



SMA CENTCOM (Afghanistan) Panel Discussion

CENTCOM Perspectives in Afghanistan and Southwest Asia

Booklet

7 June 2018

1000-1100 EST

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Agenda

Panel Description: On 7 June 2018, 1000-1100 ET, several speakers will convene a panel session and discuss areas related to the latest SMA/CENTCOM Reach Back Cell study focusing on stability and future pathways in Afghanistan. Speakers will include:

LTC Lee Barnard (J5 Security Cooperation – Central Asia)

LTC Mark Baucom (J5 Assessments and Communications Synchronization - Central & South Asia)

Col Eero Keravuori – **moderator** (J5 Combined Strategic Analysis Group)

LTC Aslan Sayyar (J5 Security Cooperation – Afghanistan)

LTC Ron Storer (J5 Plans – Central & South Asia)

Topics of Discussion: The panel will provide discuss CENTCOM's perspectives on a variety of issues prevalent in both Afghanistan and Southwest Asia.

Speaker Biographies

LTC Lee A. Barnard

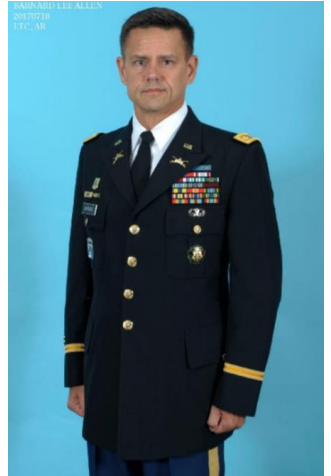
*Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army
Central Asia Branch Chief, CCJ5 Security Cooperation, U.S. Central Command*

Born February 6, 1967 to James K. and Elinor R. Barnard in Nashville, Tennessee

Education: Bachelor of Arts, College of Liberal Arts, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, 1994 (summa cum laude); Master of Arts, Department of Political Science and Russian and East European Institute, Indiana University at Bloomington, 1996.

Enlisted U.S. Navy and U.S. Army Service: Aviation Ordnanceman Petty Officer 3rd Class, USS Kitty Hawk, CV-63 (1985-1989); Sergeant, 98th Division (IT), U.S. Army Reserve, Bloomington, Indiana (1994-96).

Officer U.S. Army Service: Commissioned as second lieutenant in the infantry (Distinguished Military Graduate), Army ROTC, Indiana University at Bloomington (1996); Rifle Platoon Leader, Heavy Mortar Platoon Leader, and Assistant S-3 Air, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia (1997- 1999); Basic Training Company Executive Officer, 2nd Battalion, 46th Infantry Regiment, Fort Knox, Kentucky (2001-2002); Battalion Motor Officer, Tank Company Commander, and HHC Company Commander in 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Republic of Korea (2003-2006); Instructor, 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment, Fort Rucker, Alabama (2006-2008); International Operations LNO to Multi-National Corps- Iraq (UK), Basra, Iraq (2007-2008); Army 48E Foreign Area Officer Program (2008-2011); Office of Military Cooperation Chief, U.S. Embassy, Tashkent, Uzbekistan (2011-2013); Russia-Ukraine-Baltic States Country Director, G-3/5/7 Army International Affairs, Headquarters Department of the Army, Pentagon (2013-2015); Central Asia Branch Chief, CCJ5 Security Cooperation, U.S. Central Command, MacDill, Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida (July 2015-present).



Military Schools: Resident Command and General Staff College (ILE); Defense Language Institute – Foreign Language Center; TRADOC Total Army Instructor Course; Combined Arms and Service Staff School; Cavalry Leaders Course; Armor Maneuver Captains' Career Course; Infantry Mortar Leaders' Course; Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle Course; Infantry Basic Officers' Leader Course; Airborne School; Ordnanceman's A School; Shipboard Firefighting School; Navy Basic Training Great Lakes.

Military Awards: Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (3 OLC), Joint Meritorious Unit Award (2 OLC), Navy Meritorious Unit Medal (Persian Gulf), Navy Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal (1 star), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal (1 star), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Army Overseas Service Ribbon (3 device), Navy Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Army Staff Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Basic Parachutist Badge.

Languages: Russian (2+/2+, September 2017)

Married to Jennifer G. Barnard and with four stepchildren (Boaz, Ella, Hannah, and Sarah)

LTC Mark Baucom

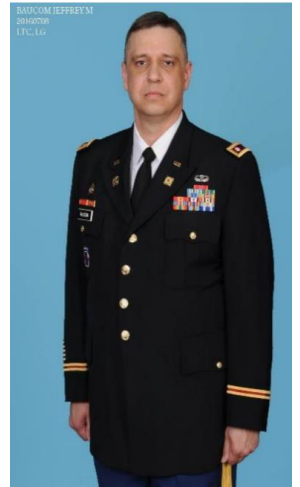
*Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army
Central and South Asia (CASA) Branch Chief, J5 - Assessments, U.S. Central Command*

Lt. Col. J. Mark Baucom of Smyrna, Georgia began his military career as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Ordnance branch. He received his commission in the United States Army on 13 June 1993 through the Army ROTC program at Mercer University in Macon, GA.

After Lt. Col. Baucom completed the Ordnance Officer's Basic Course in November 1993, he was assigned to the 1015th Maintenance Company at Ft Gillem, GA. From 1994 to 2000, Lt. Col. Baucom held positions at the 1015th Maintenance

Company to include: Ground Support Equipment Platoon Leader, Property Book Officer and Shop Officer. In 2000, Lt. Col. Baucom transferred to the Small Arms Training Team (SATT) and was assigned as the Regimental S-1 where he was responsible for the administration of SATT members nationwide.

In 2002, Lt. Col. Baucom joined the 300th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment located at Ft McPherson, GA acting as the detachment's administrative officer. In May 2003, Lt. Col. Baucom was selected to command of the 317th Military History Detachment for a 2004 Operation Enduring Freedom tour to Bagram, Afghanistan. During his tour, LTC Baucom served under the 10th Mountain Division and 25th Infantry Division contributing several products to their respective museums and to the Center of Military History. When he returned in 2005, Lt. Col. Baucom became the Commander of the 300th MPAD and was responsible for the Public Affairs mission in the Atlanta area.



In 2008, Lt. Col. Baucom completed the Public Affairs Qualification Course and the Joint Public Affairs Course in preparation for an Operation Iraqi Freedom tour to Baghdad / Basra, Iraq where he was the Commander of the 343rd MPAD. Again, Lt. Col. Baucom served under the 10th Mountain Division and also the 34th Infantry Division. During the deployment, his team's video products in collaboration with PBS won the prestigious EMMY Award.

When he returned from Iraq in 2010, Lt. Col. Baucom was mobilized to San Antonio, TX as the 4th ESC Mobilization Team Training Officer and then as the G3 Mobilization Team Leader. He assisted the 4th ESC and down trace brigades to prepare their units for OIF/OEF deployments. During his tenure at the 4th ESC, Lt. Col. Baucom completed Command & General Staff College and the Theater Sustainment Course.

In May 2012, Lt. Col. Baucom was assigned as the Secretary General Staff of the 311th ESC in Los Angeles, CA for a 2013 Operation Enduring Freedom tour to Kandahar, Afghanistan. The 311th ESC was charged with the retrograde of material and equipment back to the United States. After the tour, Lt. Col. Baucom returned home to Acworth, Georgia where he became the Chief of the Public Affairs Directorate for the 108th Training Command (IET) in Charlotte, NC.

In August 2015, Lt. Col. Baucom took command of the 314th Press Camp Headquarters (PCH) in Birmingham, AL. During his tenure, Lt. Col. Baucom deployed with a forward element of his PCH to augment the XVIII Airborne Corps Public Affairs Directorate for a 2017 Operation Inherent Resolve tour to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait where he served as the Chief of Media Operations for the Combined Joint Task Force.

Currently, Lt. Col. Baucom is mobilized at CENTCOM Headquarters, MacDill AFB, FL where he is the Branch Chief for J5 CASA Assessments and Communications Synchronization.

Lt. Col. Baucom is a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage and a full-time graduate student in the MBA program at Kennesaw State University.

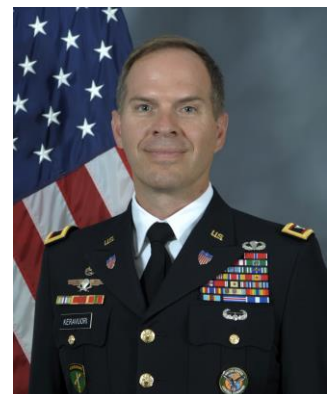
He has been married for 21 years to Susan Holton Baucom of Snellville, Georgia.

COL Eero Keravuori

*Colonel, U.S. Army
Division Chief, CENTCOM J5 Combined Strategic Analysis Group*

COL Eero Keravuori started his military service in 1991 as a combat medic in the 2ND/325 Airborne Infantry Regiment of the 82ND Airborne Division. In May 1997, he was commissioned as an officer in the US Army Adjutant General Corps. COL Keravuori spent six years on active duty based in Germany with deployments to Bosnia, Kosovo, Poland and Kuwait in roles including Platoon Leader, TF Commander and Corps Battlestaff planner.

After Release from Active Duty, COL Keravuori spent two years working with the Department of Justice on International Law Enforcement before mobilizing as a Civil Affairs officer in Iraq as the PRT Rule of Law Team Leader for Baghdad Province. He then served as a Counterterrorism Operations Officer with Dep of State Counterterrorism Bureau, the G-3 Ops/Intel Integration Branch Chief with the Military Intelligence Readiness Command (MIRC), and as the MIRC Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1. In 2016, he joined the CENTCOM J-3 Joint Operations Center (JOC) as the JOC Team Chief. COL Keravuori is currently the Division



Chief of the CENTCOM Combined Strategic Analysis Group.

COL Keravuori earned a Bachelor's of Science Degree from the United States Military Academy, a Master's Degree in International Relations from the University of Oklahoma and an MBA from Cameron University. He is a graduate of the Adjutant General, Military Intelligence, and Civil Affairs schoolhouses, the Army Command and General Staff College, the Defense Strategy Course, and is currently attending the Army War College Distance Education Program.

COL Keravuori's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Commendation, and the US and Finnish Airborne Badges among others.

LTC Aslan Sayyar

*Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army
South Asia Branch Chief, CENTCOM J5*

LTC Aslan Sayyar is an Army Foreign Area Officer with a specialty in South Asia. He has served as the Senior South Asia Analyst on the US Army Staff, as a Civ-Mil Operations Chief on a Provincial Reconstruction Team in Uruzgan Afghanistan, as the Deputy Military Advisor to the African Union, as the Assistance Army Attaché to the US Embassy in Kabul, as the Pakistan Desk Officer at CENTCOM J5, and currently as the South Asia Branch Chief for CENTCOM J5. He has an MA in Asian Security Studies from the Naval Postgraduate school and is a functional speaker of Persian-Afghan (Dari).

LtCol Ron Storer

*Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps
CASA Branch Chief, CENTCOM CCJ5-P-CASA*

LtCol Storer entered the Marine Corps on August 16, 1988 on the delayed entry program. During the summer of 1989 he attended recruit training at MCRD San Diego, California. After completing recruit training, he reported to his Marine Corps Ready Reserve unit C Co, 4th Tank Battalion, Boise, Idaho where he was assigned as an 1811 M60 Tank Crewman.

Lance Corporal Storer attended armor crewman school in Fort Knox, Kentucky June-August 1990, where he received the MOS of 1811. During the next year LCpl Storer, with his unit was activated and deployed to take part in Operation Desert Shield/Storm. LCpl Storer returned to the United States in May of 1991 and continued to focus on attending college at Boise State University in Boise, Idaho. LCpl Storer served with C Co 4th Tanks until 1995, where he graduated Boise State with a Bachelor's degree in History and minors in Political Science and Sociology and an Associate in Criminal Justice and Law enforcement. Upon completing College Sergeant Storer reported to Quantico, Virginia to attend Officer Candidates School during the summer of 1996.



Upon completion of OCS, 2ndLt Storer reported to The Basic School where he graduated in May of 1997 with the MOS of 1802 Armor Officer. 2ndLt Storer reported to Fort Knox Kentucky during the summer of 1997 and completed Armor officer Basic and the Scout Platoon Leaders Course. He then reported in to 2d Tank Battalion 2d Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Once at 2d Tanks 2ndLt Storer served as an M1A1 Tank Platoon Commander, Tank Company Executive Officer, AT-TOW Platoon Commander, and a Tank Company Commander. After Completing three years at 2d Tank Battalion, 1st Lt Storer executed orders to the Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory, Project Metropolis, Quantico, Virginia, and was assigned as the Training Officer in Charge of urban tactics techniques and procedures "PROJECT METROPOLIS".

Captain Storer spent two years writing new doctrine for the Marine Corps on Urban tactics. In August 2002 he returned to Fort Knox Kentucky to attend the Armor Captains Career Course.

Upon Completion of the course in December of 2002, Captain Storer reported to 2d Tank Battalion, 2d Marine Division, II MEF and deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom as the Assistant Operations Officer for the Battalion for OIF. On April 4th 2003 outside of Baghdad, Captain Storer assumed command of C Company 2d Tank Battalion. Upon returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom, Captain Storer remained with Company C for 15 months then relinquished command in July of 2004, when he was assigned as the S-4 Logistics Officer for 2d Tank Battalion.

In July of 2005 Captain Storer transferred from 2d Tank Battalion and reported to 4th Tank Battalion, 4th Marine Division and was assigned as the Inspector-Instructor for C Company 4th Tank Battalion, Boise, Idaho. He was promoted to Major in October 2006. In July 2008 Major Storer attended the Marine Corps Command and Staff College graduating with a Masters of Military Studies in June 2009.

It was then that Major Storer received orders to 1st Tank Battalion to serve as the Battalion Executive Officer. During his tour he served as the XO for Black Sea Rotational Force 2010 and spent four months in the Black Sea region conducting Theater Security Cooperation. In December of 2010 Major Storer led a small team of Marines into Afghanistan to establish the first tank company in support of OEF.

In July of 2011 Major Storer reported for duty at Marine Corps Tactics and Operations Group, 29 Palms, California. Major Storer worked as the Current Operations Officer, Exercise Control Officer, and the Instructor Group OIC. Filling these billets, Major Storer developed exercises for battalion and regimental staffs training in support of OEF deployments. He acted as a mentor to over 200 Operations/Intelligence and Tactics Instructor students and managed all four periods of instruction as the Formal Schools Manager. Major Storer was promoted to LtCol on 1 August 2013 and was selected for command later that month.

LtCol Storer's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with combat distinguishing device for valor and three gold stars, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon with gold star, and Marine Corps Reserve Good Conduct Medal with one bronze star.

LtCol Storer is married to the former Deanna Wallinga of Kuna, ID and they have two sons Jack and Ryan.