CUCOLO III, ANTHONY A (Tony)

MG USA

DOR: 3 JAN 2008 (1979 YR GP)

BORN: 22 AUG

SPOUSE'S NAME: GINGER CUCOLO

CHILDREN: TONY-ALLEN; MACKIE; ABBIE



Major General Tony Cucolo is the 49th Commandant of the U.S. Army War College. Prior to his arrival at Carlisle Barracks, he spent ten months as the Director of Force Development for the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8, at Headquarters, Department of the Army in the Pentagon. His office on the Army staff tied resources to requirements to develop equipment solutions for the entire Army, active, Guard and Reserve – from uniforms and rifles to attack helicopters and armored vehicles.

MG Cucolo's most recent operational assignment was a 33 month tour as Commanding General, 3rd Infantry Division and Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia, from July 2008 to April 2011. During that time, he deployed the Division Headquarters to Iraq from October 2009 through November 2010, to command US Division North/Task Force Marne, responsible for all US forces operating in the seven Iraqi provinces north of Baghdad. Throughout their 13 months in Iraq, Task Force Marne conducted counterinsurgency and stability operations, implemented Arab – Kurd confidence building measures along that interior ethnic fault line, supported the Iraqi national election of 2010, and executed the significant drawdown of US forces in the summer of 2010, successfully ending Operation Iraqi Freedom and opening Operation New Dawn in northern Iraq.

Commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry in 1979, MG Cucolo has served 18 of the past 33 years in Infantry and Armored divisions. He commanded two companies, was an operations officer at battalion and brigade level, commanded a mechanized Infantry battalion, commanded an Armored Brigade Combat Team and was Deputy Commanding General for a Light Infantry Division. While in battalion command, he deployed his unit as a combined arms task force to the contested area of Brcko, Bosnia, for the first eleven months of the NATO Implementation Force effort in the Balkans, from December 1995 to November 1996. While Deputy Commanding General, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, he deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom and served as Deputy Commanding General, Combined Joint Task Force – 180, during the 10th Mountain Division's service in Afghanistan from 2003 to 2004. His other General Officer assignments include Director, Joint Center for Operational Analysis, US Joint Forces Command from 2004 – 2006 -- where he gathered lessons learned at home and abroad, including Iraq, Afghanistan and along the Gulf Coast immediately after Hurricane Katrina – and service as the Army's Chief of Public Affairs from 2006 – 2008.

MG Cucolo's staff assignments include duty with the Joint Staff at the Pentagon from 2001-2003, with service in the Operations Directorate (J-3) after 9/11 and then in Strategy and Policy Directorate (J-5) working European issues. He is a graduate of the US Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and is a proud graduate of the U.S. Army War College Class of 1998. He holds a bachelor's degree from the US Military Academy and a Masters degree from the University of San Francisco. MG Cucolo is married to Ginger and they have three grown children and a Great Dane. Home is wherever the Army sends them.