



General Dennis L. Via
7 August 2012 - 30 September 2016

General Dennis L. Via was the 18th commander of the United States Army Materiel Command. He was commissioned on May 18, 1980 in the Signal Corps after graduating as a Distinguished Military Graduate from Virginia State University. He holds a Master's Degree from Boston University, and is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (class of 1991) and the U.S. Army War College (class of 1999).

Prior to becoming commanding general of Army Materiel Command, General Via served as AMC Deputy Commanding General. In 2011, he deployed to Southwest Asia as the Commander, AMC Responsible Reset Task Force and led the strategic integration of the Materiel Enterprise for the Retrograde of equipment and materiel out of Iraq at the conclusion of Operation New Dawn. Prior to that, he served as Director for Command, Control, Communications and Computer Systems, J-6, The Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.

His command assignments included the 82nd Signal Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; 3rd Signal Brigade, III Armored Corps, Fort Hood, Texas; 5th Signal Command, U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army, Mannheim, Germany; and the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM) and Fort Monmouth, Fort Monmouth, N.J.

His key staff assignments included Aide-de-Camp to the Chief of Staff, Allied Forces Southern Europe, Naples, Italy; Operations Officer, J-6, Armed Forces Inaugural Committee, Washington, D.C.; Division Chief, Joint Requirements Oversight Council (JROC), Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C., and Principal Director for Operations, Defense Information Systems Agency/Deputy Commander, Joint Task Force-Global Network Operations, U.S. Strategic Command, Arlington, Virginia.

His awards include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal; the Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster; Defense Superior Service Medal; Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster; Defense Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster; Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters; Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster; Joint Service Achievement Medal; and the Army Achievement Medal. He is authorized to wear the Master Parachutist Badge, Joint Staff Identification Badge, and Army Staff Identification Badge. General Via holds the distinction of being the only Signal Corps officer in U.S. Army history to be promoted to 4-Star General.

General Via officially retired from the U.S. Army on 6 October 2016.