Colonel Edward A. Garland

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Colonel Garland was born in Topeka, Kansas, and graduated college with a BA in Political Science and Criminal Justice from Washburn University. He is currently serving as the Division Chief, Strategy, Policy and Doctrine Division, (J-52) /NORAD/NORTHCOM.

Colonel Garland enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1987, and was designated as an Infantry 0352, ground missile assault-man. He deployed to Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm serving with 1st Battalion, 8th Marines, and 2nd Tank Battalion. He was commissioned in 1992 and held various fleet assignment billets as the Anti-Tank Plt Cmdr, and ground assignments at: 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, 3d Marine Regiment, Marine Corps Base, Kaneohe Hawaii; 3d Force Service Support Group, Okinawa Japan; the First Marine Division, Camp Pendleton California; and Marine Forces Pacific, Hawaii. He was also assigned as a division lead officer, Regional Command Southwest, Afghanistan 2010-11.

Colonel Garland's assignments outside of the Fleet Marine Forces have been: Series Commander, Company Commander and Staff Secretary/Aide-de-Camp at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) San Diego, California; Joint Planner and Branch Chief for Current Operations, Plans and Exercises at USCENTCOM, Tampa FL; division lead officer, MCRD San Diego; Battalion Commander, MCRD Parris Island; and Joint Exercise Support Group Commander, Cobra Gold 15, Republic of Thailand. He is a graduate of the Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School, the Army Command and General Staff College, the Joint Forces Staff College, and the Air War College. He holds a master's degree in Strategic Studies from the Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, AL.

Colonel Garland's personal awards include the Combat Action Ribbon, the Joint Achievement Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (four), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Legion of Merit.