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COLONEL D. ALAN MCKEWAN **Program Manager** **Saudi Arabian National Guard Modernization Program**

Colonel D. Alan McKewan assumed the position of Program Manager for the Office of the Program Manager, Saudi Arabian National Guard in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia June 9, 2025. His duties include managing one of the Army's largest Foreign Military Sales program, consisting of 56 cases valued at over \$21 billion.

Colonel McKewan is originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Duquesne University in 1991 and received an active-duty commission through ROTC as a Second Lieutenant in Field Artillery.

He comes to OPM-SANG from U.S. Central Command's Washington Liaison Office, where he served as principal liaison to the Office of Secretary of Defense, Joint Staff, and the Interagency.



Colonel McKewan's previous assignments include serving as Division Chief, Civil Affairs Operations, Operations Directorate, United States Central Command in Tampa, Florida. From 2018-19, Colonel McKewan represented the United States Army as the Senior Strategic Fellow at the Royal College of Defence Studies in London, United Kingdom. He received "Distinguished Graduate" honors for his work on revisionist and rogue states, hybrid warfare, and emerging threats. At United States Special Operations Command, as the J39 Civil Affairs Branch Chief from 2016-18, Colonel McKewan was the program director for the Civil Military Engagement Program supporting Special Operations Forces Civil Affairs teams at key U.S. Embassies across the globe. In 2014-16, he served at the Pentagon for the Department of the Army, G-3/5/7, as the Branch Chief for Strategy, Concepts, and Policy for Stability and Security Cooperation. As the Army staff lead, his portfolio included Civil Affairs, Foreign Humanitarian Assistance, Irregular Warfare, Security Cooperation, Stability, and Peace Operations. In 2013-14, Colonel McKewan commanded Army Forces Battalion, Joint Task Force-Bravo, forward deployed at Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras, countering transnational organized crime. He also served as Division G-9, 1st Armored Division at Fort Bliss Texas; Battalion Operations Officer (96th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne) and Brigade S-9 (505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg.

He has served multiple combat tours and operations to include Operation Intrinsic Action (Kuwait 1993), Operation Joint Endeavor (IFOR, Bosnia-Herzegovina 1996), Operation Enduring Freedom (Uzbekistan/Afghanistan 2002, Afghanistan 2005), Operation Iraqi Freedom (2008), and USCENTCOM Forward Jordan (2012).

Colonel McKewan's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal with two bronze oak leaf clusters, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with four bronze oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with one silver oak leaf cluster and "V" device, Army Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Iraq and Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, NATO Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Citation, Army Superior Unit Award, Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge, and he is Ranger qualified.

He is married and has four children.