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AUSTRALIAN GENERAL JOINS US ARMY PACIFIC

Fort Shafter, Hawaii--Major General Richard 'Rick' Maxwell Burr of the Australian Defense Force, will join United States Army Pacific and serve in the capacity of deputy commanding general commencing in early November. The announcement was made by Secretary of the Army, the Honorable John McHugh, during a press engagement at U.S. Army Pacific Headquarter, Fort Shafter, Hawaii. Burr's duties will include but are not limited to:

- Serve as the Main Command Post Deputy Commanding General for contingency operations.
- Directing the development of the annual training and exercise plan in accordance with the Commanding General's guidance to ensure the Contingency Command Post supports the Theater Security Cooperation Program.
- Provides oversight with specific emphasis on engagement within the South Asia and Oceania area of responsibility to include civil military operations and humanitarian disaster relief operations.
- Chair the Strategic Communication Board and provide recommendations to the Commanding General on priorities and strategy.
- Provide oversight of the Asia Pacific Counter Improvised Explosive Device Fusion Center.

Maj. Gen. Burr's extensive command and operational experience includes command of the SAS Regiment and command of the Australian Special Forces Task Groups in Afghanistan (2002) and for the invasion of Iraq (2003). In 2008, he was the commander of all Special Forces assigned to the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan, the largest coalition of Special Forces in the world. He assumed command of the 1st Division in January 2011. Maj. Gen. Burr attended the Royal Military College, Duntroon from 1982 to 1985. He graduated into the Infantry Corps and initially served as a platoon commander in the 8th/9th Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment. Thereafter, the majority of his regimental service was in Special Forces. General Burr has held a number of key staff appointments, including the Military Assistant to the Chief of the Army, the Director General Preparedness and Plans for the Army, a senior adviser in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, and the Director General Military Strategic

Commitments. General Burr's training appointments have been as an instructor at the Royal Military College, Duntroon, and as the Chief Instructor of the Australian Defence Force Warfare Centre. In a key representational appointment, Major General Burr was privileged to be the Equerry to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for the 2000 Royal Visit to Australia.

Maj. Gen Burr is a Distinguished Graduate of the United States Marine Corps Command and Staff College and a graduate of the USMC School of Advanced Warfighting. He has a Bachelor of Arts from the University of New South Wales and a Master of Military Studies. His personal awards include the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC), Member of the Order of Australia (AM) and the US Bronze Star Medal, and he has been appointed a Member of the Royal Victorian Order (MVO).



Maj. Gen. Rick Burr

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