



Mr. Frank Lands

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Paulding High School		1992
The Ohio State University	BS	2000
University of Texas	MPA	2016
US Army War College	MSS	2017

Frank Lands—Paulding High School Class of 1992

Frank Lands is a 1992 graduate of Paulding High School. He received his bachelor's degree in Natural Resources from the Ohio State University in 2000, and holds a master degree in Public Administration from the University of Texas and a masters in Strategic Studies from the Army War College.

Frank served in a wide range of senior leadership positions within the Department of War, including assignments serving as the senior civilian executive and principal advisor to the Commander for four of the largest, most complex installations in the military, and he served in multiple U.S. Army active duty and reserve assignments between 1991 and 1998. He is a medically retired, disabled veteran with multiple deployments including Iraq and Haiti.

Between 2014 and 2021; Mr. Lands held the positions of Deputy Garrison Commander at Fort Rucker, AL; Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD; US Army Garrison Italy; and Fort Bliss, TX where he led the mobilization of over 50,000 Soldiers annually in support of missions across five continents. In 2020, he led the construction and operation of the two of largest illegal migrant and Afghan refugee camps in the Nation.

Frank is currently the Deputy Director of the National Park Service/Department of Interior. He plays a crucial role in leading more than 20,000 National Park Service employees who care for America's 433 national parks. He is responsible for overseeing park operations at iconic National landmarks such as the Statue of Liberty, Yellowstone, The White House, Lincoln Memorial, Yosemite and the Grand Canyon. Prior to this, Frank served as the National Park Service Regional Director for the Pacific West, where he demonstrated wide ranging executive skills, including leading the Bureau's emergency response during Hurricanes Milton and Helene in 2024. Prior to the natural disaster, Mr. Lands led efforts to increase capacity for the Agency's Emergency Management by 75 percent. As a result, the National Park Service was able to rapidly deploy over 300 employees to support rescue, response and cleanup efforts, saving many victims during the hurricanes.

He is currently residing in Reston, VA.