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U.S. Air Force Brigadier General John W. Doucette assumed the position of Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff for NATO's Joint Warfare Centre (JWC) on 24 July 2012.

Relinquishing the position he held for two years, U.S. Air Force Brigadier General Steven J. DePalmer, JWC's former Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff, will next assume the duties of Deputy Commander for Joint Interagency Task Force-South, Southern Command, headquartered in the United States.

Brigadier General John W. Doucette came to the JWC from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, where he was Commander, 36<sup>th</sup> Wing, Pacific Air Forces.



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Born in Lawton, Oklahoma, the General is the son of a career U.S. Army officer. During his time in the U.S. Air Force, Brigadier General Doucette has held a variety of operational, staff and support assignments, to include command experience at the squadron, group, and wing levels. His early assignments included F-15 instructor pilot and mission commander, readiness chief, safety chief, and he has attended the U.S. Air Force School for Advanced Airpower Studies.

A command pilot, Brigadier General Doucette has logged more than 2,700 flying hours in the F-15C, B-52H, KC-135R, A/T-38B, T-38C, T-6, T-1, and T-37 aircraft. He holds one bachelor's degree and three master's degrees, and is a distinguished graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, and the Southwest Asia Service Medal with two campaign stars.

This is the General's first NATO assignment. Brigadier General Doucette thanked everyone for the welcome given to him and his wife, Janette, since their arrival and said he was looking forward to his new role. He said: "I am truly honored and humbled to be chosen to serve with NATO's finest at the focal point of providing joint headquarters, operational-level training for our warfighters. My wife and I could not be more excited to be part of our new NATO family and the wonderful host community of Stavanger, Norway."

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