



Brigadier General (R) Gratton O. (Neal) Sealock II

Brigadier General (R) Gratton O'Neal Sealock, II, entered the U.S. Army in 1974 upon graduating from Eastern Washington State College as a Distinguished Military Graduate and receiving a Regular Commission in Infantry. After the Infantry Officer Basic Course, BG (R) Sealock was assigned to the 1st Battalion (Airborne) 508th Infantry, 82d Airborne Division, serving as a rifle platoon leader, weapons platoon leader, and heavy mortar platoon leader before receiving orders to attend flight training. Completing flight school and the AH-1 Cobra Course in 1977, he was assigned to C Company, 3d Aviation Battalion (Combat), Schweinfurt, FRG. He joined the battalion staff in Kitzingen in 1979.

Upon completion of the Infantry Officer Advanced Course in 1981, BG (R) Sealock was assigned to the Army Aviation Center, Fort Rucker, Alabama, as an attack helicopter instructor pilot and flight commander. He served as operations officer for the Hanchey Division and assumed command of 64th Company, 6th Battalion in May 1993. From late 1984 through 1986, BG (R) Sealock studied Mandarin Chinese at the Defense Language Institute, the Ministry of Defense (UK) Chinese Language School in Hong Kong, and Fudan University in Shanghai, PRC through the Army's Foreign Area Officer Program. He graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College in 1987.

Returning overseas, he served as the executive officer, 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry at Camp Garry Owen, ROK. Subsequently, BG (R) Sealock was assigned to DIA as the China Country Officer in Washington, D.C. In August 1990, he returned to Hong Kong as the Assistant Army Attaché and Director of the China FAO Training Program. From May 1992 through April 1994, BG (R) Sealock commanded the 4th Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Bliss, Texas. From April 1994 to June 1995, he was a National Security Fellow at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University in lieu of the Army War College. Afterward, he was assigned as the China Desk Officer and the Northeast Asia Branch Chief, Asia Pacific Division in the Directorate for Strategy and Policy, J-5, the Joint Staff from June 1995 through May 1997.

BG (R) Sealock returned to Fort Rucker and assumed command of the 1st Aviation Brigade June 1997 through June 1999. From August 1999 through May 2000, BG (R) Sealock was assigned as the United States Army Attaché for the United States Embassy, in Australia. From June through September 2000, BG (R) Sealock was assigned as the United States Army Attaché for the Defense Intelligence Agency, in Washington, D.C. From September 2000 to August 2002, BG (R) Sealock was assigned as the United States Defense Attaché, Defense Intelligence Agency, in Beijing, China, during which he was the principal negotiator on Hainan Island for access to and release of the detained crew of an EP-3 aircraft.

BG (R) Sealock assumed the position as Deputy Commanding General, Cadet Command, Fort Monroe, Virginia on August 2002. BG (R) Sealock retired in the Spring of 2005 and resides in eastern Washington. He is the Director of the Spokane International Airport.