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Biography

U.S. Army Lt. Col. Steve Abrams is director of the Eurasian Foreign Area Officer (FAO) Training Program at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany. A northern Virginia native, he was commissioned as an aviation officer in 2005. In 2013, Abrams became a FAO and was a 2014 honor graduate of the Defense Language Institute's Russian Special Projects Course.

Prior to his current assignment, Abrams served in a variety of roles at U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany, including as Eurasia branch chief in the command's Strategy, Plans, and Policy Directorate. His earlier FAO assignments include service as a political-military advisor in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, at the Department of the Army headquarters; Iraq country director in the Office of the Secretary of Defense; and assistant Army attaché to Iraq.

Before becoming a FAO, he held a range of operational and leadership positions as a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter pilot, including command of a company within the 2nd Battalion (Air Assault), 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade in Korea, and service in Afghanistan with 5th Battalion (Air Assault), 101st Aviation Regiment.

Abrams has a master's degree in international relations and conflict management from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies; a graduate certificate in great power competition from the Naval Postgraduate School; a bachelor's degree in criminology from Florida Southern College; and an associate degree in Russian from the Defense Language Institute.

His awards and decorations include three Defense Meritorious Service Medals; two Army Meritorious Service Medals; the Air Medal; the Army Commendation Medal; the Joint Service Achievement Medal; three Army Achievement Medals; and the Department of State Meritorious Honor Award. Abrams has also earned the Army Airborne and Air Assault Badges, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense and Army Staff Identification Badges.