



## U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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Randolph D. “Tex” Alles is the Assistant Commissioner for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Air and Marine (OAM). OAM is the world’s largest aviation and maritime law enforcement organization with 1,200 federal agents, operating from 83 air and marine locations utilizing 240 aircraft and 290 maritime vessels. The mission of OAM is to protect the American people and nation’s critical infrastructure through the coordinated use of integrated air and marine forces to detect, interdict, and prevent acts of terrorism and the unlawful movement of people, illegal drugs, and other contraband toward or across the borders of the United States. OAM is the most experienced operator of unmanned aircraft systems in the Homeland Security mission set on the world stage.

Appointed as the Assistant Commissioner in January 2013, Mr. Alles joined OAM as the Deputy Assistant Commissioner in March 2012. Before joining OAM, Mr. Alles served in the U.S. Marine Corps for 35 years, retiring in 2011 as a Major General. Throughout his military service, he gained extensive experience in air training, standardization, operations, quality assurance, logistics, and aviation maintenance.

Following his commissioning in 1976, he attended flight school and was designated a Naval Aviator at Naval Air Station, Kingsville, Texas, in September 1978. Mr. Alles flew the F-4, F-5, F-16, F/A-18, and A-4 aircraft, flying in combat and serving as an instructor at the U.S. Navy Fighter Weapons School. Mr. Alles has attained more than 5,000 flight hours in multiple aircraft types including over 300 combat hours.

Mr. Alles has served in numerous leadership positions in both the Marine Corps and joint commands. These positions include Commanding Officer, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 312; Chief of the Strategy and Policy Division (J-53), U.S. Pacific Command; Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 11 during Operation Iraqi Freedom; Head of the USMC Aviation Weapons Systems Requirements Branch and Deputy Director for Operations at the National Military Command Center. He concurrently served as Commanding General, Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory and Vice Chief of Naval Research from 2005 to 2007. During 2008 he was assigned as Commanding General, Third Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom while serving simultaneously as Commanding General, Al Asad Air Base in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. His final assignment was as the Director for Strategic Planning and Policy (J-5) at the U.S. Pacific Command from 2009 until his retirement in 2011.

Mr. Alles received his bachelor’s degree from Texas A&M University in 1976 and his Master of Arts in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College in 1999. His squadron (VMFA-312) was awarded the 1997 Robert M. Hanson Award for Marine Corps Fighter Attack Squadron of the Year. His military honors include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal with Oak Leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit with Combat V and Gold Star, the Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, the Air Medal with strike/flight numeral 3, and the Navy Commendation Medal with Gold Star.

