

**CASO Panel Bios.**  
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• **Russell Hsiao**



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Russell Hsiao is the executive director of the Global Taiwan Institute and editor-in-chief of the *Global Taiwan Brief*. He previously served as a senior research fellow at the Project 2049 Institute and national security fellow at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies in Washington DC. Prior to those positions he was the editor of *China Brief* at the Jamestown Foundation from October 2007 to July 2011 and a special assistant in the International Cooperation Department at the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy. While in law school, he clerked within the Office of the Chairman at the Federal Communications Commission and the Interagency Trade Enforcement Center at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. Mr. Hsiao received his J.D. and certificate from the Law and Technology Institute at the Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law where he served as the editor-in-chief of the *Catholic University Journal of Law and Technology*.  
*Mr. Hsiao has not previously testified before the Commission.*



• **Colonel François Mariotti**  
**French Army, Infantry, "chasseur à pied"**

Colonel since July 1 2016  
Age: 48  
Married, 3 children

**Previous postings**

1990-1993. College in the Military school of La Flèche  
1993-1996. Officer cadet, Military Officers' Academy of Saint-Cyr

**"Junior officer": lieutenant and captain in Infantry units and Infantry School**

1996-1997. Infantry School, platoon leader officers' course  
1997-2001. Infantry Platoon leader and Company second in command, *8<sup>e</sup> and 16<sup>e</sup> Bataillon de Chasseurs à pied*, in Germany  
2001-2004. Infantry Company Commander, *92<sup>e</sup> Régiment d'Infanterie*, in Clermont-Ferrand  
2004-2006. Instructor in the Infantry platoon leader officers' course

**“Senior officer”: combined arms training and operations, human resources, doctrine and equipment development**

2006-2008. tactical combined arms exercises supervisor and staff officer in charge of lessons learned for Infantry

2008-2010. Ecole de Guerre (eq. CGSC SAMS), Paris

2010-2012. Infantry regiment chief Operations and Training (CoS)

2012-2014. Deputy Director of Infantry Development Office (Lesson Learned, equipments, doctrine), Draguignan

2014-2016. Chief for concept studies and policy development in the Army Human Resources Policy Office, Staff of the Army (Paris)

2016-2018. Commander, *16<sup>e</sup> Bataillon de Chasseurs* (Infantry Regiment, 1250 men), Bitche

2018-2020. Chief of Ground forces Barkhane (Sahel, 4500 men). Deputy Cdr, 4<sup>e</sup> Brigade d’Aérocombat, Clermont-Ferrand

2020. Liaison officer to CAC, Fort Leavenworth and head of French LNO network to US Army

**Commitments in operations and particular experiences**

**Operational deployments**

**Ivory Coast** (1998, 2000, 2003), **Bosnia-Herzegovina** (1999), **Afghanistan** (2002-2003, 2009, 2012), **Djibouti** (2006), **Sahel** (BARKHANE J3 & Chief of ground forces 2018-2019)

**Future preparation studies**

- Doctrine, organization, equipment supervision for Combined arms/Infantry, 2012-2014
- Doctrine development for Army Aviation combined arms, BDE and above, 2019-2020

**Human Resources**

- Coordination of processes (from recruitment to retirement), policy and models
- Invested in the recruiting effort in 2015
- Coordinator of writing for “Politique RH de l’armée de Terre 2025”

**Personal background, focus on relationship with US Forces**

I came across the US Forces as a teenager in 1986-1987 as my father attended CGSC in Fort Leavenworth, (I “attended” 9<sup>th</sup> grade in West Junior High School at the same time). Three years later, he joined Fort Benning, GA, as French liaison officer. While cadet in military College in France, I visited regularly my family in Fort Benning. I jumped with US Forces and earned the airborne wings in 1991. Later, I served in close coordination with US troops in Afghanistan for three commitments (18 months all together). I also had US counterparts in Sahel. As brigade deputy, I was involved with 1<sup>st</sup> CAV DIV in preparing the aborted exercise JWA 2020. I was in charge of assessing FR-US interoperability in WARFIGHTER 21-5.

US Army has honored me with Army Commendation Medal in 2012.

- **LTC David W. Bell**

LTC David W. Bell is a Southeast Asia Foreign Area Officer. Currently, he is serving as an instructor in the Department of Joint, Interagency, and Multinational Operations, at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Previously, LTC Bell served as an Assistant Army Attaché in Jakarta, Indonesia and as an analytical branch chief, focused on Southeast Asia, at the U.S.

Pacific Command Joint Intelligence Operations Center. As part of his training as a Foreign Area Officer, LTC Bell studied Indonesian at the Defense Language Institute and earned a master's degree in Asian Studies from Cornell University. Prior to his selection as a Foreign Area Officer, LTC Bell served as a company commander, executive officer, and platoon leader in the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, New York. LTC Bell's basic branch is infantry. He commissioned in 2004 through Brigham Young University's ROTC program. While attending Brigham Young, he earned a bachelor's in International Studies. LTC Bell began his military service as a Cannon Crewmember in the Utah National Guard while attending Brigham Young.

LTC Bell is a native of Oregon and is an avid hiker and canoeist. He is married with five children. LTC Bell is fluent in Thai and Indonesian.