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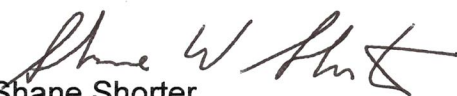
Welcome to Headquarters, U.S. Special Operations Command (HQ USSOCOM) and the beautiful Tampa Bay area. We would like to extend a warm welcome as you join our team of truly dedicated professionals.

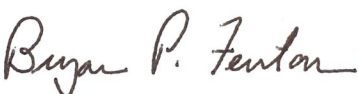
Our mission directs us to provide strategic options for our national leaders and the Combatant Commands we support through a global network that fully integrates our military, interagency, and international partners. Our nation insists its Special Operation Forces have the people, capabilities, and access to accomplish our most critical problems now and in the future. In the view of the American people, we are the tip of the spear. Your duties at this Command will significantly contribute to meeting these expectations and accomplishing our mission.

Our priorities at the Command are People, Win, Transform. For those of you with family members, know that the HQ USSOCOM team believes that supporting families is a vital part of our success, and we consider taking care of our families one of our most important priorities.

Due to the nature of HQ USSOCOM's mission, deployments and periods of separation will happen. We understand the stress this puts on our people and their families---and being new to the Command and the Tampa Bay area compounds the stress. As you start to face these challenges, we encourage you to seek out our Force and Family Readiness Program (FFRP) resources. Find our resource guide and more at <https://www.socom.mil/FFRP> or reach the team directly by email: socomfrg@socom.mil or phone at 813-826-3742. Your FFRP strives to link formal and informal networks to provide support and assistance. We encourage you to take advantage of all the programs designed to provide information, support, and outreach.

CSM and I, along with our spouses, Leslie and Dawn, and the entire HQ USSOCOM team welcome you to the command! We hope this assignment will be full of rewarding experiences for you and your family. Our people make this organization extraordinary, and we are proud to have you on our team. Thank you for your service and dedication to USSOCOM and our nation.


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