Joseph P. DiSalvo

Lieutenant General, United States Army
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Lieutenant General Joseph P. DiSalvo serves as the Military Deputy Commander of U.S. Southern Command in Miami, Florida. He graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science degree. LTG DiSalvo holds a Master of Science in Operations Research from the Air Force Institute of Technology and a Master of Science in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. Prior to his current assignment, he was the Commander of U.S. Army South, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

LTG DiSalvo has served in armored and mechanized units throughout his career, both in the United States and in Europe (7 years). He commanded the 1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment and 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division. He also was the senior Brigade Trainer at the U.S. Army National Training Center in Fort Irvin, California.

He has served in key staff positions on the Army Staff and the Joint Staff where duties included analyzing the U.S. Army drawdown in the early 1990s; Iraq Division Chief in the Joint Staff focusing on integrating interagency assets during the surge; Deputy Director for U.S. Homeland Defense and Western Hemisphere in the Joint Staff Plans and Policy Directorate focusing on building partnership capacity; and Chief of Staff, US Southern Command.

He has deployed to Bosnia as a Deputy Division G3 and aide to the Stabilization Forces Commander; deployed to Iraq as a Brigade Combat Team Commander in Fallujah and later Sadr City and as the United States Forces-Iraq Deputy Chief of Staff focusing on the transition of security responsibility to the Iraqi security forces.

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