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Biography

**MAJOR GENERAL
PAUL E. KNAPP**

Wisconsin Air National Guard

Maj. Gen. Paul E. Knapp is Wisconsin's Adjutant General. He commands the Wisconsin National Guard and is responsible for Emergency Management. He also serves as Wisconsin's Homeland Security Advisor, chairs the Homeland Security Council, and serves as the senior state official for cyber matters.

Maj. Gen. Knapp holds a master's degree in technology management from the University of Maryland and a political science degree, with a Japanese minor, from the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado. His military education and training includes Squadron officer School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, Air Command and Staff College, Air War College, Joint Strategy War Course, Reserve Component National Security Course, Combined/Joint Air and Space Operations Senior Staff Course, and Air Force Senior Staff Course.



Maj. Gen. Knapp entered the Air Force in 1992 as a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. On active duty, he served as a Special Agent for the Air Force Office of Special Investigations prior to attending navigator training at Randolph AFB, Texas, and Pensacola Naval Air Station, Florida. He served two operational tours as an F-15E Strike Eagle weapon systems officer and one as an air liaison officer to the U.S. Army in South Korea. He separated from active duty in August 2003 and joined the 95th Airlift Squadron of the 440th Airlift Wing, General Mitchell Air Reserve Station, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, flying the C-130H Hercules.

Maj. Gen. Knapp has over 3,000 flight hours including 681 combat hours and more than 262 combat sorties supporting operations Allied Force, Northern Watch, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and Joint Task Force Horn of Africa.

Prior to his current assignment, Maj. Gen. Knapp was the Mobilization Assistant to the Commander of Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico. He directed the Air Force's nuclear modernization, acquisition and sustainment programs with more than 1,300 personnel at 18 locations worldwide. The center is responsible for the lifecycle management of nuclear weapons systems supporting two legs of the nation's nuclear triad, including intercontinental ballistic missiles; air-launched cruise missiles; gravity bombs; and nuclear command, control and communication systems. He also performed alert duty as an Airborne Emergency Action Officer in command of the battle staff aboard the Airborne Nuclear Command Post which provides survivable, mobile command and control of U.S. nuclear forces in support of the Commander of U.S. Strategic Command and the President of the United States. Maj. Gen. Knapp also previously served as the Mobilization Assistant to the Director of Operations and Communications, Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana.

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