



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

JOHN A. PELLERITI

Brigadier General (Retired) John Pelleriti assumed his current position as the Director - Strategy, Plans and Policy (J5) for USSOCOM in December, 2024. Prior to his current assignment he served as the Deputy J5 at USSOCOM from July 2023 to November, 2024. While still in uniform, BG Pelleriti served as the Deputy J3, USSOCOM and the Commanding General of a Joint Task Force.

A native of Orono, Maine, Mr. Pelleriti graduated from the University of Miami, FL in 1992, where he received a Regular Army commission in Infantry through Army ROTC. John served as a Rifle Platoon Leader in the 82nd Airborne Division, Ft. Bragg, NC and Special Forces Operational Detachment-A (ODA) Commander in 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Ft. Lewis, WA. He voluntarily left active service in the summer of 2001 to pursue a career in private enterprise but soon joined the Florida National Guard (FLNG) after the 9/11 terror attacks.

John deployed with Special Operations units several times over the next decade to include Afghanistan, Djibouti, Yemen and Qatar and served in a variety of command and staff positions to include: Commander, 83rd Troop Command; Commander, Special Operations Detachment-Central; Commander, 3rd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group; CJSOTF-HOA J5; SOTF-East J3; Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations (G3); J3, Joint Director of Military Support (JDOMS); and the Director of Plans and Policy (J5) for the Florida National Guard among others.



EDUCATION:

1992 Bachelors in History and Political Science, University of Miami, FL
2007 Masters in Business Administration, St. Leo University
2015 Masters of Strategic Studies, United States Army War College

CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

2024 – Present, Director for Strategy, Plans and Policy, USSOCOM
2023 – 2024, Deputy Director for Strategy, Plans and Policy, USSOCOM
2022 – 2023, Deputy Director for Operations, USSOCOM
2021 – 2022, Commanding General Joint Task Force, USSOCOM
2020 – 2021, Deputy Director for Operations, USSOCOM
2019 – 2020, Commander, 83rd Troop Command, FLNG
2016 – 2019, G3/J3 Director of Operations, FLNG
2014 – 2016, Commander, Special Operations Detachment - Central
2011 – 2014, Commander, 3rd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne)
1992 – 2011, Various positions in U.S. Army Infantry and Special Forces units

(Current as of June 2025)