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LT. GEN. PHILIP R. KENSINGER JR.

Commanding General

Assumed command on August 29, 2002

Lt. Gen. Philip R. Kensinger Jr. assumed command of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command on August 29, 2002. Prior to commanding USASOC, Kensinger was the Army's deputy G-3/G-5.

Kensinger is a native of Pennsylvania. He received his commission as a second lieutenant in June 1970 after graduating from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He earned a Master's degree from Louisiana State University and A&M College in 1980.

His general officer assignments include: commander, Special Operations Command Central; deputy commanding general and chief of staff, U.S. Army Special Operations Command; and commanding general, U.S. Army South.

Kensinger has also served as: reconnaissance platoon leader, later adjutant, 3rd Battalion, 36th Infantry, 3rd Armored Division, U. S. Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany; executive officer, later commander, operational detachment, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne); commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); S-1, Headquarters, 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); Commander, Company A, 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); S-1, 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); military observer, Operations Directorate/J-3, U. S. Southern Command; commander, Special Forces Battalion Task Force, Joint Task Force-11, Honduras; executive officer, 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Gulick, Panama; career program manager, Career Programs Branch, U. S. Army Military Personnel Center; commander, 1st Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne); operations staff officer, later chief of Special Programs Branch, Operations Directorate/J-3, U. S. Special Operations Command; and commander, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne).

His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Aviator Badge, the Army Staff Identification Badge, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, the Military Free Fall Parachutist Badge, the Scuba Diver Badge, the Pathfinder Badge, the Air Assault Badge, the Ranger Tab and the Special Forces Tab.

