



Colonel Timothy A. Vuono

Colonel Tim Vuono is a U.S. Army officer currently serving as the Director of the Institute for National Strategic Studies (INSS) and the Director of Research at the National Defense University. He has extensive operational and policy/strategy experience at all levels.

His operational assignments include service in field artillery and infantry/armor units throughout the United States and Europe and with numerous world-wide deployments, including time in both Iraq and Afghanistan. Colonel Vuono was the commander of the 157th Infantry Brigade, First Army, which had a mission to support the training of National Guard Brigade Combat Teams preparing for deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan. He was a battalion commander in the 1st Cavalry Division, spending almost 14 months conducting combat and stability operations with his composite field artillery and motorized infantry task force in Baghdad and throughout central Iraq.

Colonel Vuono was most recently assigned to the Joint Staff as the Assistant Deputy Director for Middle East Politico-Military Affairs in the Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate (J5). He had also served as the Chief of the Iran and Levant Division in J-5, as an Army Strategist, and as the aide to the Army Chief of Staff. During a previous assignment to the National Defense University, Colonel Vuono was an Assistant Professor of Military Strategy and Logistics at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF), where he led the Privatized Military Operations Industry Study and was on the faculty teams for the Middle East Area Study and the Joint Land Air Sea Simulation (JLASS). He was also the National Defense University fellow in the MIT Seminar XXI program.

Colonel Vuono received a Bachelor of Arts in Government and International Relations from the University of Notre Dame in 1985. He also holds a Master of Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. Colonel Vuono was a Senior Service College Fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, DC.

Colonel Timothy A. Vuono Professional Timeline

Colonel Tim Vuono graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1985 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Field Artillery. His first assignment was with the 1st Battalion, 29th Field Artillery, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colorado where served as an Infantry Company Fire Support Officer, Battery & Battalion Fire Direction Officer, Platoon Leader and Executive Officer.

From 1990-1993, Colonel Vuono was assigned to Bamberg, Germany with the 3rd Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, in both 1st Armored and 3rd Infantry Divisions. While there, he deployed to Operation Desert Storm and was the commander of Alpha Battery, the Battalion Logistics Officer (S4) and the Brigade Fire Support Officer.

Following a fellowship at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government in 1994, Colonel Vuono was assigned to the Pentagon as a Strategist and Policy Analyst on the Army Staff. He subsequently served as the Assistant Executive Officer to the Army's Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans (G3), and then as the Aide-de-Camp to the Army Chief of Staff.

In 1999, after completing the Command & Staff program at the Naval War College, Colonel Vuono returned to Ft. Carson and served as the Operations Office (S3) and Executive Officer for the 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery, 4th Infantry Division. In 2001, he moved to Fort Hood, Texas to become the 4th Infantry Division Artillery Brigade S3. He was subsequently assigned to III Corps as the Deputy Fire Support Coordinator.

In May 2003, Colonel Vuono assumed command of the 3rd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery, 1st Cavalry Division. While in command, Colonel Vuono and the battalion spent almost 14 months conducting combat and stability operations as a composite field artillery and motorized infantry task force in Baghdad and throughout central Iraq.

Following battalion command in July 2005, Colonel Vuono joined the faculty at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University (NDU), as an Assistant Professor of Military Strategy and Logistics. Then in July 2007, Colonel Vuono began a one year Senior Service College Fellowship at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, DC.

Colonel Vuono assumed command of the multi-component 157th Infantry Brigade, First Army, in June 2008 with a primary mission to support the training of National Guard Brigade Combat Teams preparing for deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan. He had numerous short deployments to both combat zones.

Prior to his current assignment as the Director of the Institute for National Strategic Studies at NDU, he served on the Joint Staff in the Pentagon as the Assistant Deputy Director for Middle East Politico-Military Affairs, Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate (J5) and as the Chief of the Iran and Levant Division in J-5.

In addition to a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Government & International Relations from Notre Dame, Colonel Vuono holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard and a Master of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (2), the Bronze Star Medal (2), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (2), the Army Commendation Medal (4), the Army Achievement Medal, the Valorous Unit Award, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Combat Action Badge, the Joint Staff Identification Badge, the Army Staff Identification Badge, and the Parachutist Badge.