

Brig. Gen. Viet X. Luong

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Brig. Gen. Viet Luong supervises, directs, trains, and synchronizes the primary and special staff of over 1,800 Soldiers, DA Civilians, and contractors executing Title 10 support and theater security cooperation to U.S. and coalition land forces in the Central Command area of responsibility. He integrates staff efforts of main and forward command posts, as well as provides oversight and fiscal discipline for a budget of over \$28 billion. Luong is responsible for continuous coordination between USARCENT Staff and elements in Kuwait, Qatar, Iraq, Afghanistan, Fort Bragg, Shaw AFB, HQDA, USCENTCOM, and over 45,000 Soldiers,

Civilians, and contractors in subordinate commands. He also provides oversight of the Special Troops Battalion and 132nd Engineer Detachment.

Luong emigrated from Vietnam with his family to the United States in 1975 as a political refugee. He began his military career upon graduating from the University of Southern California.

His first assignment was with the 1st battalion, 8th Infantry at Fort Carson, Colorado, where he served as Rifle Platoon Leader, Anti-Tank Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, and Battalion Maintenance Officer.

In 1993, Luong was assigned to Fort Bragg, N.C. and served in the 2nd Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 2d Brigade, 82d Airborne Division, as the Assistant S-3 (Operations) and Commander of Alpha Company. While commanding Alpha Company, he deployed to Haiti in support of OPERATION UPHOLD DEMOCRACY as the Commander of the Theater Quick Reaction Force.

Following his assignment at Fort Bragg, he was assigned to the Joint Readiness Training Center as an Observer Controller, and subsequently assigned to the Southern European Task Force (SETAF) upon completion of the Command and General Staff College. Luong served as SETAF G-3 Chief of Plans, and the Operations Officer and Executive Officer of the 1st Battalion, 508th Airborne Battalion Combat Team, 173d Airborne Brigade, in Vicenza, Italy. During his assignment at SETAF, Luong

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deployed to Kosovo and Bosnia-Herzegovina on several occasions as part of the NATO Strategic Response Force.

Following this assignment, he was assigned to Joint Task Force North at Fort Bliss, Texas, where he served as a plans officer and Chief, Targeting and Exploitation Division in support of the Department of Homeland Defense. In 2005, he assumed command of the 2d Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3d Brigade Combat Team, 82d Airborne Division. During this command, Luong deployed his battalion in September 2005 as the Division Ready Force 1, in support of OPERATION AMERICAN ASSIST, the Hurricane Katrina Relief efforts in New Orleans, and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM 06-08, in support of the War on Terror.

In February 2009, Luong assumed command of the 3d Brigade Combat Team (Rakkasans), 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). In January 2010, 3d Brigade Combat Team deployed to Afghanistan for OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM 10-11. Following BCT command, Luong attended Stanford University as a National Security Fellow and subsequently served as the Deputy Director, Pakistan Afghanistan Coordination Cell, J5, the Joint Staff. Following his Joint Staff assignment, Luong was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division, where he served as the Deputy Commanding General (Maneuver), Commanding General (Rear), and Commander of Train, Advise, Assist, Command-South during OPERATION FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, Kandahar, Afghanistan. He was then assigned as the Director of Joint and Integration, HQDA, DCS, G-8.

Luong holds a degree in Biological Sciences from the USC and a Master of Military Arts and Science. He is married with three children.

