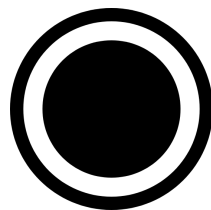




# America's First Corps

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Change of Command  
from  
LTG Xavier T. Brunson  
to  
LTG Matthew W. McFarlane

Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA  
25 October 2024



# *Sequence of Events*

*Opening Remarks*

*Invocation*

*Arrival of the Official Party*

*Ruffles and Flourishes*

*National Anthem*

***Change of Command***

*Remarks*

***GEN Charles A. Flynn***

***U.S. Army Pacific Commanding General***

***LTG Xavier T. Brunson***

***I Corps Commanding General***

***LTG Matthew W. McFarlane***

***Incoming I Corps Commanding General***

*I Corps Song*

*The Army Song*

## ***GEN Charles A. Flynn***



General Charles A. Flynn assumed command of the United States Army's largest Service Component Command, U.S. Army Pacific (USARPAC), on June 4, 2021. U.S. Army Pacific is headquartered at Fort Shafter, Hawaii with elements of the command-forward deployed and based throughout the Indo-Pacific.

General Flynn comes to Fort Shafter after serving as deputy chief of staff for Army operations, plans, and training at the Pentagon. General Flynn has served in a variety of command, staff, and leadership positions from platoon leader to division commander with many of these key positions in this Theater.

General Flynn commanded A Company, 4th Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and later A Company 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Lewis, Washington. He served as the Operations Officer of the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division (Light), and later as the Operations Officer of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He commanded the 2nd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment also served as G3 Operations Officer, 82nd Airborne Division; deployed to both OEF and OIF. He later deployed to Iraq in support of OIF as the commander of the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC.

Following Brigade Command, General Flynn served as the Executive Assistant, Director of the Joint Staff, and then Executive Officer, Commander, International Security Assistance Force, United States Forces – Afghanistan. He then served as the Director, Mission Command Center of Excellence and later as the acting Commanding General, United States Army Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He returned to Fort Bragg to serve as the Deputy Commanding General (Operations) of the 82nd Airborne Division then became Assistant G-3/5/7 (Readiness), United States Army Forces Command.

May 2014 General Flynn returned to the 25th Infantry Division as the Commander and later became the Deputy Commanding General, United States Army Pacific.

General Flynn is a graduate of the United States Naval War College with a Master's Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies and a graduate of the Joint Advanced Warfighting School (JAWS) with a Master's Degree in Joint Campaign Planning and Strategy from National Defense University.

General Flynn is married to Kathleen Flynn and they have three children Molly, Sean, and Tara.



## *LTG Xavier T. Brunson*



Lieutenant General (LTG) Xavier T. Brunson is the Commanding General of I Corps and Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM). As a General Officer, LTG Brunson has served in numerous staff and command positions in Conventional and Special Operations Forces. His operational assignments have included service in Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, Freedom's Sentinel, and Inherent Resolve. LTG Brunson was commissioned as an Infantry Officer upon graduation from Hampton University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. He also earned a Master of Arts in Human Resource Development from Webster University and a Master of Science in National Security Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College. LTG Brunson's notable civic awards include Omega Psi Phi's Brother Dr. Julian Haywood Gamma Epsilon Founder's Leadership Award and the United States National Park Service's Trailblazer Award from the Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument. The following honors were awarded by U.S. Army Regimental Associations: Honorable Order of Saint Barbara (Field Artillery), Centurion Order of Saint Maurice (Infantry), Order of Aaron and Hur (Chaplains), Thomas Knowlton Award (Military Intelligence), and Colonel Eli E. Nobleman Award (Civil Affairs). He is married to Colonel (retired) Kirsten Brunson, and they have two daughters and one son.

## *LTG Matthew W. McFarlane*



Lieutenant General Matthew W. McFarlane is the Deputy Commanding General of First Corps. He hails from Burke, VA, and was a distinguished military graduate at James Madison University, where he commissioned as an Infantry officer in 1992.

Lieutenant General McFarlane served in Ranger, Airborne, and Mechanized Infantry formations, with extensive experience in both conventional and special operations. He has commanded at the Company through Combined Joint Task Force level while serving at a variety of duty stations in the continental United States, Italy, Alaska, and Hawaii. His operational and combat experience includes commanding Soldiers in Kosovo, Afghanistan, Syria, and Iraq.

As a General Officer, Lieutenant General McFarlane served as the Deputy Commanding General (Operations) in the 82d Airborne Division, the Senior Military Assistant for the Deputy Secretary of Defense, the Commanding General of the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, CO, the Deputy Commanding General for the U.S. Army Pacific (USARPAC), and, most recently, as the Commanding General, Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve in Iraq.

Lieutenant General McFarlane holds a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from James Madison University and Master's Degrees in Policy Management from Georgetown University, Management from Webster University, and National Security and Strategic Studies from the National War College. He also completed the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Fellows Program, Seminar XXI.

Lieutenant General McFarlane's awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal, three Bronze Star Medals, the Combat Infantryman Badge with star, the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, and the Ranger Tab. Lieutenant General McFarlane is also a Distinguished Member of the 75th Ranger Regiment, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, and the 503d Infantry Regiment (Airborne).

Lieutenant General McFarlane is married and has two grown sons.



# *I Corps Song*

***We are the Soldiers of America's Corps,  
We're here to serve and keep our country free.***

***Like brave patriots who've gone before,***

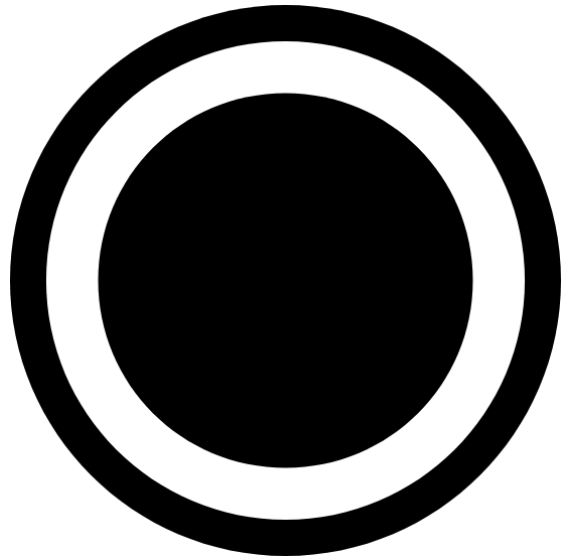
***We will press on to victory!***

***When called to the battlefield,***

***Up on the front you'll hear the roar.***

***No need to fear the best is here,***

***The Soldiers of First Corps!***



# *The Army Song*

***March along, sing our song, with the Army of the free.  
Count the brave, count the true, who have fought to victory.***

***We're the Army and proud of our name!***

***We're the Army and proudly proclaim:***

***First to fight for the right,  
And to build the Nation's might,  
And the Army goes rolling along.***

***Proud of all we have done,  
Fighting till the battle's won,  
And the Army goes rolling along.***

***Then it's hi! hi! hey!***

***The Army's on its way.***

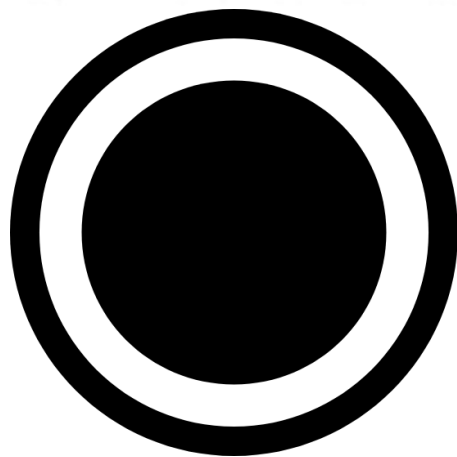
***Count off the cadence loud and strong;***

***For where'er we go,***

***You will always know***

***That the Army goes rolling along.***





# Thank you!

*On behalf of the Commanding General of  
United States Army Pacific,  
thank you for attending today's ceremony.*

*We extend our heartfelt best wishes to the Brunson  
Family as they begin their next chapter, with LTG  
Brunson assuming command of U.S. Forces  
Korea. At the same time, we warmly welcome the  
McFarlane Family as the new leaders of  
America's First Corps!*

