Biography

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Brian J. Preler is Senior Manager/Program Director for Vinnell Arabia's Maneuver Division (MD)—Saudi Arabia's trusted partner and valued teammate for improving military capability and capacity. MD is the largest multi-cultural and cross-functional division in Vinnell Arabia with upwards of 800 employees providing industry-leading customized U.S. military doctrine-based training and education learning services. MD improves customer capabilities by providing unit and leader military skills training Kingdom-wide, as well as worldwide professional military education support services. MD supports the training and development of soldiers, leaders, and units in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to meet 21st Century regional security challenges.

Mr. Preler's professional background includes extensive military command, leadership, operational, and industry experience. Prior to joining Vinnell Arabia in 2014, he served nearly 30 years in the U.S. Army retiring from Active Duty as a Regular Army Colonel of Armor and a combat veteran. During his military career he served in a variety of Armor and Cavalry assignments in the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Korea, and the United States. His troop assignments included the 3rd Armored Division and the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment where he participated in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Mr. Preler also served in the 2nd Infantry Division where he commanded 4th Squadron, 7th U.S. Cavalry Regiment at Camps Garry Owen and Stanton along the Korean Demilitarized Zone.

Mr. Preler also served in a variety of senior staff and inter-agency positions during his military career. Key military assignments included Inspector General, Department of the Army Inspector General Agency, The Pentagon; Joint Operations Director, U.S. European Command/Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, Liaison Office, The Pentagon; Senior Joint Military Advisor to the Royal Saudi Land Forces Commander and Deputy Joint Program Director/Chief of Staff, U.S. Military Training Mission to Saudi Arabia (Operation Iraqi Freedom), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; and culminating his military career as Leader Development Director, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, Headquarters Department of the Army, The Pentagon.

Mr. Preler holds two Masters Degrees, including a Masters in Business Administration from Regis University, Denver, Colorado and a Masters in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He also earned a Bachelors Degree from Washington & Jefferson College, Washington, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Preler and his wife, Laurel, call Alexandria, Virginia home. Mr. Preler resides in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.