

Four-star packs the house during all hands

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Gen. Robin Rand, commander, Air Force Global Strike Command, addresses LLNL employees during an all hands presentation Friday morning.

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The four-star general responsible for two of the three legs of the U.S. nuclear triad delivered an inspiring all hands presentation to a packed Bldg. 123 auditorium last Friday morning.

Gen. Robin Rand, commander of the Air Force Global Strike Command (AFGSC) and of Air Forces Strategic-Air (COMAFSTRAT) for the U.S. Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM), took LLNL employees for a "walk around the park" during the talk, sending messages about shared mission and values. Rand also discussed threats facing the U.S., the importance of modernizing the triad and the teamwork between the Lab and the Air Force that underpins the U.S. deterrent.

"You're our partners, our wingmen, our teammates," Rand said. "We provide an umbrella, not only for our country but for much of the world. You don't get into this business unless it's for a higher calling, and the world we live in today is a rough and tumble place. We're not going to deter anyone by putting flowers in our guns. We have to modernize because our adversaries are doing it at an unprecedented level."

More than 33,700 professionals operate under Rand's command, which is responsible for all Air Force intercontinental ballistic missiles and bomber aircraft. The overarching mission is to deter attack, assure allies and strike, if all else fails -- all by providing an umbrella of long-range strike capabilities that can be delivered in minutes, rather than hours or days.

"Thank you for what you do," Rand said. "We do the easy stuff. We're on the trigger pulling end. But you're the one's that pave the way. When we give you requirements, I know you will deliver."

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Luedtka, Wayne R

12-19-2017 at 08:56:07 AM

When I heard that Gen. Robin Rand was going to speak here I was excited, you see, my daughter MSgt Danielle Luedtka-Shearer, runs

Gen. Rand's Equal Opportunity Program for both Military and Civilian member in AFGSC at Barksdale AFB. I had the great privilege of visiting Barksdale AFB for two weeks after the birth of my grandson. Sounds of B52 engines, smell of Jet fuel, morning Reveille, evening Retreat, and Taps at night. These are a few of many sounds, sensation feelings that make me proud, of all we contribute to the security of our Nation.

Rader, Cynthia A 12-18-2017 at 11:26:01 AM

yes please - make a video available for those of us who weren't able to attend. thanks so much

Henson, Darren J 12-18-2017 at 08:46:00 AM

I too would like to see a video of his presentation if available. I know of his reputation and he is truly an inspiring individual.

Barbagallo, Anthony C 12-15-2017 at 02:02:09 PM

What an awesome tie in to the missions. I left feeling involved.

Grace, Steven E 12-15-2017 at 09:17:30 AM

Is General Rand's talk available on video? I was not able to attend but would like to view his talk.

Stephenson, Shaun J 12-15-2017 at 08:45:50 AM

I left extremely inspired and motivated not only in the confidence of our senior Air Force leadership protecting our great nation and the free world but in the connection he often made to our mission and that of the Air Force. Like Evan I sat in the middle and up front and was able to truly absorb the genuine and sincere nature of this great leader. Really, really fortunate to be there. I encourage everyone to make every effort to attend like briefings in finding true worth in the purposeful work we perform every day for our nation.

Rittmann, Evan M 12-15-2017 at 06:07:47 AM

I was fortunate to be in the front row during this presentation, just a few feet from this amazing patriot. He made eye contact with everyone in the room. Such an inspiration, and Gen. Rand obviously LOVES what he does "for a living". Needless to say, I can sleep much more comfortably every night, knowing that the brave men and women who serve under him are keeping watch. God bless you, sir.