



## **BRIGADIER GENERAL DEREK N. LIPSON**

### **COMMANDER**

**U.S SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND-KOREA (SOCKOR)**

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Brig. Gen. Derek Neal Lipson was commissioned an infantry officer in 1990, following his graduation from Midland Lutheran College, in Fremont, Nebraska. He completed the Special Forces Qualification Course in 1994. Brig. Gen. Lipson is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Command and General Staff Officer Course, and the U.S. Army War College. He holds master's degrees in Adult and Continuing Education from Kansas State University and in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

His multiple combat deployments include serving in Afghanistan in 2002, as the Advanced Operations Base Tikrit Commander in Iraq from 2006-2007, the senior advisor to Iraqi Special Operations in 2008, Special Operations Task Force – North Commander in Iraq in 2010, senior advisor to the Afghan National Army Special Operations Command, 2nd Brigade in 2014 and as the Special Operations Command Forward – Central Africa Commander in 2016. Other deployments included Colombia, Bolivia and Grenada, and he responded to numerous natural disasters in the United States to include Hurricane Katrina.

Brig. Gen. Lipson commanded at all levels within 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne), culminating as the Group Commander from 2015-2018. He served as the Team KSA Commander in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia from 2018-2020, and the Special Assistant to the Director of the Army National Guard in Washington, D.C. He served as the Deputy Commanding General U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School.

Most recently, Brig. Gen. Lipson served as the Deputy Commanding General Support, 1st Special Forces Command (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C. He oversaw the logistics, maintenance, and sustainment support throughout the Command that conducted special operations worldwide.

Brig. Gen. Lipson and his wife, Jennie, have two daughters and two grandchildren.