



Major General Stephen R. Lanza

USF-I Spokesman, Director for Strategic Effects

In June 2009, Major General Stephen R. Lanza became the Director for Strategic Effects, J9, United States Forces-Iraq in Baghdad, Iraq. In this capacity, he coordinates and implements political, economic, and communications activities on behalf of USF-I. MG Lanza also serves as a spokesman for USF-I.

Prior to this assignment, MG Lanza was Deputy Chief of Staff, G3, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army.

MG Lanza was commissioned from the United States Military Academy in 1980. He began his career as a Fire Support Team Chief with the 1st Battalion, 321st Field Artillery, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He continued with the 321st Field Artillery to become a Fire Direction Office, Executive Officer for C Battery, and later the unit's S4.



In 1984, he was assigned to the 501st Combat Aviation Battalion, 1st Armored Division where he served as the Executive Officer for F Company (Stand Off Target Acquisition Systems). MG Lanza later became the Fire Support Officer for 3-35 Armor Battalion and S1 for 2nd Battalion, 78th Field Artillery. He then Commanded A Battery, 2nd Battalion, 78th Field Artillery. Following his initial Battery Command, MG Lanza then Commanded A Battery, 3rd Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, 1st Armored Division.

In 1988, MG Lanza moved to the United States Army National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California where he served as the Battalion Maintenance Trainer, then Firing Battery Trainer, then Brigade Fire Support Trainer, Fire Support Analyst, and deployed in support of OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM, Saudi Arabia.

MG Lanza returned state-side in August 1992 to attend the United States Army Command and General Staff College and School for Advanced Military Studies at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Following his graduation from these two courses in 1994, he became Chief, G-3 Plans Officer for 1st Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Fort Riley, Kansas. He was later assigned the S3 (Operations) and then the Executive Officer positions with 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, Fort Riley, Kansas.

MG Lanza returned to Germany in 1996 for positions as the Operations Officer, Division Artillery, 1st Infantry Division, and later Aide-de-Camp to Commander-in-Chief, United States Army Europe/Commander, NATO Peace Stabilization Force. He followed that position as the Executive Officer for Division Artillery, 1st Infantry Division, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany, and deployed to OPERATION JOINT GUARD, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

He returned to Fort Riley in 1999 as the Commander, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery (Hamilton's Own), 1st Infantry Division for the next two years. In 2001, MG Lanza followed command as the Strategic Concepts Team Chief, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, G-3, United States Army in Washington, DC. MG Lanza attended the National War College at Fort McNair, Washington, DC in 2002.

Following his graduation from the National War College, MG Lanza moved to Fort Hood, Texas to Command the Division Artillery, 1st Cavalry Division, and later commanded the 5th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas through their deployment in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. Following Brigade Command, in 2005 MG Lanza served as the Chief, Joint Capabilities Division, J-8, The Joint Staff in Washington, DC. In July 2007, MG Lanza was assigned to Heidelberg, Germany as the Deputy Commanding General for V Corps, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army.

In May 2008, MG Lanza assumed the duties as the Deputy Chief of Staff, G3, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army.