

Major General Ricky L. Waddell

Commander

76th Operational Response Command (ORC)

Major General Ricky L. Waddell assumed command of the 76th Operational Response Command 17 October 2015. The 76th includes two Chemical Brigades (including 8 Chemical Battalions and 29 Chemical Companies), a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) response Task Force, 13 Army Reserve Elements (ARE) supporting most Combatant Commands and DoD Agencies, and Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officers for all 50 States and 3 territories and all 10 FEMA Regions.

He holds graduate degrees from Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar, and Webster University. He earned a PhD in International Relations from Columbia University.



Major General Waddell served in engineer units and staff positions during twelve years of Active Duty, culminating with his assignment as Director for European Security Affairs on the National Security Council. In his twenty-two-year Army Reserve career, he has served in key staff positions in the United States, U.S. Central Command, and U.S. Forces-Korea, deploying five times to Iraq and three times to Afghanistan, including his command of the Combined Joint Interagency Task Force-Shafafiyat in Kabul. His most recent assignment was the Deputy Commander for Mobilization and Reserve Affairs at U.S. Southern Command.

In his civilian career, MG Waddell spent 17 years working in South America, living twelve of those years in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Among other positions, he was the Managing Director for South America for BG Group responsible for oil and gas fields, transport pipelines, and 2.7 million utility customers. His team discovered more than 5 billion barrel equivalents of oil. He was also CEO of Anglo Ferrous Brazil which was building the largest integrated mining project in the world. Most recently, as a DOD civilian, he ran the Keystone, Capstone, and Pinnacle programs at the National Defense University.

MG Waddell has been married to his wife Donna for 32 years. They have three wonderful children - Gerry, Michael, and Katherine - and one exceptional grandchild, Roland.