

Brigadier General Peter B. Zwack U.S. Army {Retired}

From 2012 – 2014, BG (r) Peter Zwack served as the United States Senior Defense Official and Attache to the Russian Federation. By interacting with Russians at multiple levels since 1989, including defense, security, academia, policy, veterans, and private citizens, BG Zwack developed a unique hands-on perspective on Russia and Eurasian security affairs during a turbulent period that included the recent strife in Crimea and Eastern Ukraine.

BG Zwack enlisted in the US Army in 1980 and received his commission via Officer Candidate School (OCS). He subsequently served 34 years as a Military Intelligence and Eurasian Foreign Area Officer serving in diverse and challenging duty and deployment locations including Afghanistan, Kosovo, Russia, South Korea and West Germany. During his career he commanded at multiple echelons including the 66th MI Group and was the intelligence chief (G2) for US Army Europe from 2006-2008, and the senior Army intelligence officer (SIO) in Afghanistan from 2008-9.

Inducted into the OCS Hall of Fame in 2015, BG Zwack is a recipient of the Bronze Star, Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Superior Service Medal, and many other awards and citations including the Afghan Service Medal and NATO/Kosovo Medal. He was also honored as the Joint Chief's of Staff "Action Officer of the Year" for 1999. He proudly wore the Ranger Tab and Airborne Wings.

Recently retired, he is the Senior Russia Eurasia Fellow at the Institute for National Strategic Studies within National Defense University. As such he regularly consults and lectures within the defense department, interagency, think tanks, academic institutions and private industry on contemporary Russian and Eurasian security issues, and leadership lessons learned.

BG Zwack speaks Russian, German, Italian, and some French.

His home with family is Newport, Rhode Island from which he commutes to work in Washington DC. Diversions include military history and writing, travel, scuba diving and lacrosse.