



**Major General
LaWarren V. Patterson
Commanding General
U. S. Army Signal Center of Excellence
and Fort Gordon
Fort Gordon, Georgia**

Major General LaWarren V. Patterson assumed command of the U.S. Army Signal Center of Excellence and Fort Gordon on 25 July 2012. He most recently served as Commanding General, 7th Signal Command (Theater), Fort Gordon, GA.

General Patterson graduated from Norfolk State University in 1982, receiving his commission as a second lieutenant in the Signal Corps and earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Mass Communications. He holds a Master of Science Degree in General Administration from Central Michigan University, and a Masters in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. His military education includes Airborne School, the Signal Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Communications-Electronic Staff Officer Course, Communications-Electronic Warfare Course, the Combined Arms Services Staff School, Command and General Staff College, Joint Professional Military Education-Phase II, and the U.S. Army War College.

His first assignment was with the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas, where he served as the Battalion Signal Officer for 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry (Armor), and later as a Platoon Leader in the 13th Signal Battalion. In 1986, General Patterson was assigned to Germany and the 87th Maintenance Battalion where he served as Communications-Electronic Maintenance Officer, Battalion S-2/3, and Commander, 85th Light Equipment Maintenance Company. He was later assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division staff as the Division Radio Officer. Returning from Germany in 1990, he was assigned to the Pentagon and the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) Intern Program. After six months, he deployed to Saudi Arabia to support Operation Desert Storm, serving as the Signal Officer for 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry, 3rd Armored Division. Following Desert Storm, he returned to the JCS Intern Program.

While in Washington, D.C., he was assigned to Personnel Services Command and performed duties as the Signal Branch Lieutenants and Captains Assignment Officer. In 1995, he was assigned to South Korea, where he served as Battalion S-3, 304th Signal Battalion, 1st Signal Brigade, and later as Executive Officer. In 1997, he was reassigned to the Pentagon where he served with the Joint Staff Year 2000 Task Force. In 1999, General Patterson returned to Germany to command the 440th Signal Battalion. Following command, he attended the U.S. Army War College, and was subsequently assigned to the Department of the Army G-6 Staff, as the C4 Systems, Space and Networks Division Chief.

In June 2004, General Patterson assumed duties as Brigade Commander, 1st Signal Brigade, Regional Chief Information Officer, and G-6, Eighth United States Army, South Korea. In July 2006, he assumed duties as the Special Assistant to the U.S. Commander, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/United States Forces Korea. He then served as the Chief, Portfolio Management Division, Governance Acquisition and Chief Knowledge Office Directorate, Office of the Army Chief Information Officer/G-6 and as Deputy Commanding General, 9th Signal Command (Army), Fort Huachuca, AZ.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (3 awards), Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4 awards), Joint Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (2 awards), Joint Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2 awards), the Overseas Service Ribbon (5 awards), Korean Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Order of National Security Merit-Samil Medal (presented by order of the President of the Republic of Korea).