



# **U.S. ARMY SPECIAL OPERATIONS SUPPORT** **COMMAND (AIRBORNE)** ***BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH***

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### **INTRODUCTION**

In October 2001, 150 Soldiers from the Special Operations Support Command (Airborne), headquartered at Fort Bragg, N.C., were among the first deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Since that time, SOSCOM Soldiers have been continuously deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

At the onset of Operation Iraqi Freedom in March 2003, more than 600 SOSCOM Soldiers were deployed throughout the U.S. Central Command theater in support of the war effort. Involved in every major operation of the GWOT, and often among the first troops on the ground, SOSCOM Soldiers continue to support Army and joint special operations forces around the globe.



### **HISTORY AND ORGANIZATION**

SOSCOM was activated on Nov. 1, 1995, as a major subordinate unit of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command. Its activation realigned the command and control organizational structure of the following units: 112<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Signal Battalion (Airborne); 528<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Support Battalion (Airborne); Material Management Center (Airborne); and five Special Operations Theater Support Elements, or SOTSEs.

The SOTSE Soldiers are embedded within the unified commands' Army staffs in each of five geographical regions around the world. They plan and coordinate with theater Army, SOSCOM and ARSOF to ensure support during operations and training. As a theater Army staff member, these officers and noncommissioned officers' knowledge of theater-specific requirements and capabilities assist ARSOF units in coordination with the theater.

The Material Management Center provides the ARSOF with centralized materiel management of property, equipment maintenance, logistical automation and repair parts and supplies.

Specializing in advanced communications and force sustainment capabilities, members of the 112<sup>th</sup> SOSB and the 528<sup>th</sup> SOSB, have the difficult mission supporting ARSOF assets in the field. In their respective fields, signal and support Soldiers provide supplies, maintenance, equipment and communications expertise allowing ARSOF to shoot, move and communicate on a continuous basis. Because ARSOF often uses SOF-unique items, Soldiers assigned to these units are taught to operate and maintain a vast array of specialized equipment not normally used by their conventional counterparts. To meet the needs of ARSOF, the two battalions have developed logistical and signal packages that are rapidly deployable. Soldiers assigned to these units are airborne qualified.

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