



UNITED STATES ARMY SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND

U.S. ARMY SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE
FORT BRAGG, NC 28310 / (910) 432-6005 / <http://www.soc.mil>
and on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/usasoc.mil>

Command Sgt. Maj. Marc Eckard **USASOC Command Sergeant Major**

Command Sgt. Maj. Marc Eckard graduated Summa Cum Laude from Norwich University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Strategic Studies and Defense Analysis.

He entered the U.S. Army in June 1987. After Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training he was assigned to 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where he served as an infantryman.

Eckard attended Special Forces Assessment and Selection in 1991 and graduated from the Special Forces Qualification Course in 1992, after which he was assigned to Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne).

He served in positions of increasing responsibility to include weapons sergeant, and team sergeant, 1st Battalion, 3rd SFG; 2nd Battalion operations sergeant major; company sergeant major, Charlie Company, 3rd Battalion; and 3rd SFG command sergeant major.



Other noteworthy assignments include the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, where he served as battalion command sergeant major, 4th Battalion, 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne). He later returned to USAJFKSWCS as commandant of the Non-Commissioned Officers Academy and most recently the command senior enlisted leader of Special Operations Command Central, McDill, Air Force Base, Florida.

Eckard deployed multiple times throughout his career, supporting Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Uphold Democracy, Noble Obelisk and Enduring Freedom.

His military education includes: Infantry Mortar Leader's Course, Basic, Advanced and Senior Leader's Courses, Special Forces Assessment and Selection, Special Forces Qualification Course, Ranger Course, Air Assault School, Basic Airborne, Static Line Jumpmaster Course, Combat Diver Qualification and Combat Diver Supervisor Courses, Free Fall Parachutist and Free Fall Jumpmaster Courses, the United States Army Sergeant Major Academy and the Summit Course.

Eckard's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (OLC), the Bronze Star Medal (3 OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (3 OLC), the Good Conduct Medal (8 OLC), the National Defense Service Medal (OLC), the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal (OLC), the NCO Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 4), the Army Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge (2nd award), the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, the Special Operations Dive Supervisor Badge, the Military Free Fall Jumpmaster Badge, Ranger Tab and the Special Forces Tab.