

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 with light infantry and airborne brigades.

He was an NCAA Division I athlete at West Point and qualified for the U.S. Olympic Trials twice, for swimming in 1988 and modern pentathlon in 1996. In 1994, Glenn joined the U.S. Modern Pentathlon Team through the Army's World Class Athlete Program. After placing seventh at the 1996 Olympic Trials, he resumed his military career by transferring to the Army's intelligence corps.

During his career, Glenn spent more than a decade living and working overseas in Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. He served as an assistant professor of history at West Point and held several positions at the Pentagon, including roles 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. After 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 his promotion to Colonel, Glenn was nominated as a National Security Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. While at MIT, he wrote about defense technology and military innovation and worked 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 and the National Intelligence University, along with a master's in Infrastructure Planning & Management from the University of Washington. He has published more than 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, with an emphasis on the outdoors, recreation, and conservation.

Today, Glenn lives in Central Oregon with his family and 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 boards 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 along Oregon's coast, and running trails near his home in Bend. He competes in open-water swimming events, Nordic ski races, and other outdoor sports. Glenn is a multiple-time age-group winner in Bend's Pole, Pedal, Paddle (PPP) race.