

Major General Shawn R. Satterfield
Commander
Theater Special Operations Command North



Major General Shawn R. Satterfield assumed command of Special Operations Command North (SOCNORTH) July 10, 2020. Prior to commanding SOCNORTH, MG Satterfield served as the commander, 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne).

He is originally from the Ozarks in central Missouri. At the age of 17, he enlisted in the Missouri National Guard and obtained his commission as an Infantry Officer through ROTC in December 1990. His first SOF assignment was with 12th Special Forces Group (Airborne) and has subsequently commanded Special Forces Units at the Detachment, Company, Battalion, and Group levels with 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne). He has deployed multiple times to include JCETs to Central and South America, Kosovo (Operation Joint Guardian), Colombia (Operation Willing Spirit), Central America (Operation Enduring Freedom- Caribbean/ Central America), Iraq (Operation Inherent Resolve), Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan).

MG Satterfield has nearly 25 years of command time and out of his 6 deployments since 9/11, 5 of those were as a Special Forces commander. Two of these deployments were as a SFODA commander, twice as a Special Forces Company commander, and once as a Special Forces Battalion commander. Additionally, he has served in numerous other assignments including as an operations officer with SOCSOUTH as the first Regional Engagement Branch Chief for the Andean Ridge countries, Deputy Commander, Joint Special Operations Task Force-Gulf Cooperation Council, Deputy Commander, Special Operations Joint Task Force-Iraq (SOJTF-I), and Commander, Special Operations Detachment-Central. MG Satterfield is also a graduate of The US Army War College at Carlisle Barracks.

On the civilian side, MG Satterfield is on extended military leave as a Missouri State Trooper. For the majority of his time as a Missouri State Trooper, he was assigned to the criminal division. In this capacity he spent over 3 years in an undercover assignment where he infiltrated criminal drug organizations. He later commanded a regional, multi-jurisdictional drug task force for several years. His last assignment as a Missouri State Trooper was as the executive assistant director for the criminal division. He is married to the former Heather Hollenbeck and has two sons, Drue and Dawson. Drue is a computer and electronics engineer, and Dawson is an active-duty U.S. Army Infantry Officer.

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