

BRIGADIER GENERAL MARC E. PELINI



Brigadier General Marc E. Pelini currently serves as the 47th Commandant of the U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery, Chief of Air Defense Artillery, and Deputy Commanding General of the Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Brigadier General Pelini is a native of Pekin, Illinois. He was an ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate and commissioned into the U.S. Army as an Air Defense Officer in 1998. He previously served as the Military Deputy, Fires Future Capabilities Directorate at U.S. Army Transformation and Training Command where he was responsible for developing and shaping new Fires related concepts, requirements and experimentations on behalf of the Army and Joint Force.

Brigadier General Pelini served in multiple command and staff positions throughout the past 28 years to include: Commander of the 108th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, 6th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, and Air Defense Battery, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. Brigadier General Pelini also served as the Deputy Director of DAMO Fires, HQDA G-3/5/7, the Missile Defense Branch Chief for the Joint Staff, J-33, as the first Chief of the Joint Counter-small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Office's Requirements and Capabilities Division, and as a Strategist and Staff Synchronization Officer on the Army Staff, G-3/5/7, and G-8, respectively. His operational deployments include Operation Enduring Freedom, Qatar, Bahrain, and Jordan; Operation Iraqi Freedom, Iraq; Operation Joint Guardian, Kosovo; and Operation Spartan Shield, where he commanded the "Top Notch" Brigade supporting missions in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Iraq, and Syria. He also served in Germany and the Republic of Korea.

In addition to holding a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Truman State University, Brigadier General Pelini holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, a Master's degree in Military Arts and Sciences from the U.S. Army School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS), and a Masters degree in Strategic Studies from the Army War College. He is a co-author of *Stability Economics: The Economic Foundations of Security in Post-conflict Environments*.

Brigadier General Pelini's military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (3 OLC), Bronze Star Medal, Joint Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (6 OLC), Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (1 OLC), Joint Meritorious Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Citation, Superior Unit Citation, Combat Action Badge, Space Badge, and Parachutist Badge.

Brigadier General Pelini has been married to his wife Cara for over 23 years, and they have two beautiful daughters, Olivia and Isabella.