



LTG H. Steven Blum, USA, Ret.

Teams: National Guard (Team Lead)

Expertise Areas

- Army Aviation Acquisition Management
- DoD Programming and Budget Process
- M&A Support and Due Diligence
- Strategic Planning and Implementation: Sales, Marketing and Business Development
- Proposal Support including Capture and Win Strategy Development

Professional Experience

General Blum delivers deep National Guard programmatic, policy and partnership expertise as the former Chief of the National Guard Bureau, as well as senior military and defense experience as the former Deputy Commander of USNORTHCOM. At The SPECTRUM Group, he draws on his extensive experience and expertise in helping clients large and small identify, pursue and win National Guard and Defense acquisition contracts and programs.

In his 42-year military career, LTG Blum built extensive expertise through partnering with the Executive Branch, Secretary of Defense, Joint Chiefs, Governors and Adjutants General. He led USNORTHCOM in anticipating, preparing for and responding to threats and aggression aimed at the U.S., its territories and interests. He was also responsible for working with the President and the Secretary of Defense to provide defense support of civil authorities, including consequence management operations.

Appointed by the President as Chief of the National Guard Bureau, LTG Blum held responsibility for formulating, developing and coordinating all policies, programs and plans affecting more than half a million Army and Air National Guard personnel. He also served as the principal adviser to the Secretaries and Chiefs of Staff of the Army and the Air Force on all National Guard issues, and as the Army's and Air Force's official channel of communication with the Governors and Adjutants General.

In addition to his current support of SPECTRUM clients, LTG Blum serves as Executive in Residence with The Johns Hopkins University School of Education, Division of Public Safety and Leadership.

Key Positions

- Deputy Commander, United States Northern Command
- Vice Commander, United States Element, North American Aerospace Defense Command
- Chief, National Guard Bureau
- Chief of Staff, United States Northern Command
- Commanding General, 29th Infantry Division (Light)
- Executive in Residence, The Johns Hopkins University School of Education, Division of Public Safety and Leadership

Education

- M.S., Social Science, Morgan State College
- B.A., History, University of Baltimore

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