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Mike Anderson is the Acting Director, J9 Interagency Partnering Directorate, U.S. European Command (EUCOM). He collaborates with other U.S. Agencies, Departments, academia, non-governmental organizations, allies, and the private sector to better execute the Command's mission in a whole of government manner.

In September 2008, he retired from the U.S. Army with the rank of Colonel after 30 years of active duty service. After his retirement, he became the J9 Deputy Director.



For 24 years, he was an Army European Foreign Area Officer; proficient in German and possessing an understanding of Danish. He has more than twenty years experience in Europe, with five assignments in Germany, including the US Embassy in Bonn, service in Denmark as Attaché at the US Embassy Copenhagen, two tours in the Netherlands and more recent duty as the EUCOM Director, Europe Division, Plans and Policy Directorate. Mr. Anderson served on peacekeeping deployments to Croatia and Hungary in the mid 1990's in support of the United Nations and NATO.

He has commanded in the 5th Infantry Division, served as an Aide-de-Camp in Germany, a Battalion Executive Officer in the Netherlands, and a Deputy Brigade Commander in both Germany and Hungary. Staff assignments included managing US Army relations with Israel, the Civil-Military Officer for US Army Europe's Theater Support Command, as well as the Deputy Executive Officer to the Commander of U.S. Army's Training and Doctrine Command.

His military awards and decorations include two Defense Superior Service Medals, the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and the Parachutist Badge.

Mr. Anderson holds a Bachelor of Arts degree (cum laude) in Political Science from Siena College, New York, and a Master's Degree in International Relations with an emphasis in European Security, from Columbia University in New York City.

A graduate of the Office of Personnel Management's Senior Executive Service Program and a National Security Professional with interagency expertise, his education includes the Federal Executive Institute, the Army General Staff College, the Foreign Area Officer Program, the Joint Military Attaché School, the NATO Staff Officer Course, the Defense Language Institute (German), the US State Department's Foreign Service Institute (Danish), the Harvard University US-Russia Executive Security Program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, the Bundeswehr's Higher Command and Staff course, and the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, Senior Executive Seminar, in Garmisch, Germany.

Mike Anderson's wife, Katja, is a teacher of German, French, and History. They are most proud of their two children; their daughter, Natasha (17), and their son, Maurice (10).