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U.S. Army Experience:

2014-2017	Commander, U.S. Army Europe
2012	Promotion – Lieutenant General
2011	Promotion – Major General
2008	Promotion – Brigadier General
2002	Promotion – Colonel
1994	Promotion – Lieutenant Colonel
1991	Promotion – Major
1984	Promotion – Captain
1981	Promotion – First Lieutenant
1980	Graduated from U.S. Military Academy

Selected Media and Analysis:

- Ben Hodges and Elizabeth Braw, [“Deutschland sollte Autobahnen bauen.”](#) *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, 14 May 2018.
- Thomas Gutschker, [“The Long Trek.”](#) *Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung*, 13 May 2018.
- Brooks Tigner, [“Waiting for Europe’s Budgetary Chickens to Roost—or Roast—At NATO,”](#) *Atlantic Council*, 10 May 2018.
- [Interview](#) with 15min in Lithuania (27 March 2018)
- [Interview](#) with TVN 24 BiS in Poland (9 May 2018)
- [Interview](#) on Bugajski Hour at Voice of America, Washington, D.C. (1 May 2018)
- [Interview](#) with AGERPRES in Romania (24 April 2018)
- [Interview](#) with InfoTV in Lithuania (3 April 2018)
- [Interview](#) with LRT in Lithuania (2 April 2018)

Selected Commentary:

- NATO defense expenditures: “We need a more sophisticated approach to the spending guideline. The 2-percent number gets tossed around like dues in a club, which is unhelpful. I think the Alliance should take a hard look at the 2-percent calculus to redefine it. There should be a formula that is acceptable to all where allies get credit for dual-use spending that has real and demonstrable military value.”
- U.S. withdrawal from the JCPOA: “I was disappointed that we were leaving the agreement with Iran. Not because it is a good deal, but because cooperation with our allies is very important... It worries me when we show contempt for such allies as Great Britain, Germany, Germany or France. The cohesion of our nations was our strength and advantage. Considering all factors, one must remember that one must stand not against the allies.” [As seen on [TVN](#)]

Personal: Born 16 April 1958 in Jacksonville, Florida. Native of Quincy, Florida. Unmarried with two children, Madeline and Benjamin. Speaks German.