

Colonel Zach Norsworthy, U.S. Army, Retired

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Zach recently retired after 28 years of service with the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM). A native of Largo, Florida, he began his military career in 1996 by receiving an ROTC Commission from Clemson University. Upon graduation from the Infantry Officer Basic Course, he served as a platoon leader in the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment (Opposing Forces) at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, CA.

Entering the Detachment Commander's Special Forces Qualification Course right after 9-11, Zach deployed to Afghanistan in 2003 and went on to serve as A-Team Detachment Commander in Iraq in 2006-07. Rising through the ranks, he deployed as a Special Forces company commander in Afghanistan and a Special Forces Battalion commander serving as the Deputy Commanding Officer for Joint Special Operations Task Force – Arabian Peninsula. He has worked at Special Operations Detachment Central, Special Operations Command Central, and US Special Operations Headquarters.

Zach is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Special Forces Detachment Commander's Qualification Course, ILE, Combined Arms Service Support School, U.S. Army War College, Special Forces Advanced Urban Combat Course, Static Line Jumpmaster Course, and several other military schools. He also holds a Master's Degree in Unconventional Warfare from American Military University and a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

His awards include a Defense Superior Service Medal, two Bronze Star Service Medals, three Defense Meritorious Service Medals, three Meritorious Service Medals, a Joint Service Commendation Medal, five Army Commendation Medals, two Joint Service Achievement Medals, an Army Achievement Medal, a Humanitarian Service Medal, multiple Joint Meritorious Unit Awards, a National Defense Service Medal, a Florida Cross, a Commendation Medal, a Louisiana Cross for Service in Hurricane Katrina, a Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the Expert Infantryman's Badge.

