



## **William I CIV USSOUT Clark**

Chief, Civil-Military Assistance Division, Theater Engagement Directorate at US Southern Command

William I. "Ike" Clark has served as the Civil Military Assistance Division Chief since April 2007. He is responsible for planning, coordinating, and executing civil-military operations in Central and South America and the Caribbean in support of national security and foreign policy objectives. Mr. Clark utilizes activities conducted through the humanitarian assistance and disaster response, civil affairs and humanitarian mine action programs to synchronize military and non-military instruments of national power, particularly in support of stability, counterinsurgency and other operations dealing with asymmetric and irregular threats. Through these programs, Mr. Clark strives to improve the Department of Defense's visibility, access, and influence in the U.S. Southern Command area of responsibility, generating long-term positive public relations and goodwill, and promoting interoperability and coalition-building with foreign military and civilian counterparts.

Furthermore, Mr. Clark has a key role for disaster risk mitigation, disaster preparedness and disaster response operations in the US Southern Command area of responsibility. As the US Southern Command Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief integration manager, Mr. Clark coordinates closely with the United States Agency for International Development/Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Policy, and the Defense Security Cooperation Agency to ensure the command and the inter agency has the capability to coordinate and respond to natural and man-made disasters, that partner nations are prepared to conduct disaster response operations within their sovereign territory, and that regional partners are able to support disaster response efforts within the area of responsibility.