



## **Major General Randolph D. Alles** **Director, J-5, U. S. Pacific Command**

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Major General Alles is currently assigned as the Director for Strategic Planning and Policy at the U. S. Pacific Command.

He hails from San Antonio, Texas and attended Texas A&M University. He was commissioned during August of 1976 and was designated a Naval Aviator at Naval Air Station Kingsville, TX in September of 1978.

Major General Alles completed F-4 transition training and reported to VMFA-232 at MCAS Kaneohe Bay, HI in August of 1979. There he served as the NATOPS Officer, Maintenance Material Control Officer, Flight Line Officer, Avionics Officer, and Assistant Aircraft Maintenance Officer.



During the fall of 1982, Major General Alles transitioned to the F/A-18 and reported to VMFA-323 at MCAS El Toro, CA. He served as the Assistant Aircraft Maintenance Officer, Quality Assurance Officer, and Logistics Officer. During this assignment he was embarked with VMFA-323 on USS CORAL SEA (CV-43) and participated in Operation El Dorado Canyon.

In June of 1986 he was ordered to instructor duty at the Navy Fighter Weapons School, NAS Miramar, CA serving as the Asst Maintenance Officer, Staff Standardization Officer, and Training Officer while at "Topgun."

During August of 1989 Major General Alles was transferred to VMFA-312 at MCAS Beaufort, SC where he was assigned duties as the Aircraft Maintenance Officer and then as the Operations Officer. In September 1991 he was transferred to HQMC serving as the Anti-Air Warfare Coordinator and as the Tactical Aircraft Plans Officer. In August 1994, he attended the Marine Corps Command and Staff College.

In Oct 1995 Major General Alles assumed command of VMFA-312. While he was in command the squadron was embarked on USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71) and participated in Operations Deliberate Guard and Southern Watch and was awarded the MCAA's Robert M. Hanson Award.

In August 1997, Major General Alles assumed duties as Executive Officer, Marine

Aircraft Group 31. In August 1998, he reported as a student at the Naval War College, Newport, R.I. graduating in June 1999 with a Master's in National Security & Strategic Studies. From June of 1999 until July 2001 he was assigned as Chief of the Strategy and Policy Division, U.S. Pacific Command.

Major General Alles was Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 11 from Aug 2001 until July 2003. During his tenure the group deployed to Southwest Asia participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom. In Sept 2003 he assumed duties as Branch Head for the Aviation Weapons Systems Requirements Branch, HQMC.

In May 2004 he was assigned as Deputy Director for Operations at the National Military Command Center. He was Commanding General, Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory from July 2005 to May 2007. During Jan 2008 he was assigned as Commanding General, Third Marine Aircraft Wing (forward) participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom 08. His most recent assignment was as Asst Wing Cmdr of 3D MAW.

His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal with Oak Leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit with Combat V and Gold Star, the Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, the Air Medal with strike/flight numeral 3 and the Navy Commendation Medal with Gold Star. He has over 5,000 flight hours.