

**Colonel Scott Gerber, Ph.D.**  
**United States Army Strategic Support Element**

Colonel Gerber received his commission from the U.S. Military Academy in 1991. As a company grade officer, he served in the typical sequence of positions in the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment in Ft. Bliss, Texas and then in 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division in Friedberg, Germany. During that period, he deployed twice to peacekeeping missions in the Balkans (IFOR and KFOR). As a junior major, he joined the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, where he led the billion-dollar project at Ft. Hood to convert 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division to the modular organization. He then served as a Squadron S3 and Executive Officer for 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry in Baghdad in 2006 and a Brigade S3 and Executive Officer for 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division in Tallil and Maysan, Iraq. During his second tour, he was decorated for valor while conducting casualty evacuation during a massed rocket attack.

In his third tour in Iraq, Colonel Gerber commanded 3d Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment in the Diwaniyah and Najaf Provinces. In that role, he developed a close working relationship with the aligned State Department teams. During a period of intensified violence against U.S. forces in southern Iraq, the team's approach to counterinsurgency ended the daily attacks in Diwaniyah for the duration of the U.S. presence. Ambassador Jeffries cited their efforts in a letter to President Obama as an example of effective inter-agency operations. Following command, the commander of Army Training and Doctrine Command, General Cone, selected Colonel Gerber to lead his Commander's Action Group.

The Army selected Colonel Gerber to participate in the Advanced Strategic Plans and Policy Program and sent him to Johns Hopkins University to pursue a Doctorate in Political Science. Upon completion of the academic portion, he went to EUCOM and established the Russia Strategic Initiative. In that role, he helped the Commander, EUCOM and his staff re-orient U.S. and NATO strategy and operations to counter renewed Russian aggression. Colonel Gerber also planned and facilitated nine Russia Strategic Round Tables that brought together the Combatant Commanders, Service Chiefs, and Deputy Secretary of Defense to discuss and resolve critical challenges in the Russian problem set. He also played key roles helping EUCOM and other Combatant Commands planning efforts and real-world operations, to include the April 2017 strikes on Syria. He currently serves as the Deputy Director and Chief of Strategy for the U.S. Army Strategy Support Element.

Colonel Gerber is a graduate of Armor Officer Basic and Advanced Course, the Scout Platoon Leader's Course, Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College Fellowship Program. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Economics from West Point, a Master's in Engineering Management from the University of Kansas, and a Ph.D. in political science from Johns Hopkins University.

Colonel Gerber is married to the former Ms. Sandra ("Sandy") Bezemek. Colonel Gerber is a life-long Oregon resident.

Awards and Decorations: Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Department of State Meritorious Service Award, Bronze Star w/ 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Service Medal w/ 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal w/ Valor Device, Army Commendation Medal w/ Oak Leaf Cluster, Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge.