

# U.S. ARMY SPECIAL OPERATIONS AVIATION COMMAND BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH



## **BRIGADIER GENERAL ALLAN M. PEPIN**

Commanding General

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Brigadier General Allan (AI) M. Pepin graduated from the Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, Massachusetts with a degree in architectural engineering and earned a ROTC commission in Army aviation. He has served in conventional and special operations organizations at several echelons. Pepin began his career as an attack platoon leader earning his spurs in 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany. As a captain, he served as a battalion intelligence officer for 1st Attack Battalion, 101st Aviation Brigade, 101st Air Assault Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He then commanded the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 101st Air Assault Division.

In 1996, Pepin was assigned to 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He served as a battalion flight operations officer, an AH-6 “Little Bird” platoon leader/executive officer, a special mission unit liaison officer, battalion operations officer, and as the Army’s only AH-6 company commander. He led his team after the 9/11 attacks during the first combat operations in Afghanistan. Following Army Command and General Staff College in 2003, he deployed to Iraq as the 1-82 Aviation Task Force operations officer for the 82nd Aviation Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division. Upon redeployment, Pepin assumed duties as the 82nd Aviation Brigade operations officer, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. In the summer of 2005, he returned to the 160th SOAR to serve as the Regiment’s operations officer and then executive officer, while deploying as a task force commander to Iraq and Afghanistan.

In 2007, Pepin assumed command of the 1-145th Aviation Regiment, Fort Rucker, Alabama, with the responsibility of preparing aviation Soldiers and leaders for their future careers in aviation and combat deployments. In 2009, he assumed command of 1st Battalion, 160th SOAR, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, again deploying as a task force commander to Iraq and Afghanistan, supporting Special Operations missions globally, and ensuring the no-fail mission of a national mission unit. In 2011, he assumed command of the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, Georgia. Pepin deployed the 3rd CAB “Dog Face Soldiers” to Afghanistan under 3ID HQ/ Combined Joint Task Force 3, with attachments from active duty and National Guard units to support operations in regional commands RC-South, RC-South-West and RC-West.

In 2014, Pepin attended the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, where he earned a master’s degree in National Security & Strategic Studies and assisted in beating Navy students in football. Beginning in 2015, he served as the chief of staff for the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence, Fort Rucker, Alabama. In 2016 he was assigned as the executive officer for the commanding general of U.S. Forces Command.

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