

BIOGRAPHY

Gregory S. Julian was born in 1959 in Flandreau, South Dakota, while his dad was deployed in South Korea. He grew up as an Army brat across the U.S., Panama, the Philippines, and Germany. He graduated from Hanau American High School in Germany and eventually graduated from South Dakota State University in December 1984 with a commission as a Second Lieutenant of Armor.

From 1985 to 1989, he served in various positions in the 1st Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas. Following the Advanced Course, he was reassigned to 1st Battalion 35th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Division, in the Federal Republic of Germany. He assumed Tank Company Command and led C company in the Battle of Medina Ridge during Operation Desert Storm.

After attending Command and General Staff College in 1992, he was assigned as an ROTC instructor at the University of South Dakota until 1995, when he attended the first Public Affairs Officer's Course at Ft. Meade, Maryland. He served as PAO at the NATO headquarters in Izmir, Turkey, in 1996 and 1997. In 1998, he served as the 7th Infantry Division Public Affairs Officer at Fort Carson, Colorado, until Sept 2000, when he was assigned as Squadron Plans and Operations Officer in the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment and participated in Stabilization Force 7 in Bosnia.

From 2001-2002, he served in Forces Command at Fort McPherson, Atlanta. He then transferred to the Third U.S. Army and served as Deputy Public Affairs Officer in Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2002 until 2005. During this time, he organized the embedding of more than 550 embedded media, established the press center in Baghdad, and helped develop the foundation of the Defense Visual Information Distribution System. Colonel Julian graduated from the US Army War College in 2006 and then served as Public Affairs officer on Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs staff and helped establish the defense junior and senior public affairs officer professional development courses at the Defense Information School (DINFOS).

He was deployed in August 2008 as a spokesman and public affairs advisor for the US forces in Afghanistan. From August 2009 until July 2012, he served as the Chief of Public Affairs at the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe for allied operations in Afghanistan, Kosovo, Libya, counter-piracy off the Horn of Africa, and air policing in the Baltics. On July 25, 2012, he began his assignment as the Chief of Public Affairs, United States Southern Command, and retired after 30 years of service on January 31, 2015.

Greg took a post-military role as Press Secretary with the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement from May 2015 through July 2018, when he

assumed his position as Chief Media Relations at the National Security Agency until July 2021.

Greg married Jeri LeMay on 31 December 1999, and they have six children: Cynthia, Brittany, Sonja, Ashley, Natalie, and Mighty Joe, and three grandchildren: Jacob, Charlotte (Charlie), and Nico.

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