Special Operations Command Europe

Major General David H. Tabor, USAF
Commander

Prior to assuming command of U.S Special Operations Command Europe in August 2020, Major General David H. Tabor most recently served as the Assistant Commanding General, Joint Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. In this role, he oversaw the study of special operations requirements and techniques, ensuring interoperability and equipment standardization. JSOC personnel also planned and conducted special operations exercises and training while developing joint special-operations tactics, techniques and procedures.

Major General Tabor graduated from Birmingham-Southern College in 1992 after earning his commission through ROTC. He earned his wings at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi and is a command pilot with more than 2,300 hours in a variety of Special Operations Forces aircraft.

He has spent the majority of his career in special operations, including multiple combat deployments in support of operations in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Iraq, Kosovo and Pakistan. In addition, Major General Tabor was also the Chief Operational Planner at United States Special Operations Command, Commander of 6th Special Operations Squadron, Division Chief for Irregular Warfare Combat Support, Commander for the Aviation Tactics Evaluation Group (Joint Special Operations Command) and Commander of the Air Force Special Operations Warfare Center.

Major General Tabor has also held joint assignments at Joint Special Operations Command and United States Special Operations Command.

His military and civilian education include a Master of Science in Strategic Studies from U.S. Army War College, Master of Science in Joint Campaign Planning and Strategy from Joint Forces Staff College, Bachelor of Arts in History from Birmingham-Southern College and Squadron Officer School.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross with “V” device, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with silver oak leaf cluster, Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal and Air Force Combat Action Medal.