

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL FORCES REGIMENT



**LIEUTENANT GENERAL
BENNET SACOLICK**
U.S. Army, Retired

Inducted 2021



Lieutenant General Bennet Sacolick is a native of California, and earned his bachelor's at San Francisco State University, where he studied to be an actuary. A rain downpour one day led to Lt. Gen. Sacolick's military career. Seeking to avoid the rain, he dashed into the nearest building, which happened to be a U.S. Army Recruiting Office. He came face-to-face with a poster of a Ranger emerging out the water with weapon in hand and, at that moment, decided to join the Army. He entered the Army as a private in 1981, and was later commissioned through Officer Candidate School.

His first assignment following OCS, was Rifle Platoon Leader, Headquarters and Headquarters Company 4th Battalion, 325th Infantry Regiment, U.S. Army Southern European Task Force-Italy. Following completion of the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, he attended the Special Forces Officers Qualification Course at the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School. Upon completion of Special Forces training, he attended language school at the Defense Language Institute at the Presidio of Monterey, California, with a follow-on assignment as Detachment Commander, Company A, 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Davis, Panama and El Salvador as well as Operation Just Cause in Panama. He was then assigned as the Assistant Operations Officer, later Troop Commander, 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-Delta at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he served in Operation Restore Hope-Somalia and Operation Desert Storm.

After completing the United States Army Command and General Staff Officer Course at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., he was assigned as Squadron Commander, 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-Delta. His next assignment was as Chief Current Operations, Joint Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, with service in Operation Iraqi Freedom. His follow-on assignment was Deputy Director for Defense, Counter-Terrorism Center at the CIA. In 2010, he started the first of two assignments at the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, the first as Deputy Commanding General and the second, as Commanding General. He served as the Director, Force Management and Development at the U.S. Special Operations Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., with his final assignment serving as Deputy Director, Strategic Operational Planning, National Counterterrorism Center in Washington, D.C.

Lt. Gen. Sacolick earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology at San Francisco State University and a Master of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University. He was selected as a U.S. Army War College Fellow at the Central Intelligence Agency.

His military awards and decorations include: the Defense Distinguished Service Medal; Distinguished Service Medal Defense Superior Service Medal with two bronze oak-leaf clusters, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with two bronze oak-leaf clusters, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with bronze oak-leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with bronze oak-leaf cluster, Joint Service Commendation Medal bronze two oak-leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with bronze oak-leaf cluster, Army Achievement Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge with star, Master Parachutist Badge, Military Free Fall Parachutist Badge, Special Operations Diver Badge, Ranger Tab and Special Forces Tab.

He is married to Joyce, a native of Fayetteville. In retirement, Lt. Gen. Sacolick serves as the President of his own company, Cape Fear Global Solutions, where he consults on national security issues, strategic planning and leader development. He also serves as a senior mentor for the Army War College and as an advisor on numerous corporate boards, as well as the Special Forces Charitable Trust.