



**Major General
Alan R. Lynn**

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MG Lynn graduated as an ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate with a degree in English from the California University of Pennsylvania, California, PA, in 1979.

He was commissioned as an Air Defense Artillery Officer and served as a Chaparral and Stinger Platoon Leader, Air Defense Fire Support Officer, and C Company Executive Officer, for the 1-51st Air Defense Artillery Battalion, 7th Infantry Division, Ft. Ord, CA. After the Air Defense Artillery Advance Course, he attended the Defense Language Institute to learn Italian. In 1984, he commanded the 1-34th United States Army Artillery Detachment, a Nike Hercules missile, special weapons warhead team, in Ceggia, Italy.

MG Lynn then branch transferred to the Signal Corps, and served as the 5th Signal Command Training Officer in Worms, Germany. In 1986, he took command of the 324th Signal Company, 72d Signal Battalion, Karlsruhe, Germany, in support of the US Army Europe (USAREUR) Main Command Post.

Following his second company command, MG Lynn attended the Signal Officer Advance Course at Ft. Gordon, GA, and the Air Force Information Systems Officer's Course at Keesler Air Force Base, MS. He was then assigned as the Division Radio Officer for the 101st Airborne Division. In 1990, he served as the Brigade Signal Officer for the 1st Infantry Brigade, 101st ABN DIV, during operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM.

In June 1992, he graduated from the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, KS, and returned to Europe where he served as the S-3 for the 97th Signal Battalion in Mannheim, Germany. While in the S3 position, he was selected to command the newly formed 414th Signal Company as a Field Grade Company Commander, supporting Land Forces Central Europe (LANDCENT).

From June 1994 to April 1997, MG Lynn served as the Signal Branch Lieutenant Colonel's Assignment Officer and the Lieutenant Colonel Command Program Manager in PERSCOM (now Human Resources Command), digitizing their manual command slate process.

In 1997, he assumed command of the 13th Signal Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, at Fort Hood, TX. He deployed the battalion for Operation JOINT FORGE between 1998 and 1999, supporting Task Force Eagle, Multi-Nation Division (North), Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina,

MG Lynn completed a Masters Degree in National Resource Management at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF) in 2000, and was then assigned as an Action Officer in the Network Management Division of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, J6, at the Pentagon. Following the September 11th attack on the Pentagon, he was selected as Division Chief for the Commander-in-Chief (CINC) Operations and Support Division, J6.

MG Lynn took command of the 3d Signal Brigade, Fort Hood, TX, in 2002. He deployed the brigade in combat to 66 locations throughout Iraq in January 2004, and created one of the largest tactical communications network in the theater of operations.

In 2005, MG Lynn was assigned to the Department of the Army Chief Information Officer/G6 Office as the Division Chief for LandWarNet Integration Division. He was later selected to serve as the Executive Officer to the Army CIO/G6.

In 2007, MG Lynn became the Chief of Staff for the Defense Information Systems Agency, Arlington, VA, which provides command, control, and combat support systems for the President, Secretary of Defense, Combatant Commanders, Joint Staff, military departments, and combat support agencies. He was responsible for coordinating the efforts of a 6,600-member organization and managing a \$6-billion yearly budget.

In 2008, MG Lynn was selected to command the 311th Signal Command (Theater), Fort Shafter, Hawaii.

On 21 July 2010, MG Lynn became the Army's 35th Chief of Signal and the Commanding General of the U. S. Army Signal Center of Excellence and Fort Gordon.

MG Lynn's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal; a Legion of Merit; two Bronze Star Medals; A Defense Meritorious Service Medal; two Meritorious Service Medals; three Army Commendation Medals; Army Achievement Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; South West Asia Service Medal with 2 Bronze Service Stars; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon with 5 device; NATO Medal; Kuwait and Saudi Arabia Kuwait Liberation Medals; and parachutist and air assault badges.