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Colonel Edward W. Thomas, Jr. is the U.S. European Command Director of Public Affairs. He is responsible for integrating the Command's communication efforts with EUCOM's component commands, partner nations, and U.S. embassies in 51 countries with EUCOM's area of focus.

Colonel Thomas was commissioned in 1990 following his graduation from Texas A&M University. He has served in Wing, Major Command, Air Staff, and Joint Command positions and has commanded at the Squadron and Group level.

Among his many assignments, he served as the Commander of the 673d Mission Support Group at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, AK, where he commanded a Combat Support Unit providing garrison and expeditionary support. He also served as Director of Current Operations, Secretary of the Air Force Office of Public Affairs, at the Pentagon, responsible for developing and executing media strategies for the Air Force.

Colonel Thomas also led the Air Force's flagship publication, *Airman Magazine*, directed the NATO public affairs effort at Aviano, Italy during the 1999 Kosovo air campaign, and served as the Director of Public Affairs for Pacific Air Forces.

He holds a membership at the Royal College of Defence Studies in London, England where he studied foreign relations in 2010 with senior and General Officers from more than 40 nations.

He is married to the former Dinah Mowery of Garland, Texas, and has four children, Caroline, Wyatt, Melanee Kate, and Jefferson.

