



Special Operations Command Europe

Major General Mark C. Schwartz Commander



Major General Schwartz was commissioned in the Armor Branch upon graduation from Idaho State University in December 1987. He served as a Tank Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, Support Platoon Leader, and Assistant Battalion S3 with the 1st Battalion 72nd Armor, Camp Casey Korea and with 1st Battalion 509th Infantry (OPFOR) Joint Readiness Training Center, Little Rock Air Force Base Arkansas.

After graduating from the Special Forces Qualification Course in 1993, Major General Schwartz served multiple tours with the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) in company and field grade command and staff assignments including Special Forces Detachment Commander, HHC Commander, C/1/5 Company Commander, Battalion S3, and Group S3. Major General Schwartz served as the Commander, 4th Battalion 1st SWTG(A), Commander, 3rd Special Forces Group, and

Commander, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force - Afghanistan. Major General Schwartz's key staff assignments include Special Forces Assignments Officer, United States Army Personnel Command; J3, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force -West; Special Operations Plans Officer, NATO Joint Forces Command, Brunssum the Netherlands; Executive Officer, 3rd Special Forces Group (A); Deputy Commander, Combined Joint Special Operation Task Force - Afghanistan; Director of Operations, Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command - Afghanistan; Chief of Staff, Joint Special Operations Command; Deputy Commander, Special Operations Joint Task Force - Bragg; Deputy Commanding General for Operations Special Operations Joint Task Force- Afghanistan Major General Schwartz has completed multiple combat deployments in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, and OPERATION FREEDOM'S SENTINAL and multiple deployments in support of Special Operations in the U.S. Central Command and U.S. Africa Command areas of responsibility. Prior to joining SOCEUR, Major General Schwartz served as the Deputy Commanding General for Maneuver, 1st Cavalry Division. Major General Schwartz holds a Bachelors of Arts in Finance from Idaho State University and a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. His military education includes the Armor Basic and Advanced courses and the Army Command and General Staff College.