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### **MAJOR GENERAL CHRISTOPHER K. HAAS**

Major General Christopher Haas graduated from Duquesne University in 1985 and was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant of Infantry. He currently serves as the Director of Force Management and Development, United States Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, FL.

He has attended the Infantry Officer's Basic and Advanced Courses, Airborne and Ranger Schools, the Special Forces Qualification Course, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College. He also has Master of Science and Administration Degree in General Studies from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and a Master of Science Degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

His early assignments include being a rifle platoon leader in 3d Battalion, 41<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment, 2d Armored Division in both Germany and Fort Hood, TX; and he commanded a Special Forces Detachment–Alpha and two Companies in 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.

MG Haas commanded the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Campbell, KY and was later the deputy commander of the Group. As a Colonel, he commanded the 3d Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, NC and the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan. As a general officer, he has commanded Special Operations Command, United States Africa Command, Kelly Barracks, Germany; Combined Forces Special Operations Command - Afghanistan, and the U.S. Army Special Forces Command (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, NC. He also served as the Deputy Commander of U.S. Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg.

His staff assignments include being a battalion operations officer in 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne); Observer/Controller at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, LA; operations officer, later chief, Operational Support Branch, Special Operations Division, Operations Directorate, J-3, Joint Staff, Washington, DC. He also served as director of operations, J-3, Special Operations Command Central, U.S. Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, FL, and director, legislative affairs, U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, FL.

His combat tours include OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD/STORM in Saudi Arabia; OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM in Afghanistan in 2001, 2006, 2008, and 2012, and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM in Iraq in 2003.