



Special Operations Command Europe **Colonel Ned Beechinor Marsh** **Deputy Commander**

U.S. Army Colonel Ned Beechinor Marsh is a native of Manchester, Connecticut, and commissioned into the U.S. Army Infantry as a 2000 Distinguished Military Graduate of Providence College Rhode Island ROTC.

He initially served at 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment (Airborne), Fort Richardson, Alaska. In 2004, he was selected and qualified as a Special Forces Officer, followed by multiple assignments at 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Lewis, Washington. Ned served at U.S. Special Operations Command Europe (Airborne), Stuttgart, Germany, 2014-2017. There he was responsible for NATO and Israeli portfolios and served as the NATO Response Force Special Operations Component Command (NRF SOCC) Chief of Staff.



As the Battalion Commander for the U.S. Army Parachute Team the Golden Knights (Airborne), Ned led the Army's premier demonstration and competition skydiving unit, connecting civilians to soldiers, and inspiring people to trust, support, and join the U.S. Army.

He then served as the Special Operations Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve Commander's Action Group Director, supporting the defeat of ISIS throughout Iraq, Syria, and the Levant.

From 2022-2024, Ned commanded the U.S. Army Garrison at Fort Detrick, Maryland. In this role, he was responsible for mission assurance and facility readiness in direct support to the National Interagency Bio-Defense Campus and National Strategic Communications Infrastructure.

Col. Marsh has deployed multiple times, in staff and command positions for combat and operations, throughout the U.S. Central, Indo-Pacific, and European Geographic Combatant Commands. An operational Chinese Mandarin speaker, Ned has earned degrees including a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Providence College, Master of Science in Irregular Warfare from the Naval Postgraduate School, a Master of Arts in Military Operations from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, School of Advanced Military Studies, and a Distinguished Graduate, Master of Arts in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.