

COLONEL ERIC TOWNS

Accomplished professional with 25 years of experience leading organizations in high-pressure/high-stakes environments. Extensive experience in requirements determination, capabilities development, and countering weapons of mass destruction training and operations.

Core Competencies

*Innovative, Ethical Leadership
*Strategic Thinker

*Seasoned Team-Builder
*Analytically-minded

*Collaborative Problem-Solver
*Highly Effective Communicator

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UNITED STATES ARMY

1995-Present

Deputy Director, Joint Requirements Office for CBRN Defense, Joint Staff, Pentagon (July 2020-Present)

- Serves as the single DoD office responsible for developing, planning, coordination, and approval of medical and non-medical Joint Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) Defense requirements. Develops joint concepts and architectures in support of the DoD Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction (CWMD) objectives and serves as the Chairman's principle source of CBRN expertise. Develops the Joint Chemical Biological Defense Program budget and supports the National Security Council with Presidential Policy Directive (PPD) 33.

Garrison Commander, Fort Leonard Wood – Ft Leonard Wood, MO (July 2018– July 2020)

- City Manager directing Emergency Services (Fire/Police/Game Warden), Public Works, Public Affairs, Human Resources, Land Management, Recreation, Internal Review/Auditing, and Safety – all enabling the installation to support a daily population of 30,200 personnel. Led a workforce of over 1400 employees with an annual operating budget of \$160M.
 - Expertly guided Fort Leonard Wood through the Army Housing Crisis and the first five months of the COVID Pandemic.
 - Led the installation's community relations efforts with surrounding municipalities, community organizations, universities, five Native American tribes, and state/national legislators.
 - Instilled superior customer service and responsiveness in the operation of a golf course, bowling alley, five childcare centers, marina, youth and adult sports program, paintball and skeet ranges, rental cabins, fishing/hunting operation, two fitness centers, two pools, a catering operation, and one restaurant.
 - Controlled the Installation Emergency Operations Center during natural or man-made disasters – including any event that may happen at the only live chemical agent training facility in the Department of Defense.
 - Oversaw Public Works Department controlling utilities, infrastructure sustainment, 1806 housing units, and construction.
 - Oversaw the operations of a joint use (commercial and military) airfield to include the \$5M expansion of the terminal and taxiway.

Chief of Requirements, U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence –Ft Leonard Wood, MO (July 2017-2018)

- Directed a division comprised of over 200 military, government civilian, and contract personnel to develop capability and performance requirements for future Army equipment for all Engineer; CBRN; and MP Forces. Advised the CG on Joint Capabilities Integration and Development System (JCIDS) requirements driving a \$10B portfolio for the Protection Warfighting Function during both the Army and Joint Strategic Portfolio Analysis and Review (SPAR) and the Army and Joint Program Objective Memorandum (POM) processes.
 - Spearheaded the successful effort to defend the \$10.3 billion portfolio in front of the Secretary of the Army and Chief of Staff of the Army.

Human Resources Branch Chief, U.S. Army Human Resources Command – Ft Knox, KY (July 2016-July 2017)

- Directed the world-wide assignment and professional development of over 1,300 CBRN officers. Provided input concerning impact of personnel policy initiatives on the officer corps.

- Personally established annual counter-proliferation fellowships at Tufts University and Emory University.

Battalion Commander, 22nd Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort) - Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD (July 2013-July 2015)

- Commanded one of the Army's two premier Technical Escort Battalions combining Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) and WMD experts to mitigation and eliminate CBRNE hazards during both Homeland Defense and Overseas Operations. Responsible for the health, safety, morale, training and readiness of 385 Soldiers; an annual budget of over \$3.0M; and the accountability and maintenance of \$110M worth of equipment.
- Executed on-call EOD Response in a 6 State/52 county area as well as world-wide recovered chemical warfare materiel support - oversaw over 80 EOD responses, 15 POTUS/VPOTUS support missions, and daily support to the Spring Valley (Washington D.C.) remediation site.
- Completely transformed the battalion into a deployable capable of complex operations on a modern battlefield through an aggressive two-year training and operations strategy.
- Served as Chairman of the Materiel Assessment Review Board responsible for final disposition decisions for all U.S. recovered chemical warfare materiel worldwide.

Other Assignments of Note:

- NBC Detachment Commander, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) – Ft Campbell, KY (Aug 1999 – Jan 2001)
- Company Commander, 63d Chemical Company, 101st ABN DIV (AASLT) - Ft Campbell, KY (Jan 2001 – May 2002)
- S3 and Executive Officer, 23d Chemical Battalion – Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA (Aug 2008 – July 2010)
- Chief of Officer Training, US Army CBRN School – Ft Leonard Wood (July 2010 – June 2012)

EDUCATION

Master of Strategic Studies – U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA; Distinguished Graduate (Top 15% of class)

Master of Science in Public Administration – Central Michigan University, Mt Pleasant, MI; 3.92 GPA

Bachelor of Arts in Biology –Boston University, Boston, MA

Other military education:

- Army Force Management Course
- Worldwide Joint Planning Orientation Course
- Advanced Chemical/Biological Course
- Technical Escort (Distinguished Honor Graduate)
- Airborne and Static-Line Jumpmaster Courses
- Air Assault Course

AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- United States Army Joint Chiefs of Staff Intern (2002-2004)
- Boston University Army ROTC Hall of Fame Inductee
- Iraq and Afghanistan Campaign Medals