



U.S. ARMY JOHN F. KENNEDY
SPECIAL WARFARE CENTER AND SCHOOL

MAJOR GENERAL ERIC P. WENDT USAJFKSWCS Commanding General

Maj. Gen. Eric P. Wendt arrived to become the Commanding General of the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School from Korea, where he served as the Commander of the Special Operations Command-Korea, the Theater Special Operations Command (TSOC) Commander for the Korean Theater of Operations. SOCKOR was upgraded to become a Sub-Unified Command, now co-equal with the other TSOCs of U.S. Special Operations Command, and Maj. Gen. Wendt served as the first commander of SOCKOR as a Sub-Unified Command. As the commander, Maj. Gen. Wendt commanded all U.S. special operations forces in the KTO, and also served as the commanding general for all UN SOF in the KTO (COMUNCSOC), as well as serving as the sole Deputy Commanding General for all Republic of Korea SOF.



Maj. Gen. Wendt holds a bachelor of arts from the University of California-Santa Barbara, as well as a master of arts from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif.

He has served as an active duty, Regular Army officer since 1986. He served for nearly five years as an Infantry officer, attended and was selected at the Special Forces Assessment and Selection course, and graduated as Distinguished Honor Graduate from the Special Forces Qualification Course before assignment to the 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne). Maj. Gen. Wendt then served for 21 years as a Special Forces officer before becoming a General Officer. Before serving as a TSOC Commander, Maj. Gen. Wendt commanded in the 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne) as an ODA commander, company commander, battalion commander and group commander. Maj. Gen. Wendt has also served in a variety of command and staff positions, including multiple operational and combat deployments with both SOF and conventional forces. Since 9/11, Maj. Gen. Wendt has served as team chief for the Pacific Situation Assessment Team (PSAT) to Indonesia, in Operation Enduring Freedom-Philippines, in Operation Iraqi Freedom (two tours), and in Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan. Maj. Gen. Wendt served in the Pentagon from 2009-2011 on the Office of the Secretary of Defense staff as the Director for Special Operations Policy, and then as the Principal Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense. Prior to assuming command of SOCKOR, Maj. Gen. Wendt served in Afghanistan (2011-2012) as the sole Deputy Commanding General for the 13,500 troops from 17 countries in ISAF's Regional Command-North in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Maj. Gen. Wendt's awards and badges include the Defense Superior Service Medal with oak-leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal with two oak-leaf clusters, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one campaign star, the Iraq Campaign Medal with three campaign stars, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the German Gold Cross of Honor (for combat service in Afghanistan), the Republic of the Philippines Presidential Unit Citation (for service in OEF-Philippines) and the Republic of Korea Order of Cheon Su Medal. Maj. Gen. Wendt has earned the Air Assault Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, the Korean and Thai Master Parachutist Badges, the Ranger Tab, the Special Forces Tab, the Expert Infantryman Badge and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

Maj. Gen. Wendt is married to the former Katie Laurie of San Jose, Calif. They are blessed with two children, Emma and Alden.

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