



## The Global Application of Landpower in Support of National Interest

Major General Tony Cucolo is the 49th Commandant of the U.S. Army War College. Prior to his arrival at Carlisle Barracks, he spent ten months as the Director of Force Development for the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8, at Headquarters, Department of the Army in the Pentagon. His office on the Army staff tied resources to requirements to develop equipment solutions for the entire Army, active, Guard and Reserve – from uniforms and rifles to attack helicopters and armored vehicles.

MG Cucolo's most recent operational assignment was a 33-month tour as Commanding General, 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia, from July 2008 to April 2011. During that time, he deployed the Division Headquarters to Iraq from October 2009 through November 2010, to command US Division North/Task Force Marne, responsible for all US forces operating in the seven Iraqi provinces north of Baghdad. Throughout their 13 months in Iraq, Task Force Marne conducted counterinsurgency and stability operations, implemented Arab – Kurd confidence building measures along that interior ethnic fault line, supported the Iraqi national election of 2010, and executed the significant drawdown of US forces in the summer of 2010, successfully ending Operation Iraqi Freedom and opening Operation New Dawn in northern Iraq.

Commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry in 1979, MG Cucolo has served 18 of the past 33 years in Infantry and Armored divisions. He commanded two companies, was an operations officer at battalion and brigade level, commanded a mechanized Infantry battalion, commanded an Armored Brigade Combat Team and was Deputy Commanding General for a Light Infantry Division. While in battalion command, he deployed his unit as a combined arms task force to the contested area of Brcko, Bosnia, for the first eleven months of the NATO Implementation Force effort in the Balkans, from December 1995 to November 1996. While Deputy Commanding General, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, he deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom and served as Deputy Commanding General, Combined Joint Task Force – 180, during the 10th Mountain Division's service in Afghanistan from 2003 to 2004. His other General Officer assignments include Director, Joint Center for Operational Analysis, US Joint Forces Command from 2004 – 2006 and service as the Army's Chief of Public Affairs from 2006 – 2008.

MG Cucolo's staff assignments include duty with the Joint Staff at the Pentagon from 2001-2003, with service in the Operations Directorate (J-3) after 9/11 and then in Strategy and Policy Directorate (J-5) working European issues. He is a graduate of the US Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and is a proud graduate of the U.S. Army War College Class of 1998. He holds a bachelor's degree from the US Military Academy and a Masters degree from the University of San Francisco.

## January 23rd Meeting

### Dinner Arrangements

**Place:** Radisson Penn Harris Hotel  
**Rooms Governor A and B - Hotel**  
Camp Hill Bypass & Erford Road  
Camp Hill, PA 17011

### NOTE NEW START TIMES

**Time:** **5:30 PM:** Social Hour (Cash Bar)  
**6:30 PM:** Sit Down Dinner  
**7:30 PM:** Presentation w/ Q & A

**Menu:** Tossed Salad, Penne Rustica, Strawberry Cake

*Those with special dietary needs may request a substitution when making a reservation. Remember, if you order a substitute meal to pick up a coded tag at the table and put it by your place. Alternate meals will be only chicken unless chicken is the main course – then fish will be the alternate or vegetarian, which will be Chef's choice (typically non-meat pasta).*

**The cost for FPA members: \$22.00.**  
**We welcome non-members to attend dinners.**  
**The non-member cost is: \$25.00**

There is no charge for anyone to attend the program presentation only, beginning at 7:30 PM.

**For Reservations Contact:** Ron Pontius at:  
ronpon@comcast.net or (717) 991-0899

*You can also click on the reservations link on the FPA web site: [www.fpa-harrisburg.org](http://www.fpa-harrisburg.org)*

**Notes: Reservations by telephone must be made by 10 PM on the Monday before the Thursday meeting; or if by e-mail, by 9 AM Tuesday before the meeting.**

When making or canceling a dinner reservation be sure to give your complete *name, address, and phone number*. We need that information to notify you if a meeting is canceled due to inclement weather or for other reasons. If you come for dinner as a "Walk-in" without a reservation, we cannot guarantee that the hotel will be able to provide you with a meal.

### NOTE: We bill "No-shows"

No-shows will be billed except when there are sufficient walk-ins to meet the reservation number given to the Radisson.

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