



## Lieutenant General Joseph L. Osterman Deputy Commander U.S. Special Operations Command

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Lieutenant General Osterman is the Deputy Commander of the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. USSOCOM ensures the readiness of joint special operations forces and, as directed, conducts operations worldwide.

A native of Edgewater, Maryland, Lieutenant General Osterman was commissioned in 1982 as a Second Lieutenant through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps program at the University of Colorado at Boulder. He served as an infantry officer at all levels to include Commanding General, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division (Forward) in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and Commander, 25<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment, in which he deployed in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. As Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marines, he participated in Operation ENDURING FREEDOM after having served as a company grade officer at 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Marines and 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 2d Marines participating in Operations RESTORE HOPE, CONTINUE HOPE, and SEA SIGNAL.



Lieutenant General Osterman also served as Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command, Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruiting Command, Assistant Division Commander, 2d Marine Division Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division, Director of the Marine Corps Expeditionary Warfare School, Quantico, Virginia, Commanding Officer, Recruiting Station Albany, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Corps Recruiting District, Instructor at the Marine Corps Basic School of Infantry Officers Course in Quantico, Virginia, and as Commanding Officer of Marine Detachment aboard the USS Forrestal (CV-59), and as Executive Officer of the Marine Detachment aboard the USS Kennedy (CV-67).

His Joint assignments include the ISAF Joint Command Deputy Chief of Staff of Operations, Afghanistan, and as Instructor and Chief of Staff at the NATO School, Oberammergau, Germany.

Lieutenant General Osterman is a graduate of the Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School, U.S. Naval War College, and U.S. Army War College. He holds a degree in Biology from the University of Colorado at Boulder. His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal (2), Legion of Merit (2), Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (3), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2) and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2).

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