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MG Kevin A. Leonard, USA

Commander

[Surface Deployment and
Distribution Command](#)



Major General Kevin A. Leonard assumed command of the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command on 25 August 2010.

General Leonard was born in Kansas City, Kansas. In 1979 he graduated from Emporia State University with a Bachelor of Science degree and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry. He received Masters Degrees in Business Administration from Oklahoma City University; Advanced Military Studies from the United States Army Command and General Staff College; and Strategy from the United States Army War College.

General Leonard has served in a variety of command and staff assignments. He is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic and Advance Courses, the Command and General Staff College, the School of Advanced Military Studies, and the Army War College. His first assignment was as a Rifle and Scout Platoon Leader, in the United States Army Europe. In 1986 he received a branch transfer to the Quartermaster Corps. Key logistics assignments include: From 1992 to 1994-- Division Plans, G-4, later Executive Officer for the 506th Forward Support Battalion, 6th Infantry Division (Light), Fort Wainwright, Alaska. From 1994 to 1997-- Logistics Plans and Operations Officer, later

Chief Logistics Plans Section, Allied Forces Central Europe, Germany. From 1997 to 1999-- General Leonard served as the Commander of the 101st Forward Support Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Riley, Kansas. From 2000 to 2003 he served as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, United States Army Special Operations Command, and later Commander, Special Operations Support Command (Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina supporting OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM in Afghanistan and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. From 2003 to 2004 he served as Chief, Sustainment Division, J4, The Joint Staff, Washington, DC and as the Executive Assistant to the Director, Joint Staff, The Joint Staff, Washington, DC.

His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster, Expert Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Parachutist Rigger Badge, Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge, and French Commando Badge.