

# **Lieutenant General Greg Bilton, AM, CSC**

Lieutenant General Greg Bilton is the Chief of Joint Operations at Headquarters Joint Operations Command. He is responsible for ADF Operations and Joint exercises both domestically and internationally as directed by the Chief of the Defence Force in order to achieve Government strategic priorities. In carrying out this mission Lieutenant General Greg Bilton is responsible for the planning, control and conduct of all Australia's military campaigns, Operations, joint exercises and other activities in order to meet Australia's national objectives.

Lieutenant General Bilton was born in Melbourne, Australia. After completing his secondary education at Melbourne High School he entered the Royal Military College in 1983 and graduated to the Royal Australian Artillery Regiment in 1986. He completed regimental appointments as a Lieutenant and Captain in the 1st and 4th Field Regiments, the 8th/12th Medium Regiment and the School of Artillery.

He has held command appointments as Battery Commander 104th Field Battery, Commanding Officer 4th Field Regiment, Commander 7th Brigade, Deputy Commanding General United States Army Pacific and Deputy Chief of Joint Operations. Most recently, Lieutenant General Bilton served as Forces Commander Australian Army. He served in staff appointments in the Directorate of Officer Career Management, the Directorate of Force Structure (Army) and as Director General Development and Plans (Army). He has also been an instructor at the Australian Command and Staff College.

Lieutenant General Bilton deployed on Operation MAZURKA in 1993 on the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) Headquarters. In 2008 he deployed on Operation SLIPPER as Deputy Chief of Staff for Security Sector Reform on Headquarters Regional Command South, Afghanistan.

He is a graduate of the Long Gunnery Course at the UK School of Artillery, the United States Army Command and General Staff College and the Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies, Weston Creek. He also holds a Bachelor degree in Military Studies and Master's degrees in Military Art and Science, and Strategic Studies. He is also a recipient of prestigious academic honours; the Lieutenant General Hans Schlup (US) award for excellence in International Relations and the Blamey Award (Australia) for Leadership.

Lieutenant General Bilton has been awarded the Force Commanders Commendation for his work on Operation MAZURKA in the Sinai, a Conspicuous Service Cross for his force structure work at Army Headquarters, the Canadian Meritorious Service Medal for his work in Afghanistan, the United States Legion of Merit and the Japanese Defence

Cooperation Medal for his work at United States Army Pacific. He was appointed a member of the Order of Australia in 2014 in recognition of his work as Director General Development and Plans at Army Headquarters and as Commander 7 Brigade.

General Bilton is married to Rachael, who is a registered nurse. He has two sons, his eldest son Alex is a Staff Cadet at the Royal Military College and his youngest son Nic is a second year Officer Cadet at the Australian Defence Force Academy.