

General Vincent K. Brooks

General Brooks is the Commander, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/United States Forces Korea. General Brooks previously served as the commander of U.S. Army Pacific (USARPAC), with responsibility for all U.S. Army forces and activities in the strategically important Indo-Asia Pacific region assigned to the United States Pacific Command (USPACOM).



General Brooks is a 1980 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he was selected to serve in his senior year as the Cadet Brigade Commander or “First Captain” of the U.S. Corps of Cadets -- the top military leadership position a cadet at West Point can hold. He is the first African American to be selected for this position in West Point’s history.

General Brooks began his service as a lieutenant in the 82nd Airborne Division. Since that time and during his 37 years as a commissioned officer, including 15 years as a general officer, he has been privileged to command in the field numerous times, including: two infantry companies in Germany; an infantry battalion in Korea near the demilitarized zone; a heavy brigade based in the U.S. but forward-deployed to Kosovo; two divisions, including one forward-deployed to Iraq; and two theater armies, one covering the middle east and central Asia, and the other the Indo-Asia Pacific region.

In addition to his command assignments, General Brooks served twice in the headquarters of the Department of the Army as a staff officer and principal advisor to the Army’s most senior leaders, and once in the Joint Staff advising the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs and the Secretary of Defense on strategy and policy for the Western Hemisphere, the Homeland, UN and Multilateral Affairs, and The War on Terrorism. Additional joint duty assignments include three assignments within the headquarters of a component of a combatant command, one staff assignment within a coalition joint task force, and one assignment within a combatant command staff as an operations officer and spokesman.

General Brooks holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Military Academy; a Master of Military Art and Science from the School of Advanced Military Studies at the United States Army Command and General Staff College; and an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the New England School of Law in Boston. He also served as a National Security Fellow at the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government.

General Brooks is married to Dr. Carol P. Brooks, DSc., an educator and physical therapist. Both the general and his wife are from career Army senior officer families.