

Glenn Voelz Professional Biography

Glenn grew up in Ohio and graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1992. After completing the Army's Airborne Course and Ranger School, he was commissioned as an infantry officer and served as a platoon leader in light infantry and airborne brigades.

He was a two-time U.S. Olympic Trials qualifier (Swimming 1988 and Modern Pentathlon 1996) and an NCAA Division I athlete while at West Point. In 1994, Glenn joined the U.S. Modern Pentathlon Team as part of the Army's World Class Athlete Program. After placing seventh at the 1996 Olympic Trials, he resumed his military career after transferring into the army's intelligence corps.

During his career, Glenn spent over a decade living and working overseas across Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. He served as an assistant professor of history on the faculty at West Point and held multiple positions at the Pentagon while serving on the Joint Chiefs of Staff and at the Defense Intelligence Agency. Glenn spent two years as a Senior Duty Officer leading a watch team in the White House Situation Room. Following that assignment, he spent three years managing security assistance programs for foreign military forces across Africa. During that time, he served as an embedded intelligence advisor to the African-led multinational peacekeeping force in Mali.

After promotion to Colonel, Glenn was nominated as a National Security Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. While at MIT, he wrote on defense technology and military innovation while working with research groups at Lincoln Laboratory. Glenn concluded his military career as the senior intelligence analyst on the International Military Staff at NATO Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.

Glenn holds graduate degrees from the University of Virginia, the National Intelligence University, and a master's degree in Infrastructure Planning & Management from the University of Washington. He has published over a dozen books and journal articles on a wide range of topics, including three novels. Glenn's three-volume political-military satire, *The Gisawi Chronicles*, was loosely inspired by his years working in the Pentagon, the White House, and across Africa. His recent writing focuses on Oregon history.

Today, Glenn lives in Central Oregon with his family, where he works as a freelance writer and a professional ski patroller. He is a licensed Emergency Medical Technician and a volunteer with the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue. Glenn serves on the board of the Deschutes County Historical Society and the Deschutes Historical Museum, and is a member of the working group for the Oregon Chapter of the Living New Deal program.

In his free time, Glenn enjoys hiking in the Cascades, surfing on the Oregon coast, and biking the trails around Bend. He participates in open-water swimming events, Nordic ski races, and other outdoor sports. Glenn is a multiple-time age-group winner of Bend's Pole, Pedal, Paddle (PPP) race.