



## Professional History Highlights

Highly Qualified Expert – Senior Mentor  
The Joint Staff J7  
Washington, DC

U.S. Military Representative to NATO  
NATO Headquarters  
Brussels, Belgium

Deputy Commander  
U.S. European Command  
Stuttgart, Germany

Director of Operations  
U.S. European Command  
Stuttgart, Germany

Commander  
Strike Force Training Atlantic  
Norfolk, VA

Commander  
USS John C. Stennis  
Bremerton, WA

Commander  
Navy Fighter Weapon School  
(TOPGUN)  
NAS Mirimar, CA

## Professional Affiliations

Senior Fellow  
National Defense University  
Washington, DC

## Education

Master's of Public Administration  
George Washington University

Bachelor of Science in Physics  
U.S. Naval Academy

Richard “Weasel” Gallagher retired from the United States Navy after 36 years of service. His final duty was in Brussels, Belgium as the U.S. military representative to the NATO Military Committee where he represented the CJCS in strategic planning, crisis response and financial management of the 28-member political-military alliance of NATO.

He previously served as the U.S. European Command’s Director of the European Plans and Operations Center, and then remained in Germany to become the EUCOM deputy commander. In this capacity he was responsible for planning, coordination and execution of the U.S. Military’s operations in 93 countries on 3 continents. He sustained direct interface between DOD and NATO and additionally represented all U.S. military interests in the successful completion of NATO’s Operation Unified Protector in Libya.

Earlier in his military career he oversaw the evacuation of 16,500 American citizens during the 2006 Lebanon crisis and was one of two interagency team leaders that defeated a major terrorist operation in Germany 2006/2007.

His previous flag officer assignments include Commander Carrier Group 4, which was re-designated Commander, Carrier Strike Force Training Atlantic, and head of Policy with NATO at SACLANT and SACT in Norfolk, Virginia.

Dick also commanded the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis, USS Inchon—the world’s only mine counter measures command and support ship, the Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN) and Fighter Squadron 142 making two deployments aboard the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower spanning Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He flew the F-4, F-14, F-16N and the FA-18.

As a Stellar Advisor, he brings significant expertise in joint operations, NATO operations, international affairs, strategic planning, and crisis management to help clients meet their critical needs.

*Security Clearance: TS/SCI and NATO Secret*

*National Defense University bio: available [here](#)*