

## Decoration Conferred on Commander, United States Forces Japan and Fifth Air Force

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On August 25th, the conferment ceremony for Lieutenant General Schneider, Commander, United States Forces Japan and Fifth Air Force was held in the Ministry of Defense. Since he took his office in February 2019, Lieutenant General Schneider has demonstrated distinguished leadership and expertise. He has been devoted to the development and further enhancement of Japan's defense capability, fully appreciating the importance of the Japan-US Alliance. Especially he has always been collaborating with the Koku-Jieitai closely at Yokota Air Base, where the Headquarter of Air Defense Command locates, and striving to advance the Japan-US ability to deter and counter threats through the BDM response and joint exercises. He received the honorable decoration for his achievement.

On 23th (Mon), prior to the ceremony, General Izutsu, Chief of Staff, the Koku-Jieitai had a meeting with him and expressed gratitude to his contribution.

We, the Koku-Jieitai, sincerely congratulate his conferment and wish his further success in the future.

