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# AFGHANISTAN: A CAMPAIGN ASSESSMENT

A Discussion With:

**LT. GEN. KARL W. EIKENBERRY**

Commanding General, Combined Forces Command, Afghanistan



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Commanding General  
Lt. Gen. Karl W. Eikenberry



Lieutenant General Karl Eikenberry is the commander of Combined Forces Command-Afghanistan. Prior to his current assignment, he was the director for Strategic Planning and Policy for U.S. Pacific Command at Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii.

His operational assignments include service as commander and staff officer with mechanized, light, airborne, and ranger infantry units in the United States, Korea, and Europe, most recently as an assistant division commander with the 25th Infantry Division (Light) at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

He has served in various strategy, policy, and political-military posts, including as the U.S. Security Coordinator and Chief of the Office of Military Cooperation in Kabul, Afghanistan; as an Assistant Army and later Defense attaché at the United States Embassy in Beijing, China; as the Senior Country Director for China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Mongolia in the Office of the Secretary of Defense; and as the Deputy Director for Strategy, Plans, and Policy on the Army Staff.

He is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, has earned master's degrees from Harvard University in East Asian Studies and Stanford University in Political Science, and was a National Security Fellow at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. He earned an Interpreter's Certificate in Mandarin Chinese from the British Foreign Commonwealth Office while studying at the United Kingdom Ministry of Defense Chinese Language School in Hong Kong and he has an Advanced Degree in Chinese History from Nanjing University in the People's Republic of China.

His military awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Ranger Tab, the Combat and Expert Infantryman badges, and master parachutist wings. He has also received the Department of State Superior Honor Award, the Director of Central Intelligence Award, the French Legion of Honor presented by the French Minister of Defense Michelle Alliot-Marie, and Afghanistan's Akbar Khan Award presented by President Hamid Karzai.

He has published numerous articles on U.S. military training, tactics, and strategy, on Chinese ancient military history, and on Asia-Pacific security issues. He was previously the president of the Foreign Area Officers Association and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He has a commercial pilot's license and instrument rating, and also enjoys sailing and scuba diving.