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BRIG. GEN. ERIK C. PETERSON

Commanding General

Brig. Gen. Erik C. Peterson assumed command of the U.S. Army Special Operations Aviation Command (Airborne) on June 10, 2014. Prior to this command, he served as the 2nd Infantry Division deputy commanding general for Support in Camp Humphreys, Korea.

Peterson received his Army commission in 1986 as a Distinguished Military Graduate of the University of Idaho Reserve Officer Training Corps program. He was assigned to the Aviation Branch and completed flight school in 1987.

His first assignment was with the 271st Combat Aviation Company, Camp Humphreys, Korea, as Section Leader and Platoon Leader. He then served his first of four tours with the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne); Bravo Company platoon leader, Bravo Company commander, and Headquarters Company commander, 3rd Battalion, Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia; adjutant and battalion S-3, 2nd Battalion, Fort Campbell, Kentucky; battalion executive officer and Bravo Company commander, 3rd Battalion; and battalion commander, 2nd Battalion.

Other assignments include senior special operations aviation observer controller, Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, Louisiana; Brigade Commander, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade and Chief of Staff, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York; and Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Cadet Command, Fort Knox.

Peterson holds a Bachelor of Science Degrees in Geography and Cartography and Master's Degrees in Business Administration and National Security Strategy. Other professional military education includes the Aviation Officer Advanced Course, Combined Arms Service Staff School, Command and General Staff College, and the National War College.

His military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters, Bronze Star Medal with one silver oak leaf clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal with V device and numeral 5, the NATO Meritorious Service Medal, the Combat Action Badge, Master Aviator Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.

