on this side of the country serving first on the Chief of Naval Operations' Operational Navy Staff at the Pentagon, and then as the Deputy Director of Task Force Climate Change in Washington, D.C. In 2013, he took his current position as a military professor in the Oceanography Department at the U.S. Naval Academy.

Joe and his wife Marion, have two children, Joseph and Ella.

Lieutenant Colonel Erik Brine, USAFR
Erik is currently a Presidential Management Fellow at the Department of State, where he advises on foreign military sales policy and strategy. Previously, he has served in the Executive Office of the President in the Office of Management and Budget and has worked on Capitol Hill in the Office of Senator Tim Kaine, advising on defense and veteran issues.

As a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force Reserve, he supports the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs as a Press Officer. Before spending several years in various Pentagon offices as a civilian and reservist, Erik spent 10 years as an Active Duty Air Force pilot flying C-17 and C-21 aircraft. He has logged over 100 combat sorties in Iraq and Afghanistan and flown missions into 56 countries.

Erik is a co-founder of Operation Encore: A veteran Music Project and an Alumni Board Member of the McCourt School at Georgetown University. Erik holds a Master's of Policy Management from Georgetown's McCourt School of Public Policy, a Master's of Science in Logistics from the Air Force Institute of Technology and a Bachelor's in Physics from Boston University. He resides in Arlington, VA with his wife and four children.

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Joachim J. Consiglio, USA
Joachim J. Consiglio "Joe" is a graduate of Trident University International with a Masters in Business Administrations (Human Resources); graduate of Excelsior College with a Bachelor's in Business Administration; graduate of Northern Virginia Community College with an Associate's in General Studies. He has served in numerous positions for the United States Army Warrant Officer Association for over 17 years, culminating as the European Regional Director.

He has 27 years of active duty in the United States Army; currently assigned to the Pentagon, working in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G4 as the Senior Logistics Advisor. His previous assignment was with United States Army Africa (SETAF), where he was a Sustainment Operations Division Chief.

Joe comes to MOAA from the United States Army Warrant Officer Association European region; where he has been a stalwart volunteer committing over 950 hours of community service in planning and running events which improved military and foreign relationships; the linkage he provided help strengthen the respect and dedication the host nation has come to expect from the Warrant Officer Corps.

Joe resides in Gainesville, Virginia with his daughter, Grazia who is a sophomore at Central Texas College.

COL Debra D. Daniels, USA

Colonel Daniels was born in Stuttgart, Germany. She graduated from Augusta College in Augusta, Georgia earning a Bachelor of Science in Biology. She was commissioned, through the ROTC program, as a distinguished military graduate, and became a Second Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers. COL Daniels' assignments include Platoon Leader, Executive Officer and Engineer Equipment Maintenance Officer in the 293rd Engineer Battalion Combat (Heavy) Baumholder, Germany. She was the Assistant Group G-3 and Company Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 36th Engineer Group and deployed to Somalia in support of Operation Restore Hope. Company Commander, St. Louis Recruiting Company, 5th Recruiting Brigade, St. Louis, Missouri. Project Engineer for the Southern Korean peninsula, Far East District, Pacific Ocean Division, with the Corps of Engineers in Taegu, Korea. Program Integrator for the Navy Phalanx Block 1B Development Program and Life Cycle Support Concept during a Training with Industry Program with Raytheon Missiles System Company, Navy Weapons Systems Division in Tucson, Arizona. Contracting Officer and Operations Division Chief, Corps of Engineers New York District, North Atlantic Division, in New York City. Team Leader and Contingency Contracting Officer with deployments to Kosovo, Macedonia and Nigeria while assigned to the Wurzburg Regional Contracting Office, European Contracting Command. She served as Assistant Project Manager for Program Integration for the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense Missile (THAAD) RDT&E program, Missile Defense Agency. Commander, Wiesbaden Contracting Center, European Contracting Command in Wiesbaden, Germany and while in command, deployed to Iraq as the Commander, Contract Operations, PARC-Forces, Joint Contracting Command Iraq/Afghanistan supporting OPERATIONS IRAQI and ENDURING FREEDOM. COL Daniels was the Executive Officer for the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisitions, Logistics and Technology) and then the Director, Contract Operations for the Assistant Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Procurement) Iraq/Afghanistan. COL Daniels was Commander, 409th Contracting Support Brigade/Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting-Europe in Kaiserslautern, Germany. After Brigade Command, COL Daniels deployed to Afghanistan and was assigned to the NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan/Combined

Security Transition Command-Afghanistan (NTM-A/CSTC-A) as the Director, Contract Management and Audit Oversight supporting OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. COL Daniels is currently assigned as the Military Deputy, Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

COL Daniels military and civilian education includes the Engineer Officer Basic and Advance Courses, the Command and General Staff College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF). She has a Masters Degree in Management from Troy State University and a Masters Degree in National Resource Strategy from National Defense University. She is Level III certified in Contracting and Level II certified in Program Management and Systems and is a member of the Army Acquisition Corps.

COL Daniels was the 2000 recipient of the Secretary of the Army Military Contingency Contracting Officer of the Year Award and the 2000 U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army HCA Award for Contracting Excellence for Contingency Contracting. Her other awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Staff Officer Identification Badge, the Basic Recruiters Badge, the Parachutist Badge and the Bronze Order of the de Fleury Medal.

Lieutenant Samantha Foxton, USN

LT Samantha Foxton was commissioned from the United States Naval Academy in 2007 as a Surface Warfare Officer and reported to USS PRINCETON (CG-59) as the Strike Officer. In October 2009, LT Foxton was selected by her Commanding Officer for the Division Officer Sequence Plan-C and completed the Aegis Training and Readiness Center CSO Track III course before returning as the Fire Control Officer. LT Foxton also served as the Force Protection Officer and Visit Board Search and Seizure Officer completing two WESTPAC deployments and one AFRICOM AOR deployment. In June 2011, LT Foxton reported to the Center for Surface Combat Systems-Headquarters as the Land Attack and Strike Officer Subject Matter Expert. In December 2012, LT Foxton was selected for a lateral transfer to Naval Intelligence and in March 2013, she reported to the Navy and Marine Corps Intelligence Training Center to attend the Naval Intelligence Officer Basic Course and was subsequently re-designated as an 1830.

In August 2013, LT Foxton reported to the Office of Naval Intelligence to the Transnational Threats watch and subsequently Senior Watch Officer for the Global

Maritime Collaboration Center (GMCC). She is currently the GMCC Operations Officer and is selected to become the GMCC Current Operations Branch Head in December.

LT Foxton holds a Bachelor of Science in Oceanography, and a Master of Science in Intelligence Management. LT Foxton resides in Alexandria, VA.

Major Cameron G. Gallagher, USA
Major Cameron G. Gallagher has served as the Army's Forward Congressional Budget Liaison (BUL) to Members and Congressional staff serving on the House Appropriations Committee since June of 2014.

A native of Miami, Florida, Cameron was commissioned from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 2003 and has served over eleven years on active duty. His most recent assignment was the Military Congressional Fellow for Congressman Adam Schiff (D-CA), a member of the House Appropriations Committee and House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

During his 11 year Army career, Cameron has served in numerous tactical leadership and staff assignments as an Army Aviation Officer and AH-64D Apache aviator. Most recently, Cameron served as a Captains Career Course Small Group Leader and doctrine developer at the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence at Ft. Rucker, AL. Cameron commanded an AH-64D Attack helicopter company and an Aviation Unit Maintenance company for 27 months in the 101st Airborne Division at Ft. Campbell, KY and deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom IX and XI. Prior to command, Cameron served as a platoon leader and staff officer in the Republic of Korea.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, and the Korea Defense Service Medal. Major Gallagher is a graduate of the Aviation Officer Basic and Captains Career Courses. He is a qualified AH-64D Maintenance Test Pilot and rated in the AH-64D and OH-58A/C helicopters.

Cameron earned a Master of Professional Studies in Legislative Affairs from George Washington University in 2013, and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics from the United States Military Academy in 2003. He is currently a Master of International Public Policy (MIPP) candidate at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS).

Cameron resides in Arlington with his wife, CC and their 4-month old son, Henry.

Major Joseph Garaux, USMC

Maj Garaux enlisted in the United States Marine Corps reserves as a 0341 mortar man in 1995. Upon graduation from The Ohio State University in 1999 he reported to The Basic Officers Course from 1999-2000. In 2000 2ndLt Garaux was designated a logistics officer and was ordered to 1st Force Service Support Group Camp Pendleton, California where he served as a motor transportation platoon commander, CG's aide de camp, and company executive officer. During that period Lt Garaux participated in a Brigade level exercise titled Kernel Blitz, Division level exercise titled Steel Knight, and several Combined Arms Exercises at 29 Palms, California before deploying in Jan 2003 to Kuwait and Iraq. During this deployment, Lt Garaux's company served in direct support of the 1st Marine Division for all logistics support during the 'March Up'. After this deployment, Lt Garaux was promoted to Capt and served as the company commander for Transportation Support Company, MEU Service Support Group-11 where he deployed for 11 months to Najaf, Iraq. During this deployment, Capt Garaux participated in the battle for Najaf (Aug-Sept 04) and the second battle for Fallujah (Nov 04).

Following his combat tours, Capt Garaux was assigned to NROTC instructor duty where he served as an assistant professor of Naval Science at the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia from 2005-2008. During that time, he earned a Master's Degree in Diplomacy with an emphasis in global conflict management from Norwich University. Following this assignment, he was selected to attend the Marine Corps' Expeditionary Warfare School in Quantico, Virginia from 2008-2009.

In May of 2009, Capt Garaux graduated EWS and was assigned to 1st Marine Infantry Regiment, 1st Marine Division Camp Pendleton, California as the Regimental Logistics Officer. After completing a 12 month Afghanistan combat preparation training package, the 1st Marine Regiment deployed for combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan for a 13 month deployment. Following his three years with 1st Marine Division, Maj Garaux attended the USMC Command and Staff College in Quantico, VA where he earned distinguished graduate honors and a Masters of Military Science. Maj Garaux currently serves as a Faculty Advisor/Instructor at the Marine Corps' Expeditionary Warfare School, Quantico, VA. He and his wife Heidi have two children, Lilianna (7) and Charlotte (4).

Major Francesca A. Graham, USA
Francesca A. Graham graduated from the United States Military Academy, West Point, with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science. She subsequently earned a Master of Arts in International Relations from Webster University and a Master of Science in Strategic Intelligence from the National Intelligence University. She has served in the Army since enlisting in the Reserves in 1997, then matriculated to West Point in 2000.

Her activities outside of work are colored by the expectations and requirements of her service. They include studying, running, taking care of her family, and being a presence in the lives of her friends. Francesca resides in Springfield, VA and is currently serving on the Joint Staff in the J2.

Lieutenant Colonel Jennifer Kasker, USA
LTC Jennifer Kasker graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point with a Bachelor of Science in Economics. She later received her MBA from Yale School of Management.

Jennifer is an active duty military police officer who has been in the Army 16 years and commanded troops in two deployments to Iraq. More recently she served in the U.S. Army Criminal Investigative Division (CID) as a battalion executive officer.
For three years, Jennifer was an instructor and course director in the Social Sciences Department at West Point and taught Economics, Money and Banking, Finance and Officership.

Currently, Jennifer serves as the National Programs Director at the U.S. Army's Soldier for Life Program which connects Army, governmental, and community efforts to build relationships that facilitate successful reintegration of our Soldiers, Retired Soldiers, Veterans, and their Families.

Jennifer resides in Lorton, VA with her husband, Chris, a U.S. Army Public Affairs Officer and her two daughters, Karasten and Kamaren.

1LT R. Shawn Lopes, Virginia Army National Guard
Shawn Lopes graduated from Massachusetts Maritime Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Safety and Environmental Protection and is currently working on a Master of Arts Degree in Transportation and Logistics Management through American Military University. He currently serves as an Infantry officer in the Virginia Army National Guard, and was previously a Mechanized Infantry Officer in the North Carolina Army National Guard. Before joining the Guard, Shawn sailed as a Merchant Mariner and continues to work full-time in the Maritime Industry. He is originally from the DC area, having grown up in Silver Spring, MD and is a graduate of Gonzaga College High School in Washington, DC. Outside of work, he continues to be active among Veterans and military families by being a member of Team RWB (Red, White, and Blue) where the goal is for members to enrich the lives of other veterans through physical fitness and social gathering, thereby re-giving the sense of military-type camaraderie to one-another. He also volunteers with TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors)as a Mentor and through other TAPS events. Shawn is an avid cyclist and triathlete, he has raced in and completed one Ironman with hopes of a few more.

Commander Steve L. Morin, USPHS
CDR Steve L. Morin graduated from the University of Southern Maine in Portland, Maine with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. He joined the United States Public Health Service in May 2000 as a Commission Corp Officer. Since being stationed at the Food and Drug Administration in 2009 CDR Morin helps patients, caregivers and patient advocates in understanding the life cycle of medical product development, working to increasing the patient voice in medical product development and helping the public understanding the regulatory framework that makes up the FDA. Outside of work, he continues to educate many veterans, spouses, and military children on the Commission Corps, its values and importance in protecting the health of our nation.

CDR Morin resides in Washington, DC with his husband, Bobby Briggs a lifelong Washingtonian.

Major Jess Mullen, USMCR
Jess Mullen graduated from Vanderbilt University and was commissioned a 2ndLt in the United States Marine Corps in 1998. A Logistics Officer (0402), she served on active duty for ten years, in a variety of billets. She ended active service in 2008 and transitioned to the USMC Reserves. Currently, she's using her leadership skills and steadfast resolve to homeschool her four children. She is married to an active duty Marine.

Major Jessica J. Ryu, USMC
Originally from North Carolina, Major Jessica Ryu received her commission in the Marine Corps through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps at the University of Michigan in 2002, and attended The Basic School with Bravo Company. After being selected for signals intelligence, Maj Ryu attended the Tactical Cryptologic Communications Course and the Naval Cryptologic Officer Basic Course. Upon graduation, Maj Ryu was assigned to 2d Radio Battalion, where she served as a Platoon Commander, Watch Officer, Collection Manager and Company Commander between January 2004 and July 2007. During this tour, Maj Ryu deployed twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

After being selected for the Junior Officer Career Cryptologic Program, Maj Ryu was assigned to Company B, Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion and completed an internship with the National Security Agency from August 2007 to July 2010. She deployed to Afghanistan in 2009 as the Real-Time Regional Gateway officer-in-charge, providing support to in-theater signals intelligence analysts.

From July 2010 to June 2013, Maj Ryu was assigned to 1st Radio Battalion, where she served as the Battalion Training Officer, Charlie Company Commander and Headquarters and Service Company Commander. While assigned to 1st Radio Battalion, Maj Ryu completed the MAGTF Intelligence Officers Course, where she was the distinguished graduate. She deployed to Afghanistan with Charlie Company from December 2011 to August 2012.

Maj Ryu is currently stationed in Quantico, VA and is serving as a Faculty Advisor at the Expeditionary Warfare School.

Lieutenant Colonel Walter J. Smiley, Jr., USA
LTC Smiley graduated from the Prairie View A&M University with a degree in information systems and was commissioned as a Field Officer. He earned a master's of science degree in public administration from the University of Central Michigan. He has command at both the company and battalion level. He has also served in staff positions from Battalion, Brigade, Corps and Joint Staff echelons. He has deployed to Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Walter lives in Lorton, VA with his wife, Tammie, and their daughter, Kaitlyn.

Commander Jeffrey Tarrant, USPHS
CDR Tarrant is a U.S. Public Health Service Officer currently assigned to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) in Washington, DC as a Program Management Officer, where his duties focus on providing internal and external constituents' clear-language guidance material related to food safety and defense, managing agency emergency operations, and working on special projects.

From 1998 to 2004, he was an Environmental Health Officer in the U.S. Navy. During that time, he developed public health policy, managed public health programs and provided environmental health consultation while stationed at U.S. Naval Hospital – Okinawa, Japan, U.S. Naval Hospital – Naples, Italy and U.S. Navy Environmental & Preventive Medicine Unit No. 2 in Norfolk, Virginia. In 2005, he was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Public Health Service and detailed to the USDA.

He has a strong educational and professional background in environmental health, environmental science and public health. He earned his Bachelor of Specialized Studies and Master of Science degrees from Ohio University and was awarded a Graduate Certificate in Public Health Leadership from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Gillings School of Global Public Health.

An avid scuba diver, bicyclist and environmentalist, he currently resides in Reston, Virginia with his wife Charmaine and daughter Olivia.

Captain Art Taryan, ARNG
Currently an Officer in Virginia's only cyber operations unit and a professional DoD contractor in program management. Commissioned as an engineer from the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) in 2008 and was the first Officer from that class to deploy to Afghanistan in early 2009. Has also been heavily involved in Virginia's State Partnership Program with Tajikistan with several TDYs focused on security partnership building through military-to-military engagements.