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The Directorate is responsible for theater engagement throughout Europe and Africa, managing unit basing, organization, force structure and analyses. It also develops and directs the command's resource capability processes, doctrine review, strategy initiatives and political military affairs program, as well as overseeing command analyses and lessons learned. Col Patton entered the Air Force in 1994 as a graduate of the US Air Force Academy and has served in a number of duty assignments to include operational, test, staff, joint, and command positions. As an F15C Pilot at Eglin AFB, Fla. he flew multiple combat missions in support of Operations NORTHERN WATCH and SOUTHERN WATCH. As an F-15E Instructor Pilot at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho he participated in the first stages of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. Following that assignment, he flew the F-15E at Eglin AFB as an operational test pilot while serving as the Chief, Precision Engagement Division. Col Patton then spent one year in Riyadh as the Director of Operations for Air Force Division, United States Military Training Mission, Saudi Arabia. After attending Intermediate Developmental Education at Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB, Ala. he was assigned to the Pentagon as Country Director for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force, International Affairs where he was the key architect behind the largest Foreign Military Sales case in US history, a \$29.4B effort recapitalizing the Royal Saudi Air Force F-15 fleet. Following that assignment, he served as Chief of Wing Safety, 4th Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C. before commanding the 9th Attack Squadron at Holloman AFB, N.M. After attending Senior Development Education at Army War College in Carlisle, Pa. he commanded the U.S. Air Forces Central Command's Air Warfare Center in the United Arab Emirates, focusing on Integrated Air and Missile Defense exercises and regional partner interoperability. Col Patton then served as the Inspector General, U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Prior to his current position, he commanded the 49th Operations Group at Holloman AFB, New Mexico, training more than 700 pilots and sensor operators annually, including six international partner nations and crews for the Marine Corp.