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MAJ. GEN. JAMES W. PARKER
Commanding General
Assumed command on June 11, 2004

Maj. Gen. James W. Parker is the commanding general of the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Parker is a native of Miami, Fla. He enlisted in the Army and was commissioned as a second lieutenant after graduating from Officer Candidate School in 1975.

His assignments include: rifle platoon leader and company executive officer, 25th Infantry Division; infantry company commander and battalion maintenance officer, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized); battalion operations officer and executive officer, 3rd Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne); U.S. advisor to the El Salvadorian 4th Infantry Brigade; commander, 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne); operations officer and chief of staff, U.S. Army Special Forces Command (Airborne); commander, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne); deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Special Operations Command; commander, U.S. Special Operations Command South; and director of the center for Special Operations, U.S. Special Operations Command.



A graduate of the U.S. Army War College, Parker has also successfully completed the Special Forces Qualification Course, the U.S. Army Ranger Course, the Defense Language Institute, the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced courses, and the Armed Forces Staff College. His civilian education includes a bachelor's degree in business administration from Fort Lauderdale University and a Master of Arts degree from Webster University.

Parker's awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and the Republic of El Salvador Combat Medal. In addition, he has been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, the Military Freefall Parachutist Badge, the Ranger Tab and the Special Forces Tab.

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