



Major General (MG) William K. Gayler assumed duties as the Commanding General, United States Army Aviation Center of Excellence on April 6, 2016.

MG Gayler is a Distinguished Military Graduate of North Georgia College in Dahlonega, Georgia, where he was commissioned as an Aviation Officer in 1988. He holds two master's degrees, one in Military Arts and Sciences and one in National Security Strategy. Maj. Gen. Gayler is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and the National War College.

MG Gayler's key command assignments include C/2-227th Aviation Regiment in Hanau, Germany; D/2-227th Aviation Regiment in Germany and Bosnia-Herzegovina; A/1-14th Aviation Regiment in Mesa, Arizona; 3-101st (EAGLE ATTACK) Aviation Regiment in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and Iraq; 101st Combat Aviation Regiment (DESTINY) in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and Afghanistan; Deputy Commanding General (Support), 7th Infantry Division, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington; Director, Officer Personnel Management Directorate, Human Resources Command, Fort Knox, Kentucky; and Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Europe, and Commander, U.S. Army NATO.

MG Gayler's key staff assignments include Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Aviation Center at Fort Rucker, Alabama; Battalion S3 and Executive Officer with 2-101st Aviation Regiment at Fort Campbell, Kentucky; Brigade S3 and Executive Officer with 101st Aviation Brigade at Fort Campbell, Kentucky; Deputy Director of the Directorate of Evaluations and Standardization at Fort Rucker, Alabama; Deputy G3 RESET Chief of the 101st Airborne Division (AASLT); and Chief of Staff, 101st Airborne Division (AASLT) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Major deployment history includes Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, 1990-1991; Former Yugoslavia/Bosnia-Herzegovina, 1995-1996; Operation Iraqi Freedom I, 2003; Operation Iraqi Freedom V-VII, 2005-2006; and Operation Enduring Freedom X, 2010-2011.

MG Gayler is a Master Army Aviator and Standardization Instructor Pilot in the AH-64D Longbow Apache and also rated in the OH-58 Kiowa. His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Bronze Star Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Meritorious Service Medal (5 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Air Medal (Numeral 6), the Army Commendation Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Achievement Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster), the Air Assault Badge, the Combat Action Badge, and the Honorable Order of Saint Michael (Bronze and Silver award).

MG Gayler is married to the former Michele Nash of Stone Mountain, Georgia, and they have three daughters - Katie, 26; Margaret, 23; and Samantha, 17.